

(c) No

(d) Does not arise.

Infiltration of Pak Trained Subversives Into the Country

1280. SHRI DALPAT SINGH PAR-
ASTE:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PAN-
DEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Pakistan trained subversives have infiltrated in the country by crossing Indo-Pak border during the last three months; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) During the period May to July, 1990, 282 persons were apprehended by BSF while crossing the Indo-Pakistan border for entering into India.

(b) The strength of BSF together with border-outposts observation post-towers, vehicles, sophisticated equipments like binoculars etc. have been increased. The surveillance on border areas has been stepped up and necessary intelligence set up has been augmented. In some selected stretches of the Indo-Pak border fencing and lighting have also been provided.

Sale of Letters of Gandhiji In London

1281. SHRI HARISH PAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that

the letters written by Mahatma Gandhi were sold out recently in London;

(b) whether Government had held any negotiations with the British Government to purchase these letters;

(c) if so, the outcome of the negotiations held; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) to (d). Government are aware that papers of Mahatma Gandhi were to be auctioned in London by Christie's on 20th June 1990. However, as Christie's is a private agency, the question of negotiating with the British Government does not arise.

[English]

Holding of Next SAARC Summit in Sri Lanka

1282. SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the next SAARC summit in 1991 will be hosted by Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, whether India would be participating in the Conference?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) The next (Fifth) SAARC Summit is being hosted by the Republic of Maldives in November, 1990. However, it is our understanding that the Sixth SAARC Summit will be hosted by Sri Lanka in 1991.

(b) Yes, Sir.