GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:25 ANSWERED ON:03.12.2003 IMMIGRATION RACKET UNEARTHED IN UK RAGHUNATH JHA;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have asked the CBI to investigate a case of immigration racket unearthed in the Indian Embassy in UK;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CBI has made any investigation in the said matter;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) if not, the time by which the investigations are likely to be completed;

(f) whether the British Government propose to examine the process of issuing passports and visa in India themselves; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b),(c),(d)&(e) The information provided by U.K. authorities has been handed over to CBI to conduct an investigation into the matter.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.