

Talks with Bangladesh on Border Incidents

1679. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether situation on the border and border incidents were reviewed in the talks held by the Indian Delegation in Dacca in June, 1976; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While repudiating categorically baseless allegations regarding India's involvement in border incidents, the Indian Delegation reiterated India's desire for a peaceful border and rejected as regrettable attempts to make India a scapegoat for the internal problems of Bangladesh. The Indian Delegation re-affirmed that India was vitally interested in the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Bangladesh. India desired a strong and prosperous Bangladesh. This was in India's own interest and consistent with India's policy of working for peace and cooperation in the sub-continent.

भागलपुर में सीधी टेलीफोन व्यवस्था (एस० टी० डी०) शारम्भ करना

1680. श्री ज्ञानेश्वर प्रसाद घोषक : क्या संचार मंत्री यह ज्ञाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार में भागलपुर के निवासियों को टेलीफोन पर एस० टी० डी० से दूसरी जगह टेलीफोन करने में काफी समय लगता है एवं देककत का सामना करना पड़ता है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो भागलपुर से सीधी टेलीफोन सेवा कब से शारम्भ की जा रही है ?

संचार मंत्री (डा० बंकर दत्त शर्मा) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) छठी योजना अवधि के प्रारम्भ में भागलपुर में सीधी टेलीफोन प्रणाली लागू करने की योजना है, बन्तों कि टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज के लिये उचित समय पर उपलब्ध हों जाए ।

National Highways in Gujarat

1681. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans to increase the mileage of National Highways in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to new additions to the existing National Highway System in Gujarat during the Fifth Five Year Plan. Owing to financial constraints, the Government of India are unable to consider any proposal for inclusion of any road in the National Highway System at present.

Supply of Malaria Tablets by UNICEF

1682 SHRI P. GANGADEB: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state.

(a) whether UNICEF has procured any anti-malaria tablets for India during the current year;

(b) if so, the total number of such tablets supplied to India; and

(c) whether the total Consignment would meet the requirements of India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) and (b) The U.N.I.