

China and further improvement of our relations.

(b) The border issue was discussed in the talks and the Chinese side acknowledged that it is a major problem between us which should be settled early. They also accepted our basic proposition that progress in our relations cannot be complete as long as the boundary question remains unresolved. It has been agreed that further discussions should be held for which we shall send a delegation within the next few months.

(c) We are in consultations with the Chinese Government in preparation for further discussions later this year.

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792. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA:

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:

SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA:

SHRI JAGPAL SINGH:

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SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL:

SHRI R. L. BHATIA:

SHRI GULAM MOHD. KHAN:

SHRI CHHOTAY SINGH YADAV:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA PANDEY:

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:

SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:

SHRI KUNWAR RAM:

SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD:

SHRI NAVAL KISHORE SHARMA:

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China have succeeded in developing a mechanism to make a fresh beginning to negotiate the border issue so that the larger as-

pects of bilateral relations could be spared of the dispute debilitating impact; and

(b) if so, what progress has been made so far after the visit to India of the Chinese Foreign Minister in June last to resolve the border issue?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) It has been our stand that progress in India-China relations cannot be complete as long as the boundary question remains unresolved. The Chinese have accepted our basic proposition. Having agreed to the importance of the boundary question and the need for early settlement it was agreed that further discussions should be held. At the same time, we have made it clear that the settlement of the boundary question is not a precondition, and that we are willing to develop relations in other fields simultaneously.

After preliminary discussions which will be conducted by our Ambassador in Beijing we shall send a delegation within the next few months for discussions.

(b) Preparations for meetings at official levels are being made in consultation with the Chinese Government.

भारत छोड़ रे भारतीय मुसलमानों के बारे में पाकिस्तानी अखबारों में पत्र

793. श्री कृष्ण कुमार गोयल : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने नई दिल्ली स्थित पाकिस्तानी दूतावास के एक अधिकारी के उस पत्र पर ध्यान दिया है, जो इस्लामाबाद से प्रकाशित एक समाचार पत्र में दिया गया था और जिसमें इस बात का आरोप लगाया गया था कि आर्थिक स्थितियों के कारण भारतीय मुसलमान भारत छोड़ रहे हैं और पाकिस्तान जा रहे हैं ; और