

Madhya Pradesh and Rs. 1672 to Maharashtra. Thus, instead of decreasing, the regional imbalance will increase. I want to ask the Hon. Minister whether he knows.....

(Interruptions)

[English]

PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Sir, why don't you adjourn the House for some time ?

SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA : Sir, this House is very much agitated over the incident. Why don't you suspend the Question Hour now ?

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I think the House is not in a mood to work and we are already agitated and I think we should adjourn the House till 12 O' clock.

11.20 hrs

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till  
Twelve of the Clock*

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#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

**Naming the Betla National Park,  
Palamau after Shrimati Gandhi**

\*124. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to rename Betla National Park, Palamau (Bihar) after the name of late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi as she visited Palamau before her death; and

(b) if so, when the proposal will be implemented ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI) : (a) and (b) Betla has not been declared a National Park under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. As such, the question does not arise.

#### Allocation for Economic Development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

\*125. SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in the Seventh Five Year Plan, there has been any reduction in allocation for economic development of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes ; and

(b) if so, to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) : As the Special Component Plan and Tribal-sub-Plan for the Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-90) and for the year (1985-86) have not yet been finalised by the Planning Commission, there cannot be any question of reduction of allocation for economic development of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes at the present stage. However, it may be mentioned that during the year 1984-85, Rs. 140.00 crores was allocated as the Special Central Assistance for the development of Scheduled Castes. This was raised to Rs. 165.00 crores during the year 1985-86. Similarly, for the development of Scheduled Tribes, Rs. 126.62 crores Special Central Assistance was allocated during 1984-85. This was raised to Rs. 140.00 crores during 1985-86. Thus, there has been no reduction in the allocation of Special Central Assistance for the development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

#### Economic ties with West Germany

\*126. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of discussion held between him and the Foreign Minister of West Germany who visited India recently;

(b) whether the delegation from West Germany has assured further improvement in economic ties with India in the coming years along with increasing rate of technological transfers from West Germany; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the areas identified during the discussions for mutual cooperation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c). The Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany, during his meetings with the Indian leaders, discussed matters covering bilateral economic and political relations. He also signed a supplementary Protocol amending the Agreement on Avoidance of Double Taxation between India and the Federal Republic of Germany.

During his talks with Indian leaders the Foreign Minister emphasised that the chief purpose of his visit was to exchange ideas on how India-FRG bilateral relations could be given a significant new thrust.

The FRG Foreign Minister expressed interest in transferring latest technology in the field of agriculture, communication, informatics, genetic engineering, navigation and shipping, and, in establishing joint ventures not only in the large scale sector, but in the medium and small scale industries as well. He added that the FRG has developed industrial in service training techniques for skilled labour which they were willing to transmit to India.

#### Ministerial Meeting of South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation

\*127. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the third Ministerial meeting of South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation held at Thimphu has made some headway in achieving regional cooperation;

(b) if so, the subjects discussed and the outcome of these deliberations;

(c) whether solutions to matters of regional interest were worked out; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (d). The two main tasks before the Thimphu meeting were a review of the progress in the implementation of SARC programmes and the preparations for the SARC Summit. The Thimphu meeting has made some progress in both these tasks. With regard to the

Summit it was decided that a full fledged organisation to be known as South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation will be launched along with the Summit. A draft charter was prepared which will be adopted at the Summit.

With regard to the review of SARC programmes the main point for discussion at Thimphu was the situation arising from the proliferation of meetings and activities to a point where most governments were finding it difficult to cope with them. We have been pressing at the earlier meetings of the Standing Committee to draw up a more manageable calendar of activities. This point of view received wide support and a calendar of activities was accordingly drawn up limiting the number of meetings, seminars during the remaining part of 1985 to 21 as against more than 60 as envisaged by the Technical Committees. Moreover, it was also stressed that increasing emphasis should be laid on the formulation of regional projects by the technical committees.

In all SARC meetings matters concerning the collective self-reliance of the region are discussed. However, the bilateral and contentious issues are not discussed during SARC meetings. While discussing the world economic situation the meeting called for urgent measures to enlarge the flow of concessional resources to the developing countries through such steps as supplementary financing for IDA-VII, adequate resources for IFAD, ADF and UNDP, an increase in the capital of the world Bank, a substantial increase in IMF quotas and in allocation of new SDRs. The meeting also called for the elimination of protectionist barriers against the exports of developing countries. It was agreed that South Asian countries should consult closely and concert on the economic issues in relevant international, inter-governmental and regional fora.

#### Tension in Manipur-Nagaland Border

\*128. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of tension prevailing along the Manipur-Nagaland border; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken to defuse the situation?