

(a) whether it is a fact that arising from the recent personal visits of Foreign Secretary Shri Romesh Bhandari to various countries India's relations with Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh and Bhutan are going to take a new turn as reported in the "Statesman" of the 10th April, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

fc) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make Shri Romesh Bhandari the first Secretary General of the PAN-South East Asian Conference in recognition of his services to the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Government have seen the report in the "States. man" of the 10th April, which contains the assessment of that newspaper. The Foreign Secretary's visit to neighbouring countries was in pursuance of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's directive to accord priority to our neighbours and to further improve relations with them.

(c) No, Sir. Government is not aware of any proposal to hold, a PAN-South East Asian Conference. .

Air and Water Pollution in the country

94D. SHRI PARVATHANENI UP-
ENDRA; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether there is any Centre-State coordination for meeHng the serious problem of pollution of air and water in the country and if so, the details of the infra-Btfb' ture developed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): Yes, Sir. TheTe is coordination between the Central Pollution Control Board and the State Pollution Control Boards. The Chairman and Member-

Secretaries of the Central and State Pollution Control Boards meet once in three months to discuss problems of air and water pollution and decide on control policies.

The Central Pollution Control Board has divided the country into five regions. Regional Coordinators have been, appointed for each of these regions for coordination with the States in respective regions.

Air Pollution due to Lead in Petrol

950. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 60 per cent of air pollution is due to petrol|diesel driven engines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that lead per cent used in India is highest in the world, if so, the reasons there-for; and

(c) whether Government propose to stop use of lead in petrol as has teen done by U.S.A. and use 10 per cent alcohol. instead?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a> Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir;

(c) No, Sir. However the petrol manufacturing companies are being advised to reduce the lead content in the petrol. The use of alcohol instead of lead is not feasible as alcohol is not available in sufficient quantity.

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951. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :
श्री अश्विनी कुमार :

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