

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to implement the resolution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In May, 1988 Parliament had adopted a resolution for augmentation of Central Road Fund by enhancing the cess from 3.5 paise per litre of petrol to 5 per cent of the basic price of petrol and diesel. The question of implementation of the resolution has been referred to Group of Ministers.

#### **Tamil Programmes**

762. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHEE TINDIVANAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil programmes shown on Satellite Link Regional Service (SLRS) are of poor quality; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve their quality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Doordarshan constantly strives to bring about a qualitative improvement in its programmes in order to sustain the interest of the viewers.

#### **G-15 Summit**

763. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:  
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the G-15 Summit scheduled to be held in Delhi was cancelled;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the expenditure incurred by the Government and various Government agencies for the Summit, item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Summit was postponed. The postponement was occasioned by the inability of Summit Heads of State/Government, who had earlier confirmed attendance, to leave their countries on the scheduled dates due to urgent and unavoidable preoccupations which resulted in a lack of quorum for the Summit. However, the preparatory pre-Summit meetings of the Personal Representatives of Heads of State/Government and Foreign Ministers were held as scheduled and they agreed to hold the postponed Summit in March/April 1994 in New Delhi and worked out a Draft Joint Communiqué for the consideration of Head of State/Government meeting at the postponed Summit, reviewed and gave direction to the G-15 projects for economic and technological cooperation.

(c) Whilst it is not yet possible to get exact expenditure figures regarding the various arrangements for the G-15 Conference held in December 1993, the preliminary estimates of expenditure on account of hotel and transport charges, secretarial, protocol and media related infrastructure is approximately Rs. 6 crores.