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For the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;
NGUYEN TAN DUNG Prime Minister

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JOHN HOWARD
Prime Minister

For the People's Republic of China;
WEN JIABAO
Premier

For the Republic of India;
DR. MANMOHAN
SINGH Prime Minister

For Japan;
SHINZO ABE
Prime Minister

For the Republic of Korea;
ROHMOO-HYUN
President

For New Zealand;
HELEN CLARK
Prime Minister

Recruitment for American Company 'Signal'

†3078. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Global Industry had recruited 600 workers in December, 2006 for the American Company "Signal" after taking 20,000 dollars from each worker;

(b) whether it is also a fact that American Company 'Signal' is not paying the workers prescribed payment at the rate of 18 dollars per hour and they are forced to stay in the labour-camps;

(c) whether the Company is threatening to cancel the visas of the workers

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

on the demand made by them for payment of compensation and to improve their living condition; and

(d) if so, the action Government intends to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) -to (d) Information is being collected through concerned agencies and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Air Tigers' attack on Sri Lanka

3079. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has assessed the impact of the incident of the Air Tigers' attack on Sri Lankan air base in March this year taking into account our national security;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any contingency plan of action to counter any threat from the Air Tigers has been evolved;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) Government are aware of the incident of the Air Tigers' attack on Sri Lankan air base in March this year. Government have taken all necessary steps to safeguard Indian territory from such threats.

Deliberations of SAARC Summit

3080. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the major areas of deliberation of the latest SAARC Summit that are in striking contrast from earlier deliberations; and

(b) the major break-through made by SAARC Conferences in the last five years and the consequential benefit and effect occurred?