

1970, while keeping the two factors in view Peking's approach to Sino-Indian relations and the non-aligned preparatory conference in Dur-es-Salemm in April ;

(b) if so, whether there has been some shifts in Peking's approach towards U. S. A. and U. S. S. R. for betterment ; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken towards them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) The Government of India take fully into account in the conduct of her foreign policy all changes and developments in the international situation. However, neither in regard to Peking's approach to Sino-Indian relations nor in connection with the proposed preparatory conference of non-aligned nations have any developments taken place which would necessitate a shift in India's foreign policy.

(b) and (c). Government have noticed that talks have been taking place between China and U. S. A., and China and the U. S. S. R. These developments are under careful observation and their implications for our country and the world generally under study. India has always stood in favour of the solution of problems between countries through peaceful discussion and negotiation.

Labour Problem in Farakka Barrage Project

444. SHRI SRADHAKAR
SUPAKAR ;
SHRI M. H. GOWDA ;
SHRI HEM BARUA ;
SHRI S. KUNDU ;
SHRI J. K. CHOUDHURY ;
SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH
SHASTRI :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is serious setback in the progress of the construction of Farakka Barrage on account of labour troubles ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to solve the labour problem in the Farakka barrage ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND

POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) On account of labour trouble and so slow tactics by the staff the progress of the construction of Farakka Barrage has been slowed down.

(b) The workers have put in a list of demands. These have been considered and accepted as far as possible. However, conditions are still not conducive to efficient execution of works.

U. N. World Youth Assembly

445. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN ;
SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR
SINGH ;
SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA ;
SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI ;
SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that U. N. is convening a World Youth Assembly in connection with its 25th anniversary celebrations this year ;

(b) whether Government propose to send a representative youth delegation from India to attend the Assembly ; and

(c) if so, what would be the criteria for the selection of representatives ?

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

(b) and (c). The matter is under consideration.

Diplomatic Recognition to German Democratic Republic

446. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN ;
SHRI DHIRESWAR KALITA ;
DR. RANEN SEN ;
SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA ;
SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR ;
SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI ;
SHRI BADRUDDUJA ;
SHRI K. HALDER ;
SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to grant diplomatic recognition to the German Democratic Republic soon ; and