

Inida's stand on NPT and appreciated out security concerns. He also urged the world community to make efforts to eliminate India's reservations on NPT.

(b) India and Germany have agreed to conduct a bilateral dialogue on all aspects of disarmament and non-proliferation.

Purchase of Jet Planes

5481. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar propose to purchase jet planes for V.V.I.P.s;

(b) whether the Union Government have decided to provide foreign exchange to the Government of Bihar for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the justification for providing foreign exchange for the purchase of jet planes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c). Government of Bihar has applied for issue of licence for import of Beechjet 400A aircraft for a.c.i.f. value of USD 53,36,755 for VIP and VVIP flights. The proposal is under consideration of the Ministry of Commerce.

[English]

Srisailem Raigat Bank Canal Scheme

5482. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand to cancel the tenders awarded in respect of Sri sailem Raigat Bank Canal scheme works to be taken up with the World Bank aid as these tenders were awarded nearly 100 per cent over the estimated rates; and

(b) if so, the response of the Union Government.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Cultural Centre in South Africa

5483. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open a cultural centre in South Africa to promote people to people contacts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the salient features of the functions of this Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMANKI KURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Centre will be located in Johannesburg, South Africa, and shall be expected to promote people to people contacts in fields such as culture, information, science, education, tourism and sports.

Extradition of LTTE Leaders

5484. DR. VASANT NIWRUTHI PAWAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision in regard to extradition of LTTE leaders who were involved in terrorist activities in the country from Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken up