

Cape Verde; the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth; the Secretary-General of UNCTAD; the Secretary-General of OECD and Mr. Willy Brandt, the Chairman of the Independent Commission on International Development Issues.

The Conference adopted a Declaration calling for "a new opening in the North-South Dialogue" and a concerted European effort to break the present deadlock in global negotiations. It asked European countries to support a world conference on the reform of the international financial and monetary system and proposed the establishment of a special working group of high level experts from the North and the South to prepare proposals to be submitted to the Conference. It also asked European countries to make a joint effort to reverse the US decision to limit its annual contribution to IDA VII to Dollar 750 million (corresponding to a total of Dollar 9 billion for 3 years) and, in any case, to undertake a collective effort to provide IDA with a total replenishment of Dollar 12 billion. Other specific measures proposed in the Declaration include increase in European contributions to multilateral agencies, attainment of the target of 0.7 per cent of GNP for Official Development Assistance, increase in the resources of IMF and World Bank, the reversal of protectionist trends and the speedy implementation of the Integrated Programme for Commodities and the Common Fund.

Unfiltered water

819. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of unfiltered (hydrant) water in the Teen Murti Lane, New Delhi area;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some Members of Parliament had made some complaints in this regard; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Shortage of unfiltered water does occur sometimes in Teen Murti Lane during summer season.

(b) Yes.

(c) Attempts are being made to improve the situation by putting a new six inch CI pipe line for part of the unfiltered water supply system.

Holding of Parliament Session in South India

820. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken by Government to hold Parliament Session, once a year in South India;

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

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for delay in taking a decision; and

(d) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) As the question requires consideration from several angles, it is not possible to indicate as to when a decision is likely to be taken.

Environmental improvement of slums

821 SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state the allocated funds released during the year 1983-