

(b) if so, the details thereof during 1995; and the action taken/proposed to be taken against those found responsible therefor;

(c) the procedure followed in such cases to provide a fresh passport to the concerned person without delay; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check the recurrence of such incidents?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri R. L. Bhatia) :** (a) and (b) Some passports and papers received by post in Regional Passport Office, Delhi stand misplaced. However, action is being taken for revocation of such missing passports in order to avoid its misuse. The matter is under investigation and based on its findings, appropriate action shall be taken against erring officials.

(c) Passports in such cases are revoked and the individuals concerned are issued fresh passports at the earliest.

(d) Measures have been introduced to ensure that the movement of passports at various stages including the despatch stage, is against proper accountability of the concerned passport officials.

#### WRONG DEPICTION OF INDIA'S MAP BY BBC

**2006. Shri D. Venkateswara Rao :** Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "BBC map confuses Indian boundary" appeared in Indian Express dated July 17, 1995;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action against those who are indulging in such activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Salman Khurshid) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The BBC World Service "Programme highlights for the new season" pertaining to programmes in English for South Asia from April 1, 1995, to September 30, 1995, carries a colour coded time chart for South Asia, in which POK is depicted in the same colour as Pakistan. The Government took-up the matter of this wrong depiction of India's boundaries relating to Jammu and Kashmir with the BBC World Service. BBC World Service in their reply have clarified that the map in question is in fact a time chart relative to GMT and was not intended to mark national boundaries. Nevertheless, they have informed us that they are taking this map out from their future publications.

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF NCR

**2007. Shri Sanat Kumar Mandal :** Will the Minister of Urban Affairs and Employment be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated expenditure incurred on the implementation of the National Capital Region Plan as on August 1, 1995;

(b) the results achieved thereby;

(c) to what extent his Ministry has succeeded in shifting some of the Central Government Offices and those of the various Public Sector Undertakings from the capital to the ring towns;

(d) the extent to which it has helped in reducing the congestion in the capital in the various spheres; and

(e) the future action plan prepared in this regard?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment (Shri P. K. Thungon) :** (a) The expenditure incurred by NCR Planning Board upto the end of July, 1995 has been estimated at Rs. 227.33 crores.

(b) 73 schemes comprising land acquisition and development of residential, commercial, industrial and institutional areas in various towns of NCR and counter-magnet areas outside NCR have been taken up. 40 schemes have been completed and the remaining 33 schemes are on going and in various stages.

(c) Three Central Government Offices and four Public Sector Undertakings have been shifted out of Delhi.

(d) The Regional Plan-2001 for NCR is long term in nature and it is too early to assess the progress in this regards. However, the overall population growth of Delhi registered a marginal decline as per the figures available in 1991.

(e) The Regional Plan-2001 proposes the development of the entire National Capital Region in a balanced and harmonised manner through the following measures :

1. Development of local urban infrastructure in the shape of 10 integrated new townships alongside existing priority/DMA towns;
2. Large scale employment generation by making developed land available for industries, wholesale trade and location of shops and office complexes in these 10 townships;
3. Development of Regional level infrastructure in the transport sector (covering both rail and road systems) and also in the spheres of power generation and telecommunications;
4. Development of regional road grid and power transmission and distribution networks covering the sub-regions of Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh; and
5. Decentralisation of economics activity and dispersal of manufacturing and trading units from Delhi through a separate sub-component plan coupled with a time-bound implementation programme to be drawn up by GNCTD.