

facilities like construction of third general cargo berth and capital dredging has also been made in the Sixth Five Year Plan.

Visakhapatnam—An economic rate of Rs. 30.15 per metric tonne has since been notified for the year 1979-80 for handling of Iron ore in the Outer Harbour of the Port.

P. m.'s Statement regarding Mrs. Bandaranaike

1501. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister has given a statement recently about the denial of Civil Rights to the Former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Shrimati Bandaranaike ;

(b) whether Sri Lanka Government have shown their displeasure ; and

(c) what is Government of India's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) The Prime Minister has not issued any statement concerning the imposition of civic disabilities on Mrs. Bandaranaike. However, in reply to a question in a press interview on 21-10-80, she expressed her distress over the decision to impose such disabilities.

(b) The Sri Lanka authorities have indicated to us their unhappiness over the comment.

(c) We have conveyed to them that the Prime Minister's remarks contain her assessment and view of matters related to Mrs. Bandaranaike, based on certain principles and perceptions. We have also made it clear, at the same time, that India has good relations with Sri Lanka and the Government of India desires to nurture good relations with the Government of Sri Lanka and between the two peoples.

Proposal to Accept 5,000 Tibetan Refugees who are residing in Bhutan

1502. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH :
SHRI CHANDRA DEO PRASAD VERMA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether, there is any proposal under consideration to accept 5,000 Tibetan refugees by India who had declined to opt for the Bhutanese nationality ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ; and

(c) the circumstances under which Government have accepted the proposal ;

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) to (c). In response to a request from the Royal Government of Bhutan and His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the Government of India have agreed to accept 1,500 Tibetan refugees from Bhutan, out of the 3,000 who had declined to opt for Bhutanese citizenship, for resettlement in India. The modalities and details are being worked out in consultation with all concerned. The Government of India's decision is in keeping with India's close and friendly relations with Bhutan and her humanitarian approach to such problems.

**केनिया में बस दुर्घटनाक कारण
भारतीय अध्यापकों की मृत्यु**

1503. श्री राजेश कुमार सिंह :
क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केनिया में हुई एक बस-दुर्घटना में तीन भारतीय अध्यापक मारे गये थे ;

(ख) क्या वहां स्थित हमारे दूतावास ने उक्त दुर्घटना की परिस्थितियों की जांच की थी ;

(ग) क्या मृत व्यक्तियों के परिवारों को मुआवजे की अदायगी के बारे में केनिया सरकार से बातचीत की गई है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव) : (क) जी हां । 19 अक्टूबर करीब 6 बजकर 20 मिनट पर नैरोबी से लगभग 75 किलोमीटर दूर एक स्कूल की गाड़ी और सैनिक ट्रक में टक्कर के फलस्वरूप तीन भारतीय अध्यापकों, कुमारी सेलिन जोसेफ, श्री पुथेनपुराकल लूका जार्ज तथा श्री पुथेनपुराकल जोसेफ मामाकेन की मृत्यु हो गयी ।