

Diplomatic Relations

1826. SHRI ARVIND TULSHIRAM KAMBLE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the countries with which trade and other bilateral agreements were signed during 1993;

(b) the countries with whom diplomatic relation has been established during 1993; and

(c) the countries with whom diplomatic relation is proposed to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L.BHATIA): (a) The following are the countries with which trade/ bilateral agreements were signed during 1993:

Russia, Belarus, Moldova, Armenia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Nepal, Bhutan, Mongolia, Ivory Coast, Uganda, Zambia, Republic of Korea, Nauru, Myanmar, Israel, Guyana, Argentina, Brazil, Thailand, Vietnam, Oman, China, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Italy, Spain and Belgium.

(b) Diplomatic relations were established with the following countries during 1993:

Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Eritrea and South Africa.

(c) It is proposed to establish diplomatic relations with Honduras.

[*Translation*]

Pipavav Power Project

1827. SHRI DILEEPBHAI SANGHANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has asked the Union Government to accord special assistance for ongoing power projects in the State;

(b) the project-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether the Pipavav Power Project has been included in this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Amendment to Toll Tax Act

1828.DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted a proposal to the Union Government for amending Toll Tax Act, 1985; and

(b) if so, the action taken/ proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

New Gold Reserves in Rajasthan

1829. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether gold reserves have been found in the tribal areas of Banswara in