

Chinese base in Myanmar

2923. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese bases were built in Myanmar to harm India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken up this issue with Myanmar;

(d) if so, what was the response of Myanmar; and

(e) whether Government are keeping tab of such activities in Myanmar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) to (e) Government regularly discuss security related issues with the Government of Myanmar. Government have been assured that the Government of Myanmar's policy is not to permit any foreign military bases, nor to allow their territory to be used for activities inimical to India's interests.

Visit by Sri Lankan President

2924. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sri Lankan President during her recent State visit to India met the Prime Minister in New Delhi and discussed many important issues concerning two countries;

(b) whether Government showed their willingness to Sri Lanka to keep the SAARC process alive and desired to participate in its Standing Committee's proposed meeting in May, 2001;

(c) whether both the countries also agreed to implement-pending free trade agreement as well as to discuss thread bare the ongoing ethnic conflict on the island; and

(d) if so, what was final outcome of their talks?