

प्रगति का विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [ प्रस्तावक में रखा गया। देखिये संख्या LT—4566/70 ]

**Representation of President  
of Foreign Correspondents'  
Association regarding  
British Broadcasting  
Corporation**

4446. SHRI MEETHA LAL MEENA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the President of the Foreign Press Correspondents' Association in New Delhi has protested to the Government of India against the closing down of the office of the British Broadcasting Corporation and the cancellation of accreditation of their correspondents ; and

(b) if so the reaction of Government of India in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). On August 23, 1970 the President of the Foreign Press Correspondents' Association addressed a letter on this subject to the Foreign Minister. Soon after this letter was written, the Association elected a new President and new Executive Committee. This matter has been discussed with them and no further action is necessary.

**Demonstration by residents  
of Kotla Mubarakpur,  
New Delhi**

4447. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether over 2,000 residents of Kotla Mubarakpur of South Delhi staged a demonstration recently in front of his residence and demanded better living conditions ;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide basic amenities to the residents of Kotla Mubarakpur ; and

(c) if so, by what time these amenities would be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PARIMAL GHOSH) : (a) Yes, Sir. A number of people had gathered but it cannot be stated whether they were all residents of South Delhi ;

(b) and (c). The Delhi Development Authority is preparing a detailed redevelopment plan of the Kotla Mubarakpur area. In the meanwhile, the Authority has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 2 lakhs on provision of community facilities in the area. No target date for provision of amenities can be fixed. However, the Authority is proceeding with the matter expeditiously .

**Ministerial level meeting with  
Pakistan on Farakka  
Barrage issue**

4448. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of Pakistan's broadcast on the 12th November, 1970 that India was not replying to Pakistan's communications regarding holding of a ministerial level meeting on the Farakka Barrage issue ; and

(b) if so, whether Government would throw light on Pakistan's comment?

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

(b) It is a Propagandist move by Pakistan.