

ister of India and Prime Minister Krishna Prasad Bhattarai of Nepal signed a Joint Communiqué at the end of the Nepalese Prime Minister's visit to India. The Joint Communiqué provided for restoration of *status quo ante* as on April 1, 1987 in the relations between the two countries. This was to be pending finalisation of a comprehensive arrangement covering all aspects of bilateral relations. All the necessary steps to be taken by both Governments to implement this were specified in the two annexure to the Communiqué. Both sides committed themselves to ushering in a new era of bilateral cooperation, especially in the fields of industrial and human resources development, for harnessing of the waters of common rivers for the benefit of the two peoples and for the protection and management of the environment. The security concerns of both sides were also duly addressed in the Joint Communiqué. Both sides reaffirmed their desire not only to normalise Indo-Nepal relations, but to impart to them new dimensions and dynamism.

Bridges in Rajasthan

2572. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan for according sanction for the construction of a bridge over the river UJHAR on SH. No. 19 District Jhalawar costing Rs. 75,000 lakhs; and

(b) if so, when the proposal was received and by when it is likely to be approved/sanctioned and if there is delay, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal for construction of a high level bridge on Ujhar river on State Highway No. 19 in Rajasthan re-

ceived in April, 89, has not yet been taken up for approval for want of the actual augmentation of the Central Road Fund against which the proposal was sent.

National Highways

2573. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV. RAO JADHAV:

SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE:

SHRI H. HANUMAN. THAPPA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government of India to hand over the maintenance of National Highways to private firms;

(b) if so, what are those from Maharashtra State; and

(c) what are the proposals for National Highways from Marathwada region of Maharashtra State?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) There is no proposal to hand over the maintenance of National Highways to private firms.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Creation of New National Highways in the country

2574. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV. RAO JADHAV:

SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE:

SHRI H. HANUMAN. THAPPA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what would be the Policy of the Government of India in the creation of new National Highways in different parts of the country;

(b) what are the proposals in this regard from Maharashtra State; and

(c) what are the proposals from Maharashtra region for National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) While declaring new National Highways, suggestions received from the States, recommendations made by the National Transport Policy Committee, *inter-se* priority attached to individual road on an All-India basis and availability of resources are to be kept in view besides the criteria mentioned below:—

(i) roads which run through the length and breadth of the country;

(ii) roads connecting adjacent countries;

(iii) roads connecting State capitals;

(iv) roads connecting major parts and important industrial or tourist centres;

(v) roads meeting very important strategic requirements;

(vi) roads carrying high density of traffic over an adequate length; and

(vii) roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achievement of substantial economies thereby.

(b) and (c) A statement indicating the requisite details is annexed.

Statement

Sl. No.	Particulars of Road;	Length in Km.
1		3
1	Sofapur-Osmanabad-Beed-Aurangabad-Dhule-Vadodara Road	642
2	Bombay-Ahmadnagar-Nanded-Jagdalpur	660
3	Ratnagiri-Solapur-Nagpur	807
4	West Coastal Highway	704
5	Surat-Dhule	127
6	Aurangabad-Nanded-Hyderabad	351
7	Indore-Amravati-Yeotmal-Chandrapur-Durg	597
8	Aurangabad-Ajanta-Idlabad-Burhanpur	201
9	Betul-Nagpur-Chandrapur-Pattagudem;	408
10	Amraoti-Pandhurna	96
11	Margalwedha-Jat-Bilgaon	86
Total;		4679 km.

Out of the above referred eleven proposals for taking up as new National Highways in the phased manner, S. Nos. 1 to 3 and S. No. 6 crisis-cross the Marathwada region of the Maharashtra State.

प्रधान मंत्री के विशेष दूत के रूप में संसद सदस्यों की विदेश यात्राएं

2575. श्री बेकल "उस्ताही" : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उन संसद सदस्यों के नाम क्या हैं जो पिछले सात महीनों में प्रधान मंत्री के विशेष दूत के रूप में विदेशों में भेजे गये ;

(ख) उन संसद सदस्यों द्वारा किन-किन देशों का दौरा किया गया तथा उन्हें क्या-क्या कार्य सौंपा गया था ; और

(ग) प्रत्येक पर कुल कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा खर्च की गई तथा उनकी यात्राओं के क्या परिणाम निकले हैं ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री इन्द्र कुमार गुजराल) :

(क) और (ख) कश्मीर के मामले पर भारत की स्थिति स्पष्ट करने के लिए प्रधान मंत्री के विशेष दूत के रूप में राज्य सभा की उपाध्यक्षा श्रीमती नजमा हैपतुल्ला सउदी अरब, कुवैत, ईरान और जोर्डन गई थीं।

(ग) खर्च की गई विदेशी मुद्रा का ब्यौरा एकत्र किया जा रहा है और उसे सदन की मेज पर रख दिया जाएगा।

बाल फिल्म सोसाइटी द्वारा बाल फिल्मों का प्रदर्शन

2576. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री 22.8.1990 को राज्य सभा में अंतरांगित प्रश्न संख्या 1765 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उन फिल्मों की संख्या और उनके नाम क्या-क्या हैं जिनका अब तक प्रदर्शन नहीं किया गया है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी० उपेन्द्र) : बाल चित्र समिति, भारत द्वारा बनायी गई सभी फिल्मों कुछ राज्यों में दिखाई गई

है। राज्य सरकारों द्वारा मनोरंजन कर से एक समान तथा स्वतः छूट न दिए जाने के कारण समूचे देश में ये फिल्में नहीं दिखाई गई हैं।

क्यूबा में भारतीय राष्ट्रिक

2577. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्यूबा में रह रहे भारतीय राष्ट्रिकों की संख्या क्या है और क्यूबा के बदलते हालात को ध्यान में रखते हुए सरकार द्वारा दी जा रही सुविधाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री इन्द्र कुमार गुजराल) : क्यूबा में 67 भारतीय राष्ट्रिक हैं, जिनमें हवाना स्थित हमारे राज्तावास के सदस्य, महिलाएं और बच्चे भी शामिल हैं। विशेष सुविधाएं देने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता, क्योंकि क्यूबा में स्थिति शांतिपूर्ण और स्थिर है।

Tamil refugees in India

2578. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees so far arrived in India till date;

(b) the number of refugees who are expected to come to India; and

(c) the impact on Indian economy due to the frequent flow of Tamil refugees to India from Sri Lanka and the diplomatic pressures by the Government of India to Government of Sri Lanka to stop the genocide in Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) The number of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees in India from July, 1983 to 21st August, 1990 is 2,22,640.

(b) Since the influx of refugees directly depends on the situation in Sri Lanka, it is not possible to anticipate the number of refugees who are likely to come to India in the future.

(c) The influx of refugees does cause a strain on our resources. But