

Policy of support to Arab countries

3875. SHRI M. SATYANARAYAN RAO : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether none of the Arab countries has supported our stand in regard to the events in East Bengal;

(b) whether the silence of the Arab countries implied support to Pakistan; and

(c) whether in view of the attitude of these countries, Government propose to revise its policy of complete support to them vis-a-vis Israel ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Arab countries generally have not come out in support of the Indian view point on events in East Bengal. However, some Arab countries have expressed sympathy for the plight of refugees and have offered assistance for them.

(b) Some Arab countries seem to be endorsing the views of the West Pakistani military Government.

(c) The support of the Government of India to the Arab countries in regard to the Arab-Israeli question is based on the basic principle of the inadmissibility of territorial acquisition by war.

Setting up of check posts by Pakistan for refugees returning from India

3876. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN KADANNAPPALLI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in checkposts for returning refugees along the East Bengal-India border to screen and scrutinise evacuees have been opened by the Pakistani Military regime;

(b) when the refugees would start returning;

(c) whether some refugees have been refused the entry to East Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons for the same ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Government has no information in this regard,

(b) It will be possible for the refugees to start returning to East Bengal only when conditions are created for them to return in safety under credible guarantees.

(c) Government has no information on this point.

(d) Does not arise.

Visit of CP (M) Leaders to North Korea and Rumania

3877. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry is keeping the records of visits of the political leaders outside India; and

(b) if so, whether Shri Promode Das Gupta and Shri Jyoti Bosu, Communist Party (Marxists) leaders of West Bengal visited North Korea and Rumania respectively and if so, for what purpose ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) The Ministry is aware of such visits.

(b) Sarvashri P. Sundarayya, E. M. S. Namboodripad and Promode Das Gupta visited the Democratic People's Republic of Korea from June 16 to July 1, 1970 at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea.

Shri Jyoti Bosu visited Rumania from the 22nd to 24th April, 1971 on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Rumanian Communist Party.

Use of Nuclear Technology for Defence Purposes

3878. SHRI N. E. HORO : Will the MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided not to use nuclear technology for defence purposes; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) and (b) Attention is invited to the answer given in the House on 7th June 1971 to Unstarred Question No. 1417,