

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (d) Yes, Sir. Government had requested Government of Pakistan to return the clothes and other personal effects of Martyrs Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru. Government of Pakistan, however, informed that concerned authorities had indicated their inability to locate the articles as the jail in which Martyrs Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev & Rajguru were hanged in 1931 was demolished and all records of temporary nature were destroyed.

Pendency of Application at Bangalore Passport Office

955. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passport applications pending with the Bangalore passport office;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka has requested to open new passport offices in the State; and

(c) if so, whether Government have agreed to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Number of applications pending for issuance of Passport at Passport Office, Bangalore as on 16.07.2002 was 1742. A passport application is considered to be pending after a clear police verification report has been received and the application is complete in all respects. After receipt of clear police verification report passports are issued and despatched by Passport Office, Bangalore within 8 days.

(b) No request has been received from the Govt. of Karnataka to open a new passport office in Karnataka.

(c) Does not arise.

Organising World Powers against United Jihad Council

956. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had taken an opportunity to bring home to the