

Visit of US President

1465. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the President of the United States will be visiting this country;

(b) if so, whether the issue of continued US arms aid to Pakistan will be discussed with the US President ; and

(c) what other issues will be considered for discussion during this visit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) The President of United States has been invited to pay an official visit to India. The President has accepted the invitation, but the dates for the visit have not been finalised as yet.

(b) and (c) The two leaders would discuss regional and international issues as well as matters of bilateral interest to either side.

Hill Areas Development Programme in Rajasthan

1466. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government intend to give special assistance to Rajasthan Government under Hill Areas Development Programme in order to enrich again the Aravali hilly regions afforestation for environmental improvement and if not whether there is any other scheme to maintain the natural balance; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to include Hill Areas Development Programme in the plan in order to face Rajasthan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) and (b) The coverage of Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) does not at present include the Aravali hill regions of Rajasthan. However, the claim

of the Government of Rajasthan for inclusion of Aravali ranges under HADP is under examination by the National Atlas & Thematic Mapping Organisation, Calcutta in the light of the recommendations of the Working Group on Hill Areas.

In any event, out of 11 districts of Aravali ranges in Rajasthan, 10 districts are fully or partially covered under the special area development programmes like Tribal Development or Desert Development and are receiving Special Central Assistance under either of the two. The drought and famine conditions can be tackled through the much larger resources of the State Plan which should provide thrust to anti-drought and ecological programmes, particularly through massive afforestation.

Passport Office at Kurukshetra

1467. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to set up a passport office in Kurukshetra in Haryana State; and

(b) if so, the time by which it will start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Freedom Fighters Pension Cases

1468. SHRI D.K. NAIKAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) number of cases for grant of freedom fighters' pensions pending from Karnataka State from 1983 till date;

(b) how many of them are pending for want of information from the State Government; and

(c) when these cases will be disposed of ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : The information for the State is as under :

(a) As on 31.12.1983	: 5855
31.12.1984	: 3768
31.12.1985	: 2640
31.1.1986	: 2378
(b)	: 1837

(c) These cases will be disposed of as soon as possible after the verification reports are received from the Government of Karnataka.

Designing of Train Protection System for Victoria Underground Railway

1469. **SHRI HAROOBHAI MEHTA:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made by the Electronics Corporation of India Limited, in the matter of design and development of cab signalling and Automatic Train Protection Systems for victoria underground Railways;

(b) whether the system has been supplied to Railways or Calcutta Metro; and

(c) if not, the reasons for non-supply of the system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Electronics Corporation of India Limited is not making any Cab Signalling & Automatic Train Protection systems for Victoria Underground Railway.

(b) An Automatic Train Protection System developed in close co-operation with the Metro Railway, Calcutta, has been supplied to the Metro Railway.

(c) Does not arise.

Rifle with Telescopic Sight

1470. **SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether A. 2 rifle with telescopic sight was found at the Palam Airport on Feb. 7, 1986;

(b) whether it was intended for a major crime at the airport or it was to be despatched to some one;

(c) whether there was ammunition i.e. cartridge also therein;

(d) whether an enquiry was made to ascertain the fact; and

(e) if so, finding thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a), (d) and (e) : One .22 bore rifle with telescopic sight was found on Feb. 6, 1986 in the domestic departure hall of the Delhi Airport. Investigations have shown that this was left behind inadvertently by a passenger.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

Atomic Power Plant at Kakrapar

1471. **SHRI RANJITSINGH GAEKWARD :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Atomic Power Plant is proposed to be set up at Kakrapar in Gujarat;

(b) its generating capacity;

(c) the time by which the Atomic Power Plant at Kakrapar likely to be commissioned; and

(d) whether proper safety measures are being taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY & IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes Sir.