

went to China and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Although the Prime Minister has been invited to visit China, and the invitation has been accepted in principle no dates have been fixed as yet.

(b) There has been an improvement in bilateral relations with China in the areas of culture, science and technology and trade since the official level dialogue between India and China began in 1981. Both India and China have stressed the need to maintain peace and tranquility on the border.

(c) 27 Chinese delegations visited India and 26 Indian delegations visited China during the period January 1987 to the present. These visits covered the following fields: Official-level discussions on bilateral relations, trade, textile, machinery, housing construction, radio and television, telecommunications high earth rock dams, laser technology, plasma physics, instrumentation, education, wasteland development mineral resources, publishing, electronics, agricultural development, the performing arts, adult and non formal education, childhood disability programmes and religion and philosophy.

Indo-US relations

1056. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-U.S. relations of late show signs of deterioration; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

XMP-14 Super Computer

1057. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the XMP-14 Super Computer has since been made available with India and installed;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there are certain conditions attached with the sale of it by U.S.A.; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Commercial negotiations with the manufacturer are taking place.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) These conditions relate essentially to the security and end-use of the Super Computer.

Broadcast of "Panorama" by B.B.C.

1058. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that B.B.C. London has recently broadcast a programme 'Panorama' in which the activities of extremists in Punjab were represented to defame this country; and

(b) whether the Indian High Commissioner has lodged a protest with the B.B.C. authorities for the BBC's concocted stories about Punjab and whether the B.B.C. is eulogising the terrorists subversive activities in London?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The "Panorama" programme telecast on 18th January was a deliberately biased portrayal