

(c) It is our understanding that the Government of Shri Lanka planned to develop Hambantota Port with Chinese assistance.

(d) Does not arise.

Visit of Hillary Clinton

2351. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton during her visit to this region called upon India to resolve all outstanding difference with Pakistan bilaterally for the benefit of regional trade;

(b) if so, the support offered by the U.S. to help resolve these differences;

(c) the issues and differences if any identified for such resolution; and the Pakistan Government's response to Ms. Clinton's suggestion;

(d) whether the U.S. at the same time cleared a \$ 680 billion defence aid to Pakistan; and

(e) Government's response to Ms. Clinton's suggestion and the U.S. President approval of defence aid to Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) to (c) During the visit of US Secretary of State Ms. Hillary Clinton to Pakistan, in October 2009, she expressed the hope that at some point in the future, the United States would like to see India and Pakistan resolve their outstanding differences. She stated, "I believe that if there were peace between Pakistan and India and the outstanding issues were resolved, Pakistan would take off like a rocket in terms of economic development."

Government is not aware of any formal Pakistani response to this suggestion of the US Secretary of State.

Government has always advocated the resolution of outstanding issues with Pakistan through bilateral dialogue between India and Pakistan.

(d) No.

(e) Government has consistently drawn the attention of the United States and other countries to the need for proper benchmarks and accountability to prevent the diversion of assistance provided to Pakistan for use in its military build up against India. Government has also stressed the need for constant vigilance as also close monitoring of such assistance being provided.

Indians in various countries

2352. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY:

SHRI MOINUL HASSAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indians and People of Indian origins who are living in various countries, country-wise;