Demarcation of India-East Pak. Border

Written Answers

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Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the official teams of India and Pakistan have met recently to demarcate border with East Pakistan including that of Hili and Berubari; and
- (b) if so, whether any progress has been made in the matter?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Joint survey and ad hoc demarcation along the Bagge Line in the Char Area bordering Mauza Manik Chak between Murshidabad (West Bengal) and Rajashahi (East Pakistan) was taken up and completed on 20-6-1966.

In Berubari sector survey work started on the 11th June, 1966, but satisfactory progress could not be made owing to the onset of monsoon; (ii) protest by local residents; and (iii) Calcutta High Court's injection prohibiting construction of pillars. All survey|field work was

stopped from 22nd July, 1966, by agreement between Indian and Pakistani survey officials.

In Hili sector, survey work commenced on the 11th June, 1966, but little progress has been made because of the withdrawal of the essential Pakistani survey staff from the field.

2. On the Assam-East Pakistan border, there has been no progress of actual field work. Indian and Pakistani survey teams have drawn up a programme for joint field work to be undertaken during the next field season.

Development works in Nepal, Bhutan and Sikkim

1578. Shri Yashpal Singh: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount earmarked for giving aid to Nepal, Bhutan and Sikkim for their development works during the First year of the Fourth Five Year Plan; and
- (b) the particulars of the works to be executed?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) As the Fourth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalized, the details and quantum of assistance have not yet been determined. However, for the year 1966-67, Rs. 598.98 lakhs, Rs. 275 lakhs, and Rs. 175 lakhs have been earmarked by the Government of India for economic assistance to Nepal, Bhutan and Sikkim respectively.

- (b) Particulars of the Government of India's assistance fall broadly under the following heads:—
 - (i) Communications
 - (ii) Irrigation and Power
 - (iii) Water Supply Schemes
 - (iv) Education
 - (v) Horticulture
 - (vi) Forestry