

#### Release of Sheikh Mujibur Rehman

\*120. SHRI SAMAR GUHA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the trial against Sheikh Mujibur Rehman is still continuing or it has been concluded ;

(b) whether Government have information regarding the requests made by different countries and other international organisations to the Government of Pakistan for release of Sheikh Mujibur Rehman ;

(c) whether he is aware of the condition of health and prison facilities received by Sheikh Mujibur Rehman and where he has been kept detained ; and

(d) the latest position regarding the possibility of his release as known to Government ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Pakistani military regime is trying to protect to the international community that the so called trial, in camera, of Sheikh Mujibur Rehman by a military tribunal is continuing. Government have seen press reports that Sheikh Mujibur Rehman has been provided with some facilities. We continue to be greatly exercised over his safety and well being. Government of India have condemned this farcical trial and pointed out the serious consequences that might flow from this continuing farce. Many other governments have expressed on the military regime of Pakistan the necessity of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's early release.

(d) We believe that the release of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman can result in an immediate defusing of the situation but we doubt if the military rulers of Pakistan will have the wisdom to take such a step.

#### Deposits of Graphite in Kerala

601. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Geological Survey has been conducted in Nedumangadu Kerala to find out the deposits of Graphite in that area ;

(b) if so, the results thereof ; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) and (b). As a result of exploration done by the Geological Survey of India in the Nedumangad Taluk, Trivandrum district, Kerala, graphite occurrences were located near Vellanad, Kuttichal and Changa. The estimated reserves of graphite ore in Vellanad-Changa area are 3000 tonnes.

(c) The deposits are too small for any viable exploitation in the public sector.

#### Shelter given by Pak High Commission to Unauthorised Pak Nationals

602. SHRI J. B. PATNAIK : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi has given shelter to some Pak Nationals who have entered India illegally after the Bangla Desh crisis ;

(b) if so, the number of such persons with the High Commission ; and

(c) the steps which the Government of India have taken in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information received from the Pakistan High Commission in Delhi, there are 4 Pakistani nationals (one family consisting of 3 and one single person) who have been given shelter in that Mission.

(c) The Pakistan High Commission was requested on the 13th September, 1971 to direct these Pakistani nationals to report to the concerned Indian Police authorities in order that appropriate action could be taken against them. The High Commission was reminded on the 14th October. No reply has been received from that Mission so far.