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[English]

India-Nepal Bilateral Talks

254. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: SHRIMATI M. CHAN-DRASEKHAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AF-FAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nepal has recently proposed for fresh talks to solve the bilateral issues:

(b) if so, the level at which the talks are proposed to be held;

(c) whether in this context, any fresh proposals have been received from Nepal on various issues; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AF-FAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At the level of Foreign Ministers.

(c) and (d). No, Sir, Does not arise.

[Translation]

Violence during Elections

255. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of violent incidents which took place during the recent General Elections;

(b) the State-wise details of such incidents; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in order to check the recurrence of such inci-

dents in the coming Assembly Elections?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Law and Order being a State subject, the concerned State authorities are to take appropriate action to check the recurrence of violent incidents in the forthcoming Assembly elections.

[English]

Assistance to Coconut Growers of Kersia

256. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new scheme is being formulated for helping the coconut growers of Kerala and for the development of coconut cultivation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the impact of the support price scheme on the domestic price of coconut?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. The following schemes have been proposed for Kerala in the Eighth Five Year Plan for coconut development.

- 1. Production and distribution of 1 lakh T x D hybrid coconut seedlings per annum.
- 2. Establishment of Demonstrationcum-seed production farm in an area of 40 hectares.