

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

**Indo-Pak Talks**

45. SHRI NAKUL NAYAK:  
SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Pak official level talks were held recently in Islamabad;

(b) if so, the issues discussed and the outcome of the talks held; and

(c) the stand taken by Pakistan on Shimla Agreement?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). In pursuance of the Confidence Building Package proposal made by India on 28th May, 1990, the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan met in Islamabad from 17 to 20 July, 1990 for discussion aimed at defusing present tensions in our relationship and developing good neighbourly relations. The discussions at Islamabad were of an exploratory nature. The talks are to continue in New Delhi between 9 and 12 August, 1990.

(c) Pakistan states that it is committed to the Simla Agreement. In practice, however, Pakistan has been violating several of its provisions.

**New Agriculture Policy**

46. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:  
SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA  
MURTHY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formu-

lated any new Agricultural Policy;

(b) whether Government held any consultations with the Planning Commission and the State Governments in this regard; if so, what were the consensus arrived at and

(c) when the new Agriculture Policy is likely to be finalised and placed before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

(a) An Agricultural Policy Resolution is under preparation.

(b) The draft Agricultural Policy Resolution prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture was discussed with Planning Commission and concerned Ministries and Departments of the Government of India and later the draft was considered in a National Seminar held on 15.6.90 where representatives of Central and State Governments, eminent scientists, agricultural economists and agricultural administrators participated. The draft Policy is being revised in the light of these deliberations.

(c) Efforts will be made to introduce the Agricultural Policy Resolution in the Parliament at the earliest opportunity.

**Indo-Nepal Accord**

47. PROF. RUPCHAND PAL:  
SHRI R.N. RAKESH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any accord has been signed between the Prime Minister of India and the Prime Minister of Nepal in the second week of June, 1990; and

(b) if so, what are highlights of this Indo-Nepalese Accord?