

buildings in Brazil is Rs. 1.18 crores as against the total annual rental liability on leased buildings in foreign countries of Rs. 142.16 crores.

**Migration of Minorities from Bangladesh**

531. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH LALAN:  
SHRI KAPIL SEBAL:  
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:  
SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people belonging to minority communities are coming to India due to fear, after installation of new Government in neighbouring country of Bangladesh;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the action taken to express Government's concern over deterioration in situation following attacks on minorities;

(d) whether Government had sent any envoy to draw attention of the Bangladesh Government; and

(e) if so, his name and the results of the dialogue held?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH):

(a) to (e) A Statement is placed on the Table of the House. [*Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 515.*]

**Musharraf's reported statement about freedom of Jammu and Kashmir**

532. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item captioned Musharraf see freedom for Jammu and Kashmir, appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 23rd August, 2001;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan President has praised Kashmiris who died fighting Indian troops in Jammu and Kashmir and said freedom is around the corner for its people; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have seen the report appearing in the Hindustan Times on 23rd August 2001.