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Venezuela	27-11-91—29-11-91	To participate in the 2nd Summit level meeting of the Group of South-South, Constiutition and Cooperation (G-15) of which India is a member.
Sri Lanka	20-12-91—22-12-91	To attend the resumed 10th Session of Council of Minister Meeting and Sixth Meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the Member Countries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) held at Colombo.
Egypt;	12-1-92—16-1-92	For periodic bilateral Consultations.
Japan	19-1-92—24-1-92	The Visit was at the invitation of the Deputy Minister & Foreign Minister of Japan, Mr. Michio Watanabe. Visit generated further positive momentum in the political and economic dialogue between the two countries, particularly in context of changed international climate and our new economic policies.
Switzerland (Davos)	29-1-92—2-2-92	To participate in the Annual Meeting of World Economic Leaders organised by the World Economic Forum.
Cyprus;	3-2-92—5-2-92	To attend the meeting of the Methodology Committee of the Non-aligned Movement.
Switzerland (Geneva)	6-2-92	To participate in a meeting of G-15 Foreign Minister which discussed Position Paper on New World Order.
Kuwait	15-2-92—16-2-92	The visit was official and it was aimed at furthering good bilateral relations, which have always existed between the two countries.

Interview given by Indian Ambassador to Romania

3267. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published in the 'Indian Express' of 9rd March, 1992 under the heading "PHRO flays Ribeiro statement";

(b) if so, what are the details of the interview given by the Indian

Ambassador to Romania about the human rights groups;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Indian Ambassador described the human rights group as a bunch of misguided lawyers-misdirecting terrorists and demanded a closer look into its credentials; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) to (d) It has been ascertained that the Ambassador did not give any formal press interview. However, in an informal discussion with an Indian journalist in Bucharest, he had, when asked about the trial in Romania of those who had attempted to assassinate him, mentioned that it was misguided on the part of representatives of PHRO to have asked for the release of the assailants and his recall from Romania.

Visit of U. S. Senator Pressler to India

3268. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U. S. Senator Larry Pressler visited India recently;

(b) whether he visited on the invitation of the Government of India or on his own;

(c) what are the names of the functionaries of the Government of India he met during his stay in India; and

(d) what was the outcome of his visit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) He visited India on his own.

(c) Senator Pressler met amongst others Prime Minister, External Affairs Minister, Raksha Mantri, Minister of State for Commerce, Foreign Secretary, Defence Secretary, Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, and Chief of Army Staff.

(d) Senator Pressler has stated that he acquired a better understanding of India's viewpoint on the problems of regional security and non-proliferation issues in the context of the Pressler Amendment.

मुसलमानों को बर्मा छोड़ने पर मजबूर किया जाता

3269. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल: क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस तथ्य की जानकारी है कि बर्मा में हजारों मुसलमानों को देश छोड़कर जाने पर मजबूर किया जा रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो "दक्षेस" का सदस्य होने के नाते भारत सरकार इस संबंध में मानवीय आधार पर क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फालेरियो): (क) सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि पिछले दिनों में म्यानमार से बहुत बड़ी तादात में लोग बंगलादेश आए हैं।

(ख) सरकार ने इस स्थिति पर चिन्ता जाहिर की है। बंगलादेश में बड़ी तादाद में इन लोगों के आने के परिणामतः उसे जिन दिक्कतों का सामान करना पड़ रहा है उन्हें देखते हुए हमने उसके साथ अपनी सहानुभूति व्यक्त की है और साथ ही इस समस्या के किसी शान्तिपूर्ण समाधान के लिए उसके प्रयासों का समर्थन भी किया है; इस समय इस मामले पर सार्क के तत्वावधान में किसी कार्रवाई पर विचार नहीं किया जा रहा है।

3270. (Transferred to the 25th March, 1992).

Army to Army level relationship with US

3271. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the International Military