

Upgradation of the Diplomatic Links with Israel

*88. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the country's foreign policy for establishing and upgrading diplomatic links with Israel; and

(b) if so, whether any meeting has been held between the officials of the two countries recently in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

Search for the Relics belonging to Guru Gobind Singh

*89. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the then Indian High Commissioner to Britain, Shri Kuldeep Nayar, had ordered a fresh and comprehensive search for the three relics belonging to Guru Gobind Singh, known to have been taken to England by Lord Dalhousie; and

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

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Government have been greatly interested in acquiring these and other relics for some time. Government would be willing to examine any fresh evidence with a view to acquisition of the relics.

इराक में भारतीय नर्सों की दशा

*90. श्री राम जेठमलानी :
सरदार जगजीत सिंह आरोड़ा :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 17 दिसम्बर, 1990 के "हिन्दू" में "150 इंडियन नर्सों को लाइव प्रिजनर्स इन इराक" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर गया है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार ने बगदाद में रह रहे उन भारतीय नागरिकों से कोई सम्पर्क स्थापित किया है ; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो इस संबंध में ब्योरा क्या है और कितनी नर्सें शीघ्र ही भारत वापिस आना चाहती हैं और उन्हें वापस लाने के लिए सरकार ने क्या प्रबंध किये हैं ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री विद्या चरण शुक्ल) :
(क) जी, हाँ ।

(ख) और (ग). मेडिकल सिटी अस्पताल, बगदाद में 235 भारतीय नर्सें निवोजित हैं । हमारा राजदूतावास उनके साथ नियमित सम्पर्क बनाए हुए है और उसने यह बताया है कि उनमें से अधिकतर नर्सों ने भारत लौटने की इच्छा जाहिर की है । इराकी प्राधिकारियों ने शुरू में यह कहा था कि केवल उन्हीं नर्सों को देश छोड़ने की अनुमति दी जाएगी जिन्होंने अपनी संविदा की अवधि पूरी कर ली है । हमारे राजदूतावास द्वारा इस मामले को इराकी प्राधिकारियों के साथ लड़ाये जाने के परिणामतः 46 नर्सें इराक से बाहर जा सकी हैं । जो अन्य नर्सें वापिस आना चाहती हैं उन्हें वापिस लाने के बारे में प्रयास किये जा रहे हैं ।

Conversion of the Telecommunications Department into Public Sector Undertakings

*91. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert the Department of Telecommunications into some Public Sector Undertakings like the MTNL;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said move by Government has been opposed by the employees of the Telecommunications Department; -and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take for a workable solution in this regard

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SANJAY SINGH): (a) to (e) The Government has set up a High Level Committee for recommending the appropriate organisational structure in the Telecom Department for management, of Telecom Services in the country keeping in view the developmental and operational needs as well as financial implications etc. All views received in this matter will be considered by the Committee and appropriate decisions in the matter will be taken by the Government after receipt of the Committee's Report.

मध्य प्रदेश में वनों के संरक्षण के लिए योजना

* 92. श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास मध्य प्रदेश में वनों में संरक्षण के लिए कोई योजना है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उन सहयोगी अभिकरणों का ब्यौरा क्या है जिनके सहयोग से इस योजना को लागू किया जाएगा तथा किन-किन स्थानों पर इसे लागू किया जाएगा ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय की राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मेनका गान्धी) : (क) और (ख). राज्य में वन संरक्षण के उद्देश्य से राज्य सरकार और केन्द्रीय सरकार अनेक स्कीमों कार्यान्वित की जा रही हैं। ये स्कीमों वन सुरक्षा और अनुसंधान, सामाजिक वानिकी परियोजना, अवक्रमित वनों की पुनः बहाली तथा सामाजिक आर्थिक विकास, पर्यावरणीय

वानिकी और वन्यजीव, परती भूमि विकास तथा मृदा और जल संरक्षण से सम्बन्धित हैं।

Burning of Indian Flag by Pakistani Demonstrators

93. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian flag was recently burnt by the Pakistani demonstrators in that country;

(b) whether India have taken a strong exception to such insult to the national flag;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) what steps Government have taken to check such incidents;

(e) whether this incident alongwith Pakistan's support to the extremists in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir was also discussed during the Indo-Pak talks held during December, 1990; and

(f) if so, what was the reaction of the Pak representatives in that meeting ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Government have seen media reports to this effect.

(b) to (d) We have drawn the attention of the Government of Pakistan to the misleading and distorted propaganda being carried out in Pakistan about the communal situation in India.

(e) The need to ensure correct reporting of events, and to stop support to terrorists in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir was discussed during the Third Round of Foreign Secretary- level talks, held in Islamabad from 18th December to 20th December, 1990.

(f) Government of Pakistan claimed that it was not its policy to support terrorism nor its intention to fan communal passions. It was pointed out that this was not borne out by the reality on the ground. —