

NAM and South-South dialogue

1651. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what are the core areas of multilateral cooperation in economic aspects between NAM and South-South Dialogue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): NAM has focussed, *inter alia* on the following core areas of North-South multilateral economic cooperation for recovery and development in the world economy and the attainment of the New International Economic Order:

(a) Money and Finance including external debt.

(b) Trade.

(c) Commodities.

(d) Science and Technology.

(e) Economic recovery of Africa and economic assistance to Front-line States.

Core areas of South-South cooperation in NAM and the Group of 77 towards the attainment of collective self-reliance of the South are, *inter alia*:

(i) Science and technology including new and high technologies; technical co-operation & consultancy.

(ii) Trade and commodities.

(iii) Monetary and financial arrangements.

(iv) Research and information networks. (

(v) Food and agriculture.

Activities of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations

1652. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major highlights of activities of significance the Indian Coun-

cil of Cultural Relations planned for the next two years with reference to Latin American, East European and Far Eastern regions, if any; and

(b) the revisions in programme cover up and thrust for the coming Festivals of India in view of experiences gained in U.S.A. and France?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Major highlights of activities of significance planned by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations for the next two years for the East European, Latin American and Far Eastern regions are annexed.

[See appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 81].

As the detailed plan of Action for the Council is prepared on an annual basis, most of these activities, with the exception of the Festival of India in USSR and the Festival of USSR in India, are restricted to the financial year 1987-88.

(b) The thrust in the Festival of India in USSR is to depict the traditional culture of India together with its contemporary advancement and projection of Indo-Soviet links devoted to the 40th Anniversary of India's Independence and the 70th Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution of USSR. In addition, programmes relating to Youth and Sports have been added.

Assistance to International Organisations

1653. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the non-UNO inter-Governmental agencies/organisation of which India is a member; and

(b) the contributions made by India, financial and professional, to such organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected

and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is available.

Refugees enrolled as voters in West Bengal

1654. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the refugees who have entered into India illegally in recent times have been enrolled as voters in West Bengal; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

1655. [Transferred to the 8th May, 1987.]

Import of fertilizers by MMTC

1656. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of urea, DAP, MOP, Sulphur, rock phosphate and other types of fertilizers imported from each country in 1985-86 and 1986-87 by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation and the value thereof;

(b) the approximate quantity of these fertilizers to be imported this year from Jordan, Saudia Arabia, UAE, Morocco and Senegal and the value thereof;

(c) the quantity and type of fertilizers purchased from the joint venture in Senegal in 1985-86, 1986-87 and to be purchased this year; and

(d) the names of the joint ventures, amount of investment by the Indian and foreign companies and arrangements made for purchasing fertilizer with any other such joint venture abroad, if so, whether Government have issued approval for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The quantity of Urea DAP, MOP and Calcium Cyanamide imported from each country in 1985-86 and 1986-87 is attached at Annexure-I and II. [See Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 82]. Similar information in respect of sulphur and rock phosphate is attached at Annexure-III. [See Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 83]. It will not be in our commercial interest to disclose the quantum of imports of fertilizer during 1987-88.

(c) Phosphoric acid is the only fertilizer raw material imported from Joint Venture Project in Senegal. Its imports in 1985 and 1986 were 1.01 and 1.52 lakhs tonnes respectively.

(d) Apart from the joint venture in Senegal, there is at present no other joint venture project abroad operating in fertilizer and fertilizer raw material items.

Security belt in Western border

1657. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to leave aside the idea of having security belt in Western border;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, by when the security belt is likely to be created?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) it is, however, not possible to indicate any probable date in this regard.