

(a) whether the reservation of constituencies for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes remains unchanged since 1950s;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to make any modifications in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) In a number of cases seats reserved for Scheduled Castes and in most of the cases seats reserved for the Scheduled Tribes remain located in the same areas though there may be minor geographical changes in the boundaries of such constituencies.

(b) and (c). The question whether there should be provision for rotation of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is presently under the consideration of Committee on Electoral Reforms appointed by the Government to go into all aspects of electoral reforms. The recommendations of the Committee are awaited.

Establishment of Indo-Belgium Joint Commission

7472. **SHRI R.N. RAKESH:
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA
GAVIT:**

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in "The Hindustan Times" dated 27th March, 1990 captioned "India, Belgium to set up panel";

(b) if so, the broad objectives of the panel; and

(c) the time by which it will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) to (c). Government of Republic of India and the Government of Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union have signed an agreement on Economic, Industrial, Scientific and Technological Cooperation on 26.3.1990. The agreement provides, inter-alia, for the setting up a Joint Commission composed of representatives of the two Governments in order to facilitate the implementation of and review the development of the cooperation under the said Agreement, as well as to consider and recommend to their respective Government, methods for expanding and improving such co-operation. The dates for the first meeting of the Joint Commission have not been finalised so far.

Ban on Use of Animals as Election Symbols

7473. **SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE:** Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by the Election Commission to ban the use of birds and animals as election symbols;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to ban some more symbols like flowers etc. affecting natural harmony;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Election Commission has decided