

[English]

Visit of Foreign Secretary to Sri Lanka

4754. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Secretary, visited Sri Lanka in January, 1990; and

(b) if so, the issues discussed by him with the Sri Lankan Government and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). Secretary (ER) and not the Foreign Secretary, visited Sri Lanka in January, 1990 for discussions with the Sri Lankan Foreign Minister and senior Sri Lankan officials on a wide range of issues of bilateral and regional interest. These issues included, inter alia, de-induction of the IPKF, safety and security of all communities, devolution of powers and the proposed Friendship Treaty. The two sides shared their perceptions and concerns on these issues.

Products of Hindustan Teleprinters Limited

4755. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the items manufactured at the factory of Hindustan Teleprinters at Madras for sale to public; and

(b) the details of factories manufacturing teleprinters in India at other places?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) Electronic Teleprinters (Roman and Bilingual), their spare parts and spare parts of

Electro Mechanical Teleprinters manufactured by M/s Hindustan Teleprinters Limited, Madras are for sale to public also.

(b) The other two firms manufacturing teleprinters in India are M/s WEBEL, Calcutta and M/s Hindustan Computers Limited, Noida.

[Translation]

Filling of bags with Fertilizers in Vijaypur Fertilizer Plant

4756. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDEWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work relating to filling of fertilizer bags in Vijaypur Fertilizer Plant is being done on contract basis;

(b) the total number of bags being filled there everyday;

(c) whether the loading of bags in trucks is also being done through the local truck union; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Approximately 44,000 bags are filled but loading of bags in trucks is not done by the local Truck Union.

(d) Does not arise.

Acquisition of land for fertilizers factory at Vijaypur

4757. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDEWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agricultural land of some villages is being acquired for expansion of fertilizer factory at Vijaypur;

(b) if so, the names of villages and the land proposed to be acquired;

(c) whether there have been protests from the farmers against the proposed acquisition of their agricultural land; and

(d) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) No; Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Setting up of Electronic Telephone Exchange at Sarangpur in Rajgarh District, Madhya Pradesh

4758. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up an electronic telephone exchange at Sarangpur in Rajgarh district of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be set up there?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRI SHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 1991-92 subject to availability of equipment.

Information to Pak Regarding Lok Sabha Elections

4759. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some important information relating to 1989 Lok Sabha Elections was sent to Pakistan from the State's Chief Election Office in Bhopal;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken against those found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c). The telephone bill received in the office of Chief Electoral Officer, Madhya Pradesh for telephone allotted to joint Chief Electoral Officer contained STD charges for two telephone numbers of Pakistan. The enquiries so far have not revealed any espionage angle. The Office of Chief Electoral Officer does not have any information which is of confidential nature and which, if divulged, may jeopardish national interests.

The matter is being enquired into by the Chief Electoral Officer regarding the misuse of the telephone and to identify person/persons who made these calls.

Recruitment in CRPF

4760. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons recruited in Central Reserve Police Force From Rajasthan during 1989; and

(b) whether preference is given to local persons at the time of recruitment Group Centres in the State?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) 408 persons have been recruited in CRPF from Rajasthan during the year 1989.