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(vi) (a) Twenty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the Plastic and Linoleums Export Promotion Council, Bombay, for the year 1983-84, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Council.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library for (a) to (c). See No. LT-458/85.]

REFERENCE TO AN ALLEGED PLOT TO KILL PRIME MINISTER IN PARIS, WHEN HE VISITS THAT CITY

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): Sir, I wish to raise a very grave matter in the House. People must have read the 'Blitz' of last week which says that there is a plot to kill the Prime Minister in Paris. It adds that London-based terrorists plan to despatch a murderous squad to Paris to assassinate the Prime Minister when he visits France in June. They also plan to send squads to Algiers, Cairo and United States, in case the plot fails in Paris. This is a very very serious matter and the stringer of 'Blitz' in Paris has received this call.

Also there was a news item in the 'Hindustan Times' that one Mr. Carlos who is known as the international killer and who is on the pay of many people has also been despatched for this purpose. This is a very very serious matter and I do not know how much cognizance the Government has taken of it. I would like to know whether the Government has received any report from the Ambassador in France and what steps it plans to take to protect the life of the Prime Minister on the occasion of holding of Festival of

India in Paris. Also has the French Government said that they will take the full responsibility for the visit of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi and has assured full protection for him.

Sir, these are all very serious matters. We are just passing through a very traumatic time. We saw the assassination of our ex-Prime Minister by her own security guards. Our Prime Minister is going on a long tour in June. We have received a lot of preliminary reports. Of course, if these have come in the papers, the intelligence must have received them. We would like to have statement in the House. The country wants to know what steps are being taken to protect the life of the Prime Minister.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shrimati Mainoona Sultan, Absent. Shri Mohepatra,

REFERENCE TO THE ESCALATING OF IRAN-IRAQ WAR

SHRI SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA (Orissa): I raise this Special Mention at a time when the entire world is in the vortex of a global peril because of the escalation of war between Iran and Iraq.

The two architects of Non Aligned Movement, Yugoslavia and India, are conferring how to solve this problem. And already the Egyptian President, Mr. Hosni Mubarak and King Husain of Jordan have arrived in Baghdad to confer with President Saddam Hussain on how to stop the war. The six nation Gulf Cooperation Council leaders have also tried to confer among themselves in Riyadh and given the responsibility to Mr. S. K. Sabah, the Deputy Prime Minister of Kuwait, to be in touch with Mr. Saddam Hussein.

What I want to bring to notice is the grave peril which the entire world is facing at present. The spokesman of the Government of India said yesterday:

"India fears that the pungency with which the war is now being waged and its engulfing inter-national air and sea

lanes poses an imminent threat to the security and peace of the region and therefore the entire world. Rocket attacks on ships and warnings that passenger airlines in enemy airspace would be shot down have added to the tense situation."

This is the bigger dimension of the war. It is more catastrophic than the blood bath in Kampuchea and more disastrous than what happened in Falklands only in 1983. What I suggest, Sir, is that the Non-Aligned Movement which has an interest in this must sit in judgement as to how to solve it. Mr. Rajiv Gandhi has already sent two important emissaries—one to Baghdad and one to Tehran—Mr. Venkateswaran and Dr. Teja—to be in touch with the leaderships of these two countries, Sir, the question is how to solve it. Mr. Saddam Hussain is a great friend of India, whose party—the Arab Baath Socialist Party—and the Indian National Congress have a relationship for the last forty years. We accept his regime as a progressive regime as against the fundamentalist in Iran, although we have deep cultural relations with Iran dating back to three thousand years.

The question is, (1) the troops must be withdrawn to the international border; (2) there should be a peace force in these two zones so that they can supervise it under the leadership of the Non-Aligned Movement. Sir, Basra has been bombarded and the population of Basra is over a million. The lives of a million people today are in danger in Basra. What Iraq has done is, it bombarded the steel plants and industrial installations in Iran. What Iran has done is, it has bombarded the Iraqi cities, killing civilians. Although the Security Council had decided that both these belligerent parties will not attack children, unfortunately, Iran the Red Cross, not attack hospitals and not attack children, unfortunately, Iran has done it. Iran has not even attended the Security Council meeting. In this grave situation I suggest that our Prime Minister who is today the Chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement and who has spear-headed quite a good number of initiatives,

must be given a free hand to do everything possible to solve it.

Thank you, Sir.

SHRI K. MOHANAN (Kerala): Sir, please give us a chance to discuss the present international situation in the background of this Gulf war, the Geneva talks and other things. There is a serious international situation and other developments are there. Therefore, I would request you to give us a chance to discuss all these things.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will consider it...
(Interruptions) ...

SHRI S. W. DHABE (Maharashtra): About the Iran-Iraq war also... (Interruptions).

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is right; I will consider it.

REFERENCE TO AN ALLEGED SIKH TERRORISTS PLOT TO ASSASSINATE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER IN- DIAN VIPs.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): Sir, I would like to make a Special mention that news appeared in the *'Times of India'*;

"Sikh Group's Assassination Plot
Foiled

A Sikh terrorist group, planned to kill an Indian diplomat or an Indian official, has been foiled by Canadian and British police authorities."

This news has come to *Time of India* from London on 18th March. As my friend, Mr. Kalmadi, has pointed out, a Sikh, from whom the parts recovered by the Police were of Israeli Uzi sub-machine gun. This was recovered by the Canadian police. The British police recovered the same type of sub-machine gun from another Sikh fanatic travelling to London from Vancouver. The two suspects who were either friends or relatives were re-