

World Tamil Meet.

1601. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of foreigners who participated in the World Tamil Meet at Madurai during January, 1981; and

(b) the details of foreign Exchange granted to them ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN) :

(a) Necessary information is being collected from the Government of Tamil Nadu and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Reserve Bank of India have not released any foreign exchange for the world Tamil Meet.

**Payment of Contribution by Those
Withdrawing Money From S.B.I.
Chittaranjan, West Bengal.**

1602. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that those who are withdrawing money from the State Bank of India at Chittaranjan of West Bengal are being forced to pay Rs. 5/- or 10/- as a contribution by some officials of the Bank ;

(b) if so, reaction of Government thereto ; and

(c) steps taken by Government to stop this business at state Bank of India at Chittaranjan ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT) : (a) to (c). State Bank of India has reported that it has enquired into the matter and found that the allegation that persons "who are withdrawing money from the State Bank of India at Chittaranjan of West Bengal are being forced to pay Rs. 5/- or Rs.10/- as a contribution by some officials of the bank" is not substantiated. It has however been reported to the bank that some employees of the branch have been collecting contribution from the public including bank's clients, on voluntary basis, for Saraswati Puja. The bank is further investigating this matter and if any inpropriety is revealed appropriate action will be taken by it.

Development of Tourist spots on Indo-Nepalese Border

1603. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 602 on the 21st November, 1980 regarding development of Tourist spots on Indo-Nepalese Border and state :

(a) whether suggestions in the question have since been conveyed to the Government of Bihar and its reaction thereon received;

(b) if so, details thereabout and Government reaction to reply of Bihar Government; and

(c) if not, reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (Shri A P Sharma): (a) to (c). The suggestions contained in the Unstarred Question No. 602 of 21.11.1980 and the reply there to were forwarded to the state Government on 25.11.1980 for their necessary action. No reply has been received so far from the state Government. Reminders have been sent.

**Captive Power Plant at Talcher
in Orissa for Alumina/Aluminium
Complex**

1604. SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry included in sixth Plan period the proposed Captive Power Plant at Talcher, Orissa for execution as suggested by the BALCO for Alumina/Aluminium complex of Orissa ;

(b) if so, whether the Captive Power Plant project report has been prepared and approved by his Ministry based on available coal at Talcher;

(c) when the Captive Power Plant will be completed as per the project report ;

(d) whether his Ministry prepared a project report based on it river coal deposit for establishment of Captive Power Plant also ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir.