

(b) Government's reaction to recent escalation of hostilities by Israel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. ARAHIM): (a) The Government of India has urged immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon in compliance with the relevant Security Council resolutions giving different groups in Lebanon a chance to resolve their own differences and bring about a reconciliation. India is committed to a unified, sovereign and non-aligned Lebanon. Simultaneously, the quest for a comprehensive solution to the West Asia crisis should be pursued.

India is a member of the 9-country Ministerial Committee established at the Extraordinary Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-aligned Countries in Nicosia in July, 1982 to contact all the Permanent Members of the UN Security Council and others with a view to an early resolution of the Lebanese crisis.

The Government of India has been in close touch with the members of the Non-aligned Movement, the PLO Chairman as well as other world leaders and Governments directly and through diplomatic channels.

(b) Government have strongly condemned the Israeli occupation of West Beirut and have called for immediate cessation of the Israeli aggression and the withdrawal of its forces not only from Beirut but from Lebanon in compliance with all relevant UN resolutions.

Scheme submitted by Madhya Pradesh Government to Centre for Leprosy Control and Assistance Provided

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SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government's Health Department has submitted to the Centre a programme for leprosy control;

(b) whether the Centre have provided any help in this regard to the Madhya Pradesh Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) other directions proposed to be issued in this regard to eradicate completely the leprosy from Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). As in other States and Union Territories where Leprosy is prevalent, the National Leprosy Control Programme is implemented by the Madhya Pradesh Health Department in that State. During 1982-83, the Government of India have allocated Rs. 26 lakhs as assistance to Madhya Pradesh under this Programme. Government are looking into the recommendations made by the Working Group on Leprosy Eradication headed by Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, former member of the Planning Commission in relation to the objective of eradicating leprosy on a time-bound basis. The decisions of the Government on these recommendations will be implemented in Madhya Pradesh as well as other States/Union Territories as part of the National Programme.

Karur-Dindigul B. G. Railway Project

715. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the required land for the Karur-Dindigul B. G. Railway project had been ordered by the Government of Tamil Nadu for assignment to the Railways; and

(b) the present state of the project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) The required land is yet to be assigned to the Railways.

(b) Urgency Certificate for the work was sanctioned for Rs. 50 lakhs in