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Review on Working/Activities of Indian Diplomats

5939. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any review on the working and activities of Indian diplomats abroad is made from time to time; and

(b) if so, the outcome of such reviews ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. The working and activities of Indian diplomats are under continual review.

(b) Appropriate administrative decisions as necessary are taken on the basis of these reviews.

US Response to Six Nations Appeal on Nuclear Weapons Testing

5940. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received any encouraging response from United States President to the six nations appeal on nuclear weapons testing renewed recently;

(b) if so, whether any further steps have been taken to arrive at the nuclear test ban arrangement; and

(c) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Functioning of Kota Heavy Water Plant

5941. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the heavy water plant at

Kota has begun to produce heavy water at its rated capacity;

(b) if not, reasons thereof;

(c) whether apprehensions have been expressed regarding the dangers to its environment due to leakage of hydrogen sulphide gas used in the plant; and

(d) if so, safety steps taken to prevent any leakage and to ensure safe working of the plant ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) The Plant is producing heavy water at its rated capacity for the given pressure of steam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The plant authorities are aware of the adverse effect of hydrogen sulphide on environment. The design, engineering and operating practices followed at the plant ensure safe operation, obviating uncontrolled leakages to the environment. There is constant monitoring of H₂S levels in the plant and surrounding areas. Safety measures to be taken in the event of a leakage have been laid down.

Agreement with Bahrain

5942. SHRI KAMAL NATH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Bahrain have signed a multi-faced agreement in March, 1986; and

(b) if so the salient features thereof and the areas covered thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b). Agreed minutes were signed at the end of the first meeting of the Indo-Bahrain Joint Committee for Economic and Technical Cooperation held in New Delhi from 11th