

repeal or revision of provision of pension to former Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, full details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for Governmental delay and indecision in the matter;

(d) whether Government's own mind is to repeal outright the said pension-provision; and

(e) if not, why not?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR
(SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) (a) to
(e). No final decision has yet been
taken on the question of repeal or
revision of provision of pension to
former Members of Parliament. This
question was included as an item for
discussion with the Leaders of Oppo-
sition Parties/Groups in both Houses
of Parliament. A decision in the mat-
ter will be taken when the discussions
conclude.

Holding Session of Parliament in South

427. SHRI RAGAVALU MOHANA-
RANGAM: Will the Minister of
PARLIAMEN- TARY AFFAIRS AND
LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware
of a growing opinion that the Session
of Parliament should be held at least
once a year at any place in South
India; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed by
Government for accommodating that
opinion in the interests of National
Integration?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR
(SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a)
No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Opening of Regional Passport Office in each State

428. SHRI D. D. DESAI:
SHRI RAM KANWAR
BERWA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken
a decision to have a passport office in
each State capital;

(b) if so, when the proposed re-
gional passport offices will be opened
in those State capitals which do not
have one such office now; and

(c) whether steps have also been
taken to provide adequate staff to
existing passport offices in view of the
enormous increase in their work?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI
VAJPAYEE): (a) and (b). It is
Government's objective to open pass-
port offices in States which do not
presently have one. To begin with,
Regional Passport Offices will be
opened in the States of Karnataka and
Rajasthan early in the coming finan-
cial year. In order to provide a better
service to the public in large States,
where the volume of work does not
warrant the opening of full-fledged
Regional Passport Offices, Govern-
ment proposes to open Sub-Regional
Passport Offices. The details of these
Offices are being worked out. It will
be Government's endeavour to open
as many Sub-Regional Passport Offices
as possible during the coming finan-
cial year.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Activities of Anand Margis in Britain

429. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will
the Minister of EXTERNAL AF-
FAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the
London Police has indicated that the