

WELCOME; TO THE IRANTAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have an announcement to make.

We have with us this morning Members of the Iranian Parliamentary Delegation which is on a visit to India from the 10th to 16th August, 1982, under the distinguished leadership of His Excellency Hojjat-Ul-Islam AH Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, President of the Islamic Consultative Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The other Members of the delegation are—Mr. Seyyed Hussein Musaviani, Mr. Majid Hedayat Zadeh, Mr. Hossein Kazempour Ardebili, Dr. Hassan Fereidoun Roohani, Mr. Mor-teza Kateeraee and Mr. Manuchehr Mottaki.

The Members of the Delegation are now seated in the Special Box.

On behalf of the Members of the House and on my own behalf I take pleasure in extending a very hearty welcome to the Leader and other Members of the Delegation and wish our distinguished guests a very enjoyable and fruitful stay in our country.

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जानिबे मैम्बराने मजलिसे पार्लिमानी

We hope that by the time they leave us they shall have seen and learnt much about our country and our peoples. Through them, we convey our greetings and best wishes to the Islamic Consultative Assembly and the friendly people of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

**ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS—
contd.**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now the hon. Minister.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: He has not yet put the question.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Sir, I was putting my supplementary. The Minister has read in answer to (a), "No, Sir". There is a report that there was a conference of family welfare officials, i.e. Health Ministry officials, and non-official organisations involved in the family welfare scheme sometime towards the end of last month. It has been widely reported in the press and Health Ministry officials participated in it. They have complained here—particularly, Mrs. J. Wadia, President of the Family Planning Association of India. That is an important association¹ and it is a non-official organisation interested in popularising the scheme and the Prime Minister also included it as one of the items in her 20-point programme. There has been a discussion and the Ministry's officials have been listening to all these complaints. The complaint says further:—

"Most State Governments, too involved in their petty politicking, did not share the Centre's concern for propagating population control. Grants were invariably never released on time while supplies of contraceptives were irregular. Transport poses another problem. Most voluntary agencies did not have vans or other vehicles and were consequently unable to extend their services to more people."

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is the question? Please frame your question now.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: When the Ministry officials participated in the conference, how did they react? What is the action they have taken on this complaint? How does the Minister say now that there were no complaints?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND:
Sir, . . .

SHRI PILOO MODY: Smile first.