

(c) what was the Government's reaction thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) The Government has followed with due attention the Summit of the major industrialised countries which took place at Williamsburg, USA at the end of May, 1983. In pursuance of the recommendations of the meeting of Non Aligned Foreign Ministers convened in New Delhi in April our Prime Minister as Chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement addressed messages to the participants of the Williamsburg Summit (the leaders of US, Canada, UK, FRG, France, Italy and Japan and the President of the EEC Commission) bringing to their notice the important decisions and recommendations of the 7th Non-aligned Summit on economic matters.

(b) The Williamsburg Summit did not give any concrete response as such to the specific proposals made by the Non-Aligned Summit. However the communique made several references to the problems of the developing countries. The Williamsburg leaders expressed their "concern over the debt burdens of many developing countries" and agreed that "the weight of the recession has fallen very heavily on developing countries" saying "We are deeply concerned about their recovery". They have asked their Ministers of Finance in consultation with the Managing Director of the IMF to define the conditions for improving the International Monetary System and to consider the part which might be played in due course in this process by a high level international monetary conference. The Summit also agreed that "special attention will be given to the flow of resources in particular Official Development Assistance to poorer countries and for food and energy production and reaffirmed "commitments to provide the agreed funding levels for the International Development Association". Referring to the Non-aligned Summit in New Delhi the industrialised countries leaders said "they welcome the openness to dialogue that the developing countries evinced at the recent conference of the Non-Aligned Movement in New Delhi and the Group of 77 in

Buenos Aires" and went on to say that "we share their commitment to engage with understanding and cooperation in the forthcoming meeting of the UNCTAD". The Williamsburg Summit also declared that "we commit ourselves to halt protectionism and as recovery proceeds to reverse it by dismantling trade barriers."

(c) In a statement issued after the Williamsburg Summit the Government of India commented that in the Williamsburg Communique "regretfully there is no response to the many specific proposals made by the Non aligned and other developing countries.". However, the Government noted that the Williamsburg Summit had welcomed the openness to dialogue and said that the Williamsburg decision to give special attention to the flow of resources, in particular ODA is a matter of satisfaction and expressed our hope that "reaffirmation in the Williamsburg Declaration of the commitment to provide agreed funding levels for the IDA will lead to full contributions on schedule by all members to IDA VI and will enable IDA VII to commence on schedule with adequate resources to meet the needs of all IDA borrowers both old and new". In our statement we also welcomed the commitment to halt protectionism stressing that these commitments should see early fulfilment. The Government also noted the Williamsburg decision to have their Ministers of Finance and the IMF to initiate a study on improving the international monetary system and expressed our hope that this "indicate at least implied recognition of the need for reform of the international monetary system" adding that "we shall welcome a dialogue on the modalities and scopes of such a conference with developed countries".

Replacement of old and overaged machinery

864. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in order to provide funds for replacement of 75 percent of the machinery which has grown aged in the Railways three production units, namely

the Integral Coach Factory and the two Locomotive works at Chittaranjan and Varanasi, the Railway Board had suggested further increase in fares; and

(b) if not, what decision has been taken to provide for replacement of the old and overaged machinery, without increasing the fares any further?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURY) : (a) No.

(b) Replacement of old machines is sanctioned through the Machinery and Plant Programme as part of the Railway Budget. Funds are provided every year based on the allotment from the Planning Commission. In addition modernisation of Chittaranjan Locomotive Works including replacement of a number of old machines is in hand for which funds have been provided.

Talks held with visiting dignitaries

865. SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that various Presidents, Prime Ministers, External Affairs Ministers and Delegations visited India during April 1, 1983 to 5 July, 1983 and held talks and discussions with various Ministers, Officers and Prime Minister in connection with matters of mutual interest ;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and the Protocols and agreements signed ; and

(c) the reaction of India and their counterparts thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) While there have been visits to India by External Affairs Ministers and other delegations, excepting for the President of Nauru, no visit by a President or Prime Minister took place during the period.

(b) and (c) Such visits are a continuous and ongoing process to discuss a variety of issues of mutual interest in the bilateral and international spheres. During the period under reference, a protocol in the field of oil exploration, a memorandum in the field of bilateral trade and an agreement for extending credit for the construction of the second stage of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant were signed with the USSR.

Arrest of persons involved in Printing and Sale of Fake Railway Tickets

866. SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that a number of
(i) Railway employees and officers
(2) travel agents and others have been involved in the (1) railway ticket selling issues (2) preparing and selling of fake railway tickets (3) printing of fake railway tickets and (4) travelling agents rackets during 1 January, 1982 to 30 June, 1983 ;

(b) if so, the details of the same in each Railway Divisions and Zone of the country , and

(c) the action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURY) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Removal/Dismissal of Railways Employees

867. SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Railway Employees/Officials have been
(1) suspended (2) removed (3) dismissed and disciplinary action are being taken on various Railway zones/Divisions during 1 January, 1980 to 31 June, 1983 on various
(1) corruption charges (2) indiscipline (3)