

(f) whether Government has taken up this matter of damage being caused to the Himalayan ecology with China; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) and (b) Government has seen reports about development of infrastructure in the Tibet Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China aimed at development of China's western region, including the construction of a road to Mt. Everest.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Under the Government's National Action Plan on Climate Change, a National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem will be established to evolve measures for sustaining and safeguarding the Himalayas.

(f) and (g) No. Does not arise.

PSI of US administration

1393. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States administrations has sounded out to India on their Proliferations Security Initiatives (PSI);

(b) whether India adopt any decision on PSI; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) Yes. The US has shared with us the details and rationale of the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI).

(b) and (c) Indian officials have attended some meetings of the PSI as 'Observers'. There is no decision to join the PSI.

Meeting on Indus Water Treaty

1394. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a meeting of technological committee on Indus Water Treaty between India and Pakistan, recently;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Pakistan demanded a compensation for allegedly not providing adequate water for the country last year; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) Under the provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty 1960 between India and Pakistan, the Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) held its 103rd meeting in New Delhi during 31 May – 5 June, 2009.