

### Russian Presence in Afghanistan

755. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE:  
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Soviet troops continue to occupy Afghanistan and there is no prospect of withdrawal of the troops in the near future; and

(b) if so, what efforts are being made by the Government as an important spokesman of the non-aligned nations, to secure the withdrawal of Soviet troops and normalisation of political climate in Afghanistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Soviet troops continue in Afghanistan. How long they are likely to stay is not clear yet, as there has been little perceptible movement towards the process of seeking a negotiated political settlement.

(b) India has consistently advocated a negotiated political settlement of the Afghanistan issue. The Government have continued their consultations with all the concerned parties as also with a number of countries in the region, and outside, as also with the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to easing tension in the region; for facilitating a political solution in Afghanistan; and for the creation of conditions in which Soviet troops could be withdrawn from that country. India's efforts to promote the search for a political solution also found expression in the consensus on the situation in Afghanistan at the Non-aligned Foreign Ministers Conference held in New Delhi in February, 1981.

### माधोपुर और जमालपुर गांवों में रेल विभाग की भूमि पर अनधिकृत कब्जा

756. श्री त्रिलोक चन्व : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बलिया जिले में पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के बामडीह रोड स्टेशन के निकट माधोपुर और जमालपुर गांवों के कुछ लोगों ने रेल विभाग की भूमि पर अनधिकृत रूप से कब्जा कर लिया है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार और रेल विभाग को अनधिकृत कब्जा छुड़ाने के लिए वर्ष 1979-80 में बलिया जिले से एक अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ था; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

रेल मंत्रालय एवं संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उप मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी हां ।

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(ग) रेलवे भूमि से पार्टी को हटाने के लिए, पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे प्रशासन ने सम्पदा अधिकारी की अदालत में एक मामला दर्ज कराया है और उस मामले पर कार्रवाई की जा रही है ।

### Construction of a Bypass to Ease Congestion of Sher Shah Suri Marg in Panipat

757. SHRI SURAJ BHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute congestion of traffic consisting of bullock carts/thelas, rickshaws, cycles and other vehicles in addition to the regular heavy traffic on Sher Shah Suri Marg in Panipat town