

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :  
Question Hour is over.

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI : You are paying better prices to the American agriculturists and lower prices to the Indian growers. This is my charge.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :  
Papers to be laid on the Table.

### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### Damage to Paradip Port due to Floods

\*182. SHRI JAGDISH JANI :  
Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the extent of damage caused to Paradip Port by the recent floods ;

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss suffered by that port; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT : (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN) : (a) to (c) A senior officer of the Ministry was deputed to Paradip to assess the impact of the recent floods on the Port. To avoid damage by the floods, the Port Administration had cut some of the roads and railway embankments to provide outlets for flood waters. There was no material damage caused to the Port properties or human life. The Port Trust Authorities would be spending about Rs. 20 lakhs to build culverts at places where roads had been cut.

#### Crossing over of border by Chinese Engineers

\*185. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV :  
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that two Chinese engineers crossed over the Bumla border along the McMahon line in Arunachal Pradesh on 14th August, 1982 ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Bumla border saw fierce fighting in the Sino-Indian war of 1962 ; and

(c) if so, what was the motive of the Chinese youths crossing the Indian border and whether in the past also Chinese have crossed into Indian territory in Arunachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) We understand from the Chinese Government that the two Chinese strayed inadvertently into Indian territory while hunting. There have been some instances of a similar nature in the past.

#### Margis' visits to China

\*186. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR :  
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the "Indian Express" on the 2nd August, 1982 under the caption "Marg making inroads into China" ;