

to permit the Shriromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee to send a jatha of Sikh pilgrims to Pakistan on the eve of 200th birth anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh as reported in the 'Indian Express' dated 18th October, 1980;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Pakistan informed us that it was not possible for them to allow the pilgrims to visit Gujranwala because of administrative constraints and difficulties.

(c) Government regrets that despite the known strength of sentiments in India concerning the significance of Maharaja Ranjit Singh's 200th birth anniversary and the strong desire of Sikhs to visit the birth-place, the Pakistan Government has not found it possible to agree to our specific request in this regard.

#### **Demarcation of Indo-Bangladesh Boundary**

580. **SHRI SHIV KUMAR SINGH THAKUR:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which demarcation of boundary work between India and Bangladesh will be completed and the extent to which India will lose territory in favour of Bangladesh; and

(b) the time by which final surveys are expected to be completed by both the countries?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO):** (a) and (b). It is estimated that demarcation in all sectors of the Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary will take 2 or 3 years to complete. Final surveys including preparation of strip maps after printing will require ap-

proximately one year after completion of demarcation.

However, it must be borne in mind that these are only rough estimates, as it is not possible to indicate a precise time-frame for an exercise as complex as demarcation of an international boundary.

The precise extent of area which will be acquired or ceded will be known only when demarcation is completed.

#### **Aid to Kampuchea**

581. **SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had promised any aid to Kampuchea;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such aid has been delivered so far; and

(d) if so, the full details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO):** (a) and (b). We have not so far made any specific commitment of aid to Kampuchea.

(c) and (d). The Government of India has donated food and medicines worth about Rs. 2.5 lakhs, 3000 tonnes of rice at a cost of about Rs. 84 lakhs, 100 tonnes of rice seeds at a cost of about Rs. 5.50 lakhs and stationery material (pencils, note books and paper) worth about Rs. 2.58 lakhs to People's Republic of Kampuchea on a bilateral basis. Besides, the Government of India has also donated another 2000 tonnes of rice through UNICEF to People's Republic of Kampuchea.

We are now in consultation with the Government of People's Republic of Kampuchea to ascertain their requirements more precisely following their initial approach to us. Thereafter, we would determine jointly the type