

25	दिल्ली	81,162
26	गोवा, दमन और दीऊ	6,053
27	लक्कादीप, मिनीकोय और अमीनदिवी द्वीप	366
28	मिजोराम	385
29	पांडिचेरी	4,346

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Restoration of Communications, Trade and Travel Facilities with Pakistan

509. SHRI N. K. SANGHI:
SHRI S. M. BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether following the delineation and withdrawal of troops by India and Pakistan in pursuance of the Simla Agreement, any further steps have been taken by either side to restore communications, trade and travel facilities between the two countries,

(b) whether Government propose to take necessary initiative to sort out the problems; and

(c) if any initiative has already been taken by either side, the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH):

(a) to (c). There have been some exchanges between the Governments of India and Pakistan on this subject. However, no concrete proposals to exchange delegations for discussion of items mentioned under para 3 of the Simla Agreement have materialised so far.

Sino-Indian Relations

510. SHRI N. K. SANGHI:
SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government expect to have improved relations with China in the near future;

(b) whether during the Foreign Minister's visit to Japan recently, Japan had evinced keen interest in cordial friendly relations between China and other countries of Asia;

Russian Scholars' Support to India on Sino-Indian Border Disputes

508. SHRI N. K. SANGHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Russian Scholars have supported India's border claims which are being disputed by Government of China; and

(b) whether Soviet Union subscribes to the views of the Soviet scholars?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH):

(a) Some articles have been published recently in the Soviet press which are critical of the Chinese Government's attitudes and actions towards countries bordering China, including India. These articles have accused the Chinese Government of acting in bad faith in regard to the India-China boundary.

(b) There have been no public official Soviet comments on these articles.