

and other facilities available to Extra-departmental employees now designated as Gramin Dak Sevaks.

The Committee submitted its report on 29-10-2008. The report was examined by the Department and discussed with the Unions. Final decision will be taken after obtaining approval of the Cabinet.

Borders with Pakistan

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SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether US wants India to de-escalate on the borders with Pakistan;
- (b) whether India's Foreign Secretary visited US to discuss 26/11 probe and also the nuclear deal in US;
- (c) if so, the outcome of discussions;
- (d) whether India has now decided to replicate some US anti-terror strategies; and
- (e) if so, the points on which the US-India terrorist strategies have been adopted and the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) It has been India's long standing policy that India-Pakistan relations are a bilateral concern of both countries and there is no room for any involvement by third countries.

(b) and (c) Foreign Secretary visited the United States of America during 9-11 March 2009 to establish contact with the new US Administration who consulted him on the new US strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan. He discussed bilateral relations with his US counterpart including implementation of the Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement.

- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

570. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made adequate provision for expanding the Scout Guides like the NSS and NCC in schools for inculcating values of discipline; patriotism, brotherhood, secularism etc. in the minds of school boys and girls;
- (b) if so, the budget that is earmarked for the purpose in the Eleventh Plan; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.