

LOK SABHA

Wednesday, February 26, 1969/
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven
of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

Visit of Czechoslovak Parliamentary
Delegation

MR. SPEAKER: I have great pleasure in informing the House that the Czechoslovak Parliamentary Delegation led by His Excellency Prof. Dr. Dalibor Hanes, Vice-Chairman of the Presidium of the Federal Assembly and the Chairman of the House of Nations of the Federal Assembly of Czechoslovakia, which is on a visit to India on our invitation, is now present in our Special Box. We are so happy that our invitation was accepted by Czechoslovakia and a Parliamentary Delegation has been sent to visit our country. We welcome the Delegation most heartily.

SHRI NATH PAI (Rajapur) : We know, we will take this opportunity of presenting the Resolution passed by this House.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Indo-Burma Border Demarcation

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SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOU-
DHURI :
SHRI Y. A. PRASAD :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) the progress made in the Indo-Burmese border demarcation work ; and
(b) by what time the demarcation work is likely to be completed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) :
(a) The work of the physical demarcation

of the first 240 miles of India-Burma boundary, which started on the 1st December, 1968, has been progressing according to schedule.

(b) At the present rate of progress, it is anticipated that it will be completed by 1973-74.

SHRI N. K. SANGHI : We quite realise that the demarcation work is a very difficult work because the Indo-Burmese border terrain is the most difficult terrain. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister if any finalisation has been done regarding the demarcation of Indian boundary north of Diphu Pass at the trijunction of India, China and Burma.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : We are starting the boundary demarcation from the south. As the Hon. Member has mentioned, it is a very difficult terrain and, therefore, it will take some time. Our estimate is that this will be completed around 1973-74. When we come to that Pass, we shall see what is to be done there.

SHRI N. K. SANGHI: I find that the demarcation of territory is creating a lot of trouble for this country. I find from the Hon. Minister's reply that no attitude has yet been made by the Government regarding demarcation of the northern border with India and Burma. In the agreement signed by the Burmese regarding demarcation, a clause has been particularly put regarding demarcation of the northern area at the trijunction. The Burmese Government has now informed the Government of India that this is a matter between China and India and that they are not in a position to say anything about it. May I know what is the attitude of the Government regarding demarcation of this particular portion at the trijunction of India, Burma and China ?

SHRI DINESH SINGH : May I mention that there is no dispute between Burma and us about this border. It is clearly known and agreed by both the