

लिखित सूचना दी है जिसमें संयुक्त राष्ट्र से एक मिशन बर्लिन, जर्मनी के जाने का अनुरोध किया है जो पाकिस्तानी सशस्त्र सेना द्वारा की गई बमबारी की संयुक्त स्थिति का मानवीय एवं मानव गरिमा की सुरक्षा के दृष्टिकोण से मूल्यांकन करे।

(ख) ऐसे मामलों के बारे में सरकार का मत मुबिहित है। मानव गरिमा की सुरक्षा के लिए किये गए सभी प्रयत्नों का हम समर्थन करते हैं और हमें विश्वास है कि ऐसी समस्याएँ मानवीय दृष्टिकोण एवं सम्बद्ध दलों में शांतिपूर्ण बातचीत से ही सबसे अच्छी तरह निपटाई जा सकती हैं।

Shifting of Regional Passport Office to Kerala

482. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the difficulties experienced in shifting the Regional Passport Office to Kerala which has already been decided; and

(b) the steps Government have taken to overcome these difficulties?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) and (b). The Regional Passport Office, Kerala, started functioning as a separate unit in Madras from 30th March 1974. Prior to this, in March 1974, the Kerala State Government was approached with a view to acquiring adequate office space of approximately 8000 to 10000 sq. ft. at Ernakulam, the location chosen by the Government of Kerala for the Regional Passport Office, Kerala. A building known as the "South Bus Stand Building", being constructed by the Cochin Corporation was inspected by an officer of the Ministry in April 1974 on the recommendation of the District Collector, Ernakulam. The building was again inspected in May 1974, when it was decided that

the first and second floor could be necessary for the Regional Passport Office. This was communicated to the Cochin Corporation. The Commissioner, Cochin Corporation, was also advised by telegram on the 17th July 1974, that the Government of India had agreed to the rental quoted by the Corporation.

However, press reports appearing around the end of August 1974, indicated that the Cochin Corporation had decided not to rent the building for this purpose. The matter was immediately taken up with the Kerala Government seeking their intervention in ensuring that the building was made available for the Regional Passport Office since the Central Government had already communicated their agreement to all the terms and conditions indicated by the Corporation.

There are no buildings readily available in Ernakulam with an area of 8000 to 10000 sq. ft. to accommodate the Regional Passport Office. It is understood that some private buildings under construction might be able to provide this area on completion. The help of the State Government and the Cochin Chamber of Commerce has been sought in finding adequate and suitable accommodation.

Production of Advanced Version of Gnat Fighter

483. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the advanced version of the jet fighter, Gnat is ready and is test flown;

(b) if so, the results of the tests and the time by which large scale production of this advanced version is expected to be started; and

(c) what progress has been made in the efforts of the Government to find some foreign markets for the type of aircraft and the outlines of further steps the Government propose to take in that direction?