

**Indo-Bangladesh Border Demarcation**

607. SHRI AJOY BISWAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bangladesh Government is delaying the finalisation of the border demarcation; and

(b) the steps which Government have taken so far in the matter of demarcation of Indo-Bangladesh Border?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b). A schedule for demarcation work on certain undemarcated portions of our border with Bangladesh had been agreed between the Surveyors of two sides during October last year. Work was started and continued until March—April this year. Thereafter Bangladesh side suspended all demarcation work and withdrew its personnel due to disagreement as to the precise interpretation of the schedule. We are in touch with the Bangladesh Government and it is our hope that the demarcation work will be resumed after the monsoon season.

**Secret Visit of Foreign Leaders**

608. KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the State Heads, Ministers and Prime Ministers of other nations were invited to the country during the previous Government rule and the Parliament and public were not informed and the House was misled by the Government thereof;

(b) if so, the details of the foreign countries representatives who visited India and the details of their talk and whether the details of the talk would be made public; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c). According to the information available with the Ministry of External Affairs, Mr. Moshe Dayan, the then Foreign Minister in the Israeli Cabinet, visited India in 1977. The then Government did not inform the Parliament or the public about the visit. The Ministry of External Affairs have no details or record of discussions which took place on that occasion. The Ministry have also no information about any other secret visits of this nature.

**Indian Hockey Coach in the hands of Afghan Rebels**

609. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian hockey coach, Chain Singh is in the hands of Afghan rebels according to newspaper reports;

(b) whether the Indian mission in Kabul has been able to establish any contact with the Indian coach through any other friendly country; and

(c) if so, the progress made in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Government of India have seen newspaper reports of the capture of Shri Chain Singh, Indian Hockey Coach, by Afghan rebels.

(b) and (c). Government of India through their Embassy in Kabul have taken up this matter with the concerned authorities at the highest level and are doing everything possible to determine his whereabouts and to ensure that Shri Chain Singh will return home safe.