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Permission to "Sri Lanka High Commissioner to visit Refugee Camps"

3746 SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Sri Lankan Envoy to visit T N Refugee Comps" appearing in the 'Hindu' dated 4 August, 1990,

(b) if so, whether the Sri Lankan High Commissioner has requested for permission to visit the refugee camps in Tamil Nadu,

(c) whether Government have granted the permission and if so, the considerations which weighed with it in this regard, and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to dispel the vicious propaganda campaign launched by the Sri Lankan Government against India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I K GUJRAL) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) The request by the Sri Lankan High Commissioner is under consideration by the Government

(d) All issues relating to the situation in Sri Lanka and Indo-Sri Lanka relations are under discussion between the two Governments

[Translation]

Purchases by General Manager, Telephone Himachal Pradesh

3747 PROF PREMKUMARDHUMAL Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the Control exercised by the Ministry over the purchases made by General Manager, Telephones, Himachal Pradesh,

(b) whether some irregularities in purchases made by General Manager during the last six months have come to the notice of Government

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) (a)

(i) The purchases by CGM, Himachal Pradesh are limited by the annual grants cleared by the Telecom Commission and for which funds are provided

(ii) All procurements by CGM, HP are vetted & cleared by the Internal Finance before placement of orders

(iii) Purchase orders are examined by the local audit

(iv) Any inappropriate procurement would be objected by audit and which is serious enough examined by the Comptroller and Auditor General

(b) No case reported, Sir

(c) and (d) Question does not arise in view of (b) above

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Construction of Batote-Kishtwar National Highway in Jammu and Kashmir

3748 SHRI DHARM PAL SHARMA Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state