

(b) 'Pioneer Aera' is still to be allotted to our country by the Preparatory Commission.

(c) Question does not arise.

#### Sealing off border area of Tripura with Bangladesh

307. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Tripura Government to seal off the sensitive border area of the State with Bangladesh; and

(b) The Government of India have received thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI-MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) The Government of Tripura have made a request to depute additional force of one battalion of BSF for strengthening the Tripura-Bangladesh border. The requirement of necessary force at the border is constantly reviewed by the Central Government.

#### Tripura Mizoram Border

308. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any communication from the Tripura Government for the withdrawal of the order under which Tripura-Mizoram border was declared as disturbed area some time back; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI-MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) The Government of India have received a letter from the Chief Minister of Tripura requesting for a review of the continued operation of the notification declaring a belt in Tripura on Tripura-Mizoram border as disturbed area. The matter was accordingly reviewed. The Chief Min-

ister was informed that taking into consideration the insurgent activities in Tripura and Mizoram and the overall interest of the region it was not advisable to withdraw the notification.

#### Employment generation during Sixth Plan period

309. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 2nd April, 1984 to the effect that the economic planners are worried that even with the projected growth rate for 1984-85 materialising and agriculture relating its momentum, the already scale down target of additional employment during the Sixth Plan period may be difficult to achieve;

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

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to achieve the target of employment?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Mid-Term Appraisal has made a revised projection for the sectoral growth rates of the economy covering the Sixth Plan period. In conformity with the projection the total addition in the employment generation in terms of standard person years over the Sixth Plan period has been scaled down from 34.3 million to 32.4 million. There would appear to be no reason at the moment to revise the output and the employment projections presented in the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Sixth Plan. An item of the 20-Point Programme pertains to strengthening and expanding the national rural employment programmes. Recently, Government have introduced the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme and the Scheme for Providing Self-Employment to Educated Unemployed Youth. These efforts and proper and effective implementation of all plan programmes would help employment generation in the coming years.