

**Article on Wastage of funds allocated
for Kashmir**

592. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article by one Mr. J. K. Dutt, in the Statesman of July 4, 1991 which contains assertions about wastage of funds allocated for Kashmir;

(b) whether Government have made any investigations into the matter;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINIS-
TER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY
OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M.
JACOB): (a) The shifting of capital
commonly known as 'Durbar move'
is in vogue since the period of Dogra
rulers of J & K.

(b) to (d) The report has been sent
to the State Government for appro-
priate action.

Release of Israeli Tourists

593. SHRI KAPIL VERMA;
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SAYEED KHATTUN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware
of visiting Israeli Deputy Director
General. Foreign Ministry, Dr. Moshe
Yegar's statement that it was the
Immediate and coordinated effort
undertaken simultaneously in Wash-
ington, Geneva, New York, London,
Moscow and certain embassies in
India and Pakistan to mount pressure
on JKLF that brought release of
Israeli tourists; and

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

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH
SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government's view is that con-
tinuing pressure mounted on the
militants by Indian security forces
and their efforts to secure the release
of the hostage, as also international
pressure led to the release of the
Israeli tourist kidnapped by the JKLF
in Srinagar.

Indo-Pak Talks at Male

594. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SAYEED KHATUN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the outcome of talks be-
tween representatives of India and Pakis-
tan recently at Male and whether any
change was perceived in Pak attitude;
and

(b) what was the outcome of SAARC
meeting and in what manner the decision
of economic cooperation is being worked
out as far as India and Pakistan are con-
cerned?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH
SOLANKI): (a) Bilateral issues including
the schedule of meetings leading to the
fifth round of Foreign Secretary level
talks, were discussed. While Pakistan has
concurred in these bilateral discussions,
its support to terrorism and subversion
directed against India in Punjab and J&K
continues unabated.

(b) Among the major achievements of
the SAARC meeting was to set up a
Technical Committee for Tourism, and a
high level Committee for Economic Co-
operation. The Economic Co operation
Committee will hold its first meeting by
mid-September, 1991 in Kathmandu. The
Committee will identify the recommenda-
tions in the Report of the Meeting of the