

(b) The visits resulted in strengthening India's bilateral relations with these countries and in better understanding of each other's point of view on various important international issues including the situation in the region.

#### Statement

1. The Rt. Hon'ble The Lord Carrington, KCMG, MC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of Britain and Lady Carrington.

2. H. E. Mr. Ziaur Rahman, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Begum Ziaur Rahman.

3. H. E. Dr. Kurt Waldheim, Secretary General of the United Nations and Mrs. Waldheim.

4. H. E. Mr. Valery Giscard d'Estaing, President of the French Republic and Mrs. Giscard.

5. H. E. Mr. Andrew Sharp Peacock, Foreign Minister of Australia.

6. H. E. Dr. Bruno Kreisky, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria.

7. H. E. Mr. Hamid Alwan, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq.

8. H. E. Mr. A. A. Gromyko, Member of the Politbureau of the Central Committee of the CPSU and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics and Madame Gromyko

9. His Majesty Jigme Singye Wangchuck, King of Bhutan, and Foreign Minister of Bhutan.

10. H. H. Sayyid Faher Bin Taimur Al-Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Security and Defence of the Sultanate of Oman and Mrs. Al-Said.

11. H. E. Mr. Josip Vrhovec, Federal Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

12. H. E. Mr. Mohamed Seddik Benyahia, Member of Political

Bureau of F.L.N. Party and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria.

13. H. E. Mr. Frigyes Puja, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hungarian People's Republic.

14. H. E. Mr. Peter Blaker, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, U.K.

15. H. E. Mr. Clark Clifford, Special Envoy of the U.S. President.

16. H. E. Mr. I. V. Arkhipov, Deputy Chairman, Council of Ministers of U.S.S.R.

17. H. E. Kazi Anwarul Huque, Bangladesh Minister for Power, Water Resources and Flood Control.

18. Begum Vigar-um-nissa Noon, Adviser on Tourism to the President of Pakistan (Status of Minister of State).

#### Factory Wheel and Axle Plant at Yelahanka

341. SHRI T. R. SHAMANNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the Wheel and Axle Plant at Yelahanka, Bangalore (Karnataka) will start production;

(b) whether any instructions have been issued regarding recruitment of staff in the Factory; and

(c) will Government take steps to issue instructions to the Factory to give preference to the people of Karnataka in matter of recruitment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The Wheel and Axle Plant, Yelahanka is expected to commence production in 1982-83.

(b) and (c). Regular recruitment of artisan staff for the Wheel and Axle Plant has not yet commenced. At present the limited requirement is being met by obtaining trained staff from other Railways and Production

Una preference being given to Kan-  
nadigas. Of the casual labourers re-  
cruited, nearly 78 per cent are local  
men. The Wheel and Axle Plant have  
planned to engage as many local per-  
sons as possible.

**Trains Cancelled during the Last  
Two Years**

342. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR,  
SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be  
pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains which  
were cancelled during the last two  
years;

(b) the number of trains which  
have since been re-introduced; and

(c) by what time the remaining  
cancelled trains are likely to be re-  
introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.  
K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c). The  
information about details of such trains  
cancelled/restored from time to time  
during the last 2 years is not readily  
available being voluminous in charac-  
ter. However, the trains cancelled due  
to floods, breaches, etc. except in Morvi  
area have been restored. All the  
trains cancelled on account of shortage  
of loco coal are expected to be  
restored as early as possible.

**Proposal for a Direct Train from  
Delhi to Kathgodam**

343. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will  
the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal  
under Government's consideration to  
run a direct train from Delhi to  
Kathgodam; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to  
be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.

K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b).  
No. Running of a direct train between  
Delhi and Kathgodam is not feasible at  
present due to break of gauge. Con-  
nected broad gauge and metre gauge  
services, however, are available.

**Strike by Workers of Visakhapatnam  
Dock Labour Board**

344. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will  
the Minister of SHIPPING AND  
TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether workers of Visakha-  
patnam Dock Labour Board have  
gone on strike in November, 1979;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the hook-wise and date-wise  
discharge figures of cement from the  
vessel from 13th November, 1979 to  
18th November, 1979;

(d) whether Government have re-  
ceived any complaint alleging pay-  
ment of speed money to the persons  
from the entrance gate to the exit  
gate for the delivery of imported  
cement; and

(e) if so, what steps have been  
taken to prevent the same?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND  
TRANSPORT (SHRI A. P. SHARMA):  
(a) and (b). The workers of Visakha-  
patnam Dock Labour Board were on  
strike from third shift of 18th Novem-  
ber, 1979 to second shift of 27th Novem-  
ber, 1979 in protest against the sus-  
pension of two registered workers, who  
instigated 'go slow' in discharge of a  
cement vessel.

(c) The average discharge of cement  
per hook from 13th to 18th November,  
1979 is as follows:—

<i>Date</i>	<i>Average Discharge Per Hook (In tonnes)</i>
13.11.79	12
14.11.79	47
15.11.79	Non weather working day.
16.11.79	59
17.11.79	66
18.11.79	66