

being examined by the Government. In order to deal with insurgency and to maintain law and order, security measures have been tightened. Combining operations in the affected areas have been taken up and strict vigil is being maintained. The strength of Central Security forces in Tripura has been augmented.

#### Volleyball game in the country

297. SHRI M. M. JACOB: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are more than one federations for the game of volleyball in the country;

(b) if so, what is the control of Government on such Federations; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to promote the standard of the volleyball game in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir. There is only one recognised national sports federation for volleyball in the country.

(d) Does not arise.

(c) The Government finances the holding of coaching camps for volleyball with a view to raising the standard of the game. Talent search scholarships are also available to promising young volleyball players. Besides, Government has impressed upon the Volleyball Federation of India to take energetic steps to raise standards in volleyball.

#### Talks with British Prime Minister regarding solution of the Sri Lanka Ethnic Problem

298. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what are the details of the talks held between him

and the British Prime Minister in the context of the talks she had with the Sri Lankan President on the solution of the Sri Lanka's ethnic problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): During her visit to Delhi the British Prime Minister apprised the Prime Minister of the Sri Lankan Government's views on the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka. Prime Minister emphasized the need for an early political solution of the issue.

#### Criticism of India by Sri Lankan President

299. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government of India has been drawn to a news item published in all national dailies of the 14th April, 1985 with regard to the reported speech of President of Sri Lanka made at Colombo in the presence of British Prime Minister criticising India and requesting British Prime Minister to send British troops to Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, what are the details of the speech of the Sri Lankan President and whether any official version of his speech was obtained from our Indian High Commission at Colombo; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Extracts from the Sri Lanka President's speech were sent to us immediately by the Indian High Commissioner in Colombo and a full text of the speech has subsequently been received from the Sri Lanka authorities. In the speech the Sri Lanka President said that terrorists move