

India's relations with Arab Countries

*424. Dr. Bhanu Sen: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's relations with the Arab countries have suffered a set-back in the recent times;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve relations with them?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Surendra Pal Singh): (a) to (c). There are 14 Arab countries of which 13 are Members of the Arab League. India has good relations with most of the countries though some, for political and other reasons, have given support to Pakistan on Indo-Pakistan issue.

It has India's constant endeavour to explain the genesis of the Indo-Pakistan dispute in these countries in order to improve bilateral relations.

अमरीका की सहायता से पाकिस्तान में सैनिक ब्रह्मों का पुनर्निर्माण

*425. श्री हुकाम चन्द कच्छबाय :
श्री राज सिंह कच्छरवाल :

क्या वीदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पश्चिम पाकिस्तान सरकार ने अमरीका की सहायता से सैनिक ब्रह्मों का पुनर्निर्माण कराना प्रारम्भ कर दिया है ?

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार ने इन दोनों देशों की विरोध-पत्र भेजे हैं ?

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो उनके क्या उत्तर प्राप्त हुए, और

(घ) इस बारे में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

वीदेशिक-कार्य मंत्री (श्री सु. च. कच्छरवाल) : (क) सरकार को इस बारे में कोई जानकारी नहीं है कि पश्चिम पाकिस्तान सरकार, संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका की सहायता से, सैनिक ब्रह्मों का पुनर्निर्माण कर रही है।

(ख) वे (घ). प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Space Research

*426. Shri S. E. Damani: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any technical details have been made available to the country about the accomplishment in space research by the U.S.S.R. and U.S.A.; and

(b) whether some international understanding for sharing such secrets has been arrived at?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) Non-classified technical reports of accomplishments in space by the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. are available to India.

(b) We have no international understanding with either the U.S.A. or the U.S.S.R. for sharing secret or classified information dealing with space research.

Minister without Portfolio

*427. Shri P. Vishwambharan:
Shri A. Gopabharan:
Shri Mangalathumadom:
Shri Kameshwar Singh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the duties assigned to the Minister without portfolio?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): The Minister without Portfolio performs such functions as are assigned to him by the Prime Minister from time to time.