

**Policy Planning Committee of Ministry of External Affairs**

4802. SHRI RAM PARKASH TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Policy Planning Committee of the Ministry of External Affairs is still functioning and if so, the composition thereof ; and

(b) whether there is proposal to associate suitable experts in the fields of cultural affairs, external economic relations, Information Services with the functioning of this Committee on whole time or part time basis ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. KUNDU) (a) Yes, Sir. The Policy Planning Committee is composed of the Secretaries of the Ministry of External Affairs with the Foreign Secretary as the Chairman. Whenever specific issues concerning their departments and areas of competence are concerned, other Secretaries of the Government of India are invited as special invitees. The Joint Secretary in the Policy Planning Division is the Member-Secretary of the Policy Planning and Review Committee.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government desires that the Committee should have greater contacts with experts in the academic and cultural fields to take maximum advantage of available expertise on foreign policy in the country. There is already in existence liaison between Committee and concerned scholars, academicians at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis, and the Indian Council of World Affairs. The question of institutionalising these contacts on a continuing basis is being looked into.

**बहादुरसाह जफर के भ्रमशेवों को बर्षिक भ्रमण जान**

4803. श्री प्रमोद प्रकाश त्यागी : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या वह पिछली बर्मा यात्रा के दौरान स्वर्गीय बहादुरसाह जफर की समाधि पर भी गये थे ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या स्वर्गीय बहादुरसाह जफर के भ्रमशेवों को भारत लाकर उनकी समाधि बनाने के बारे में बर्मा सरकार के साथ भी चर्चा हुई थी ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उस पर बर्मा सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस० कुन्दू) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

**Hijacking of Indian Airlines Plane during Emergency**

4804. SHRI SAMAR GUHA : SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether an aircraft to the Indian Airlines while flying from Delhi to Jaipur was hijacked and taken to Pakistan during Emergency ;

(b) if so, whether facts about the identities of the hijackers and concessions made to them by the Government of India were kept undisclosed by the former Government ; and

(c) if so, what happened to those hijackers and what role was played by the Government of Pakistan in regard to the hijacking ; and

(d) whether Government have come across the facts about—

(i) the identities of the hijackers ;

(ii) their purpose for hijacking Indian aircraft ;

(iii) conditions of their release ; and

(iv) the role played by Pakistan Government in regard to the hijackers ;

and

(e) if so, facts there about ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. KUNDU) : (a) to (c). An Indian Airlines Boeing-737 aircraft was hijacked to Lahore on September 10, 1976, while on a scheduled flight (No. 491) between Delhi and Jaipur on the Delhi-Jaipur-Aurangabad-Bombay sector.