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(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news- item under the heading "China backs Pak, position on Kashmir" which appeared in the 'Hindu' dated 12th May, 2001;

(b) if so. Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether the matter has been/or is proposed to be taken up with the Chinese Government as a part of India's normalisation of relations with that country and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral, part of the Indian Union.

Non-essential travel to Sri Lanka

2638.SHRI KA. RA. SUBBIAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether it is a fact that on the lines of US, Britain, whether Government too have issued instructions urging Indian citizens to delay non-essential travel to Sri Lankan Island keeping in view the recent attack by L.TTE on the country' only International airport; and

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with the Sri Lankan Government about the security aspect of the Indian citizens living there.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b)The High Commission of India in Colombo maintains regular contact with local authorities and Indian nationals and takes all possible steps to ensure the safety and welfare of Indian nationals.

Attack on Indians in Kuala Lumpur

2639.SHRI RAM MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ethnic Indians died in the recent attack by Malayas in Kuala Lumpur, etc.,

(b) whether his Ministry had done or proposed to do. through dioplimatic channels, to protect the Indian community in Malaysia;