

(c) Government of India and Sri Lanka are committed jointly to work out the expeditious de-induction of the IPKF.

We have proposed to Sri Lanka an early meeting of concerned officials to work out the de-induction schedule and to examine whether any acceleration of the de-induction is possible.

#### Visit of Sri Lankan Delegation

\*71. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:  
SHRI BANWARI LAL PURO-  
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high powered Sri Lankan delegation led by their Foreign Minister visited New Delhi to discuss the withdrawal of the Indian Peace Keeping Force from Sri Lanka;

(b) whether any other issue were also discussed; and

(c) if so, the outcome of the talks held?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) to (c). The Sri Lankan Foreign Minister's visit to Delhi (December 6 to 8) was for conveying the greetings and good wishes of the Government and the people of Sri Lanka to the Prime Minister and to the new Government. The talks with the Foreign Minister were on matters of mutual interest including the de-induction of the IPKF, and recent developments in the North-Eastern Province.

In the discussions Government reiterated its resolve to strengthen relations with neighbouring countries, in keeping with the commitments made in the National Front's manifesto. Both Governments were of the

view that the approach should be one of trust and cooperation and of a joint endeavour for the mutual fulfilment of obligations.

#### Computation of Prices for Agricultural Produce on Economic Grounds

\*72. CH. JAGDEEP DHANKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan or scheme to compute the prices of agricultural produce on economic grounds and give remunerative prices to the farmers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b). The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices recommends the procurement/minimum support prices for major agricultural commodities after taking a comprehensive overview of the entire economic structure of a particular commodity including factors such as, cost of production, changes in input prices, trends in market prices, demand and supply, inter-crop price parity, effect on general price level and parity between prices received and prices paid, etc. The prices recommended by the Commission are remunerative as they cover the cost of production and also provide for a reasonable margin of profit to give incentive to farmers for investment and adoption of improved technology.

[Translation]

#### Payment of Remunerative Prices of Foodgrains to Farmers

\*73. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to