

(b) what was the length of Indian sea-coast and Indian boundaries as on these dates; and

(c) what are the reasons of difference in area, if any, and what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The total area of India as on 14 August, 1947 was 32,63,395 sq. kms. The total area of India on 1st January, 1963 was 32,68,090 sq. kms. The latest provisional figure of area of India is 32,87,782 sq. kms.

(b) The length of the Indian boundaries was 8,200 miles (13,197 kms) and the length of the Indian sea-coast was 3,500 miles (5633 kms) as given in "India-1953" published by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. In 1963, the same publication gave the length of the Indian boundaries as 9,425 miles (15,168 kms) and that of sea-coast as 3,535 miles (5,689 kms). In the 1979 edition of this publication, the length of the Indian boundaries is given as 15,200 kms. and that of the sea-coast as 6,100 kms.

(c) The area as on 1st January, 1963 included the area of French and Portuguese possession which became part of India. The increase in area as given in the latest provisional figure is due to more precise assessment resulting from improved techniques of survey and inclusion of certain gulfs and bays as inland waters.

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#### RE. ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU IN REGARD TO THE PILFERAGE OF OIL

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM (Tamil Nadu): Sir, the hon. Minister

of Petroleum and Chemicals has made some allegations against the Government of Tamil Nadu in regard to the pilferage of oil. Is it fair on the part of the hon. Minister to make these allegations against the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu without giving any proper reasons and without any proof with him? The Chief Minister has given the reply yesterday in the Tamil Nadu Assembly. You may kindly tell the hon. Minister that he should not talk like this. This would only upset the peaceful and cordial relations between the Centre and the States.

#### RE. NOTICE OF PRIVILEGE MOTION

श्री शिव चंद्र झा (बिहार) : सभापति महोदय, दो-तीन दिन पहले मैंने आपको एक प्रिविलेज मोशन दिया था। आप उस पर निर्णय दें। आप चले जाते हैं। मैंने प्रिविलेज मोशन दिया है, आप निर्णय दें।

श्री सभापति : आपके प्रिविलेज मोशन को मैंने देखा है। वह आपके बारे में था। नहीं, माफ करिए। (Interruptions) बहुत ज्यादा यादव जमा हो गये हैं।

श्री रामानन्द, यादव जो लफ्ज आपने यूज किया वह गलत था।

श्री रामानन्द यादव (बिहार) : तब तो आपका निर्णय हो गया, एक्सपेंज कर दीजिए।

श्री सभापति : वह तो छप चुका है, लेकिन आपने गलत कहा।

SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: You have already given your ruling.

श्री सभापति : कोई आप पर वैसा हमला करेगा तो कैसे होगा।

एक माननीय सदस्य : माफी मांगनी होगी।

(Interruptions)

श्री रामानन्द यादव : मैं भी कह देत हूँ हमारी बात भी सुन लीजिए हमको