

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 SIBAL:
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.