

(v) There was a lack of cooperation and communication within the RCMP and between RCMP, Transport Canada and airlines in relation to airport security.

(c) No.

(d) The Head of the Commission of Enquiry, Hon. John C. Major, has recommended that the Government of Canada should establish an oversight mechanism to report on how the recommendations are addressed - those that have been implemented, those that have been rejected and those that require further study. The Canadian Prime Minister has offered an apology for the institutional failing of 25 years ago and the treatment of the victims' families thereafter". The Canadian Prime Minister has stated that Commissioner Major has made many important recommendations and that his Government is in the course of reviewing them. Government of India has noted the efforts of Government of Canada to pursue the matter to its logical conclusion.

#### **Chinese Highway project in POK**

463. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that China has recently signed a deal with Pakistan to build two highways in the disputed Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) region;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether such activities by Chinese Government in PoK is posing serious threat to India; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government on such activities of China and Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) to (d) Government has seen reports to such effect. Government has raised this issue with the Chinese side and has clearly conveyed India's consistent position that Pakistan has been in illegal occupation of parts of the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir since 1947. China regards Kashmir as a bilateral matter to be settled between India and Pakistan. Government has conveyed its concerns to China about their activities in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, and asked them to cease such activities. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's national interest and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.