

[*English*]

Reports Regarding Nature and Degree of Bacteriological Contamination of Drinking Water

8053. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Governments have submitted any reports to Union Government regarding the nature and degree of bacteriological contamination of drinking water; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) No, Sr.

(b) Does not arise.

Safeguarding of Indian Borders

8054. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Border Security Force has been asked to remain vigilant in Kutch sector following the intelligence report regarding movement of Pakistan army in this sector; and

(b) other steps proposed to be taken to safeguard the Indian borders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on our national security and take appropriate measures to

ensure full preparedness at all times to meet defence and security needs.

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Expenditure Incurred on Former Prime Minister's Visit Abroad

8055. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the countries visited by former Prime Minister during the year 1988 and 1989; and

(b) the total expenditure incurred on these visits?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) 1988:— Pakistan (to pay homage to late Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan), Sweden, Japan, Vietnam, Syria, FRG, USA (UN), Hungary, Jordan, Yugoslavia, Spain, Turkey, Bhutan, China and Pakistan (for SAARC Summit).

1989:— France, USSR, Pakistan and Yugoslav (for NAM Summit).

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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Sethusamudram Project

8056. SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANDHANAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include Sethusamudram Project in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?