

Kachchativu Island

1985. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO:
SHRI YASHWANT SINGH
KUSHWAH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Ceylon have not responded to Government's invitation to hold a meeting of the officials of the two Governments in New Delhi to discuss the claim for the ownership of Kachchativu island;

(a) whether it is also a fact that the latest official map printed and published by the Surveyor-General of Ceylon shows the Island as Ceylon's territory; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) The Government of India have been in touch with the Government of Ceylon through diplomatic channels and preliminary discussions have taken place through these channels both in New Delhi and Colombo. Efforts are in progress to arrange a detailed discussion.

(b) and (c). Government of India have seen press reports in this respect. High Commission of India in Colombo has been requested to send copies of the maps. Government's views will be formulated after examination of these maps and other documents.

New TV Stations

1986. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to join other powers to use satellites for relaying TV programmes; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) and (b): The matter is still under consideration.

New A.I.R. Stations

1987. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY:
SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any A.I.R. stations are proposed to be started during 1968-69; and

(b) if so, the places where they are proposed to be started?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A new station of All India Radio at Dibrugarh is expected to start functioning during the year 1968-69.

Strategic Importance of Tripura

1989. SHRI KIRIT BIKRAM DEB BURMAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the fact that Tripura is surrounded on three sides by Pakistan, Government have caused any study to be made with a view to determining its strategic importance for purposes of improving the rail and road communications in the Union Territory;

(b) if so, when it was last conducted and with what results and what schemes, if any, had been drawn out for improving the rail and road facilities in the said territory; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) to (c). Overall assessment of our requirements of strategic communications is made from time to time. The requirements relating to Tripura form a part thereof. It would not be in public interest to disclose details.

Concentration of Pakistani Troops on Tripura Borders

1990. **SHRI KIRIT BIKRAM DEB BURMAN:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the concentration of Pakistani troops across the Tripura borders and if so, the details thereof sector-wise;

(b) the counter measures which have been taken by Government to protect the Tripura borders against possible intrusions; and

(c) the number and details of intrusions made by Pakistani troops and aircrafts into Tripura territory during the years from 1966 to 1968 so far?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) There has been no unusual concentration of Pakistani troops along the Tripura borders.

(b) Does not arise. However, normal security measures are being taken.

(c)

Year	Intrusions Land	Air
1966	Nil	Nil
1967	10	2
1968 (Up to 30th June)	4	Nil

The land intrusions were committed by East Pakistan Rifles personnel who accompanied Pakistani miscreants committing thefts and dacoities on our side of the border. The air viola-

tions occurred on 9th April, 1967 in area South of Agartala and on 18th August, 1967 in area East of Agartala.

Indians Forced to Leave Kenya

1991. **SHRI M. SUDARSANAM:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indians who were forced to leave Kenya; and

(b) how many of them had British passports and how many had Kenyan and Indian passports?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) None, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

U.S.S.R. Government's suggestions Re: Indo-Pak Sharing of Ganga Waters

1992. **SHRI JUGAL MONDAL; SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO; SHRI R. BARUA:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S.S.R. Government have suggested that share of Ganga waters between India and Pakistan should be settled on the lines of Indus Waters Treaty; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) The Prime Minister of the U.S.S.R. did not make any specific suggestion as such for the settlement of the question of the Ganga Waters.

(b) The Government of India believe that the question can be settled mutually between the two countries in a spirit of good-neighbourliness.