

(viii) Land Reform - Study of existing land reform and suggesting measures for improvement.

(d) The Commission felt that the possibility of deaths which occurred could have been due to prolonged malnutrition and hunger, compounded by diseases.

(e) The Government of Orissa had prepared a Long Term Action Plan (LTAP) for the KBK districts containing a package of programmes which aim at ameliorating the fundamental causes contributing to backwardness of the area and simultaneously creating opportunities for augmenting purchasing capacity of people over a period of time. The Planning Commission is monitoring the implementation of LTAP.

[*Translation*]

Indian Council for Cultural Relations

4158. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government contemplate to bring changes in the set-up of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):
(a) The organisational set-up of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations as defined in its Constitution is reviewed from time to time. The Governing Body and the General Assembly of the ICCR adopt changes if they are found necessary.

(b) In keeping with this practice the Council has recently opened new Cultural Centres in Johannesburg, Durban and Colombo.

(c) does not arise.

[*English*]

Nuclear Test

4159. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA BABA PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact Pakistan has decided to resume its nuclear tests in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a) and (b) After Pakistan announced a moratorium on further nuclear testing, a week later on 18th June 1998, the Pakistan Foreign Ministry said that Pakistan would calibrate its response to the level of provocation and that there were a number of factors which needed to be analysed, including the available data from the Indian tests which over time would enable an assessment of Indian weapons capabilities in qualitative terms.

(c) Government announced a moratorium on underground nuclear testing which was maintained after Pakistan conducted nuclear tests on 28th and 30th May. Government will continue to monitor developments and would take requisite steps to safeguard national security.

Kashmir Issue

4160. SHRI RAMKRISHNA BABA PATIL:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Resolution on Kashmir seeking greater U.S. role introduced in senate" appearing in 'Time of India' dated 25 June, 1998;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Indian Government thereto; and

(c) the details of the resolutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUDHARA RAJE):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The resolution sought to express the sense of the US Senate on the Kashmir issue and sought to give the United States and the United Nations a role in a settlement of the same. The resolution failed to come up for discussions before the Senate. Government's views on third party involvement in India-Pakistan relations have been reiterated on many occasions: there is no