

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर.एल. भाटिया) : (क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) प्रधान मंत्री को अभी तक रूस सघ, उक्रेन, कजाकस्तान, किर्गीजस्तान, तुर्कमेनिस्तान और उजबेकिस्तान से आमंत्रण प्राप्त हुए हैं । यात्राओं की तारीखें राजनयिक माध्यमों के जरिये तय की जायेगी ।

Bhubaneswar passport office

3142. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Bhubaneswar Passport Office had a cadre officer as passport officers when it was opened;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which Bhubaneswar Passport Office do not have cadre officers for the last so many years and run by section officers as Incharge Passport Officers; and

(c) whether Government would consider for the posting of cadre officers at Bhubaneswar Passport Office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATTA): (a) and (b) From the time of its opening in February 1979 till September 1980, the Passport Office, Bhubaneswar was headed by a deputationist from ICAR. Since then except for a short period from December, 1984 to December 1985, the Office has been headed by officers of the Central Passport Organisation.

(c) Does not arise.

3143. [Transferred to the 17th August, 1992]

Offer of U.S. President to reduce tension between India and Pakistan

3144. SHRI S. S. AHALUWALIA: SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U.S. President George Bush has offered his administration's good offices to act as an intermediary to reduce tension and facilitate dialogue between India and Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) In a written interview to "India Abroad", President Bush is reported to have said that the United States "is always ready to act as an intermediary to reduce tension and facilitate dialogue" between India and Pakistan.

(b) Government are committed to the resolution of all outstanding issues between India and Pakistan bilaterally and peacefully within the framework of the Simla Agreement.

Nomination of non-official members on Committee/Boards

3145. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the various committees and/or Boards at various levels and in the various public sector organisations under the Ministry in which non-official members from the public are nominated or elected to represent various interests;