

External Affairs Minister's visit to Pakistan

*100. SHRI RISHI KUMAR
MISHRA:
SHRI SULTAN SINGH:
SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA:
SHRI SITARAM KESRI:
SHRI F. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he recently visited Pakistan;

(b) whether the questions of occupied Kashmir areas figured during his talks with the Pakistan Government; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Pakistan Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE: (a) to (c) During the discussions held in Islamabad in the course of my visit, the Pakistan delegation made a mention of Kashmir. The two sides stated their respective positions on this matter.

U.S. Bill on nuclear material and technology

*101. DR. Z. A. AHMAD:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI S. KUMARAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US Senate has approved a legislation which will impose rigid restrictions on the future export of US nuclear material and technology;

(b) whether India has received any communication in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) While we have received no formal communication in this regard, the provisions of the legislation have been brought to our attention. Government are at present studying the legislation in the context of its implications on Indo-US nuclear co-operation.

Import of superior coking coal

*102. SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SAIL International has invited global tenders for the import of superior coking coal; and

(b) if so, what arrangements are being made for proper blending of the imported coking coal with the indigenous coking coal?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The imported coal will be moved to Rourkela and Bhilai steel plants where requisite facilities exist for proper blending with indigenous coal.

Persons arrested for assault on Indian Diplomatic Personnel in Australia and U.K.

*103. SHRI MAHENDRA
BAHADUR SINGH:
SHRI SAWAISINGH
SISODIA:
SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL:
SHRIMATI HAMIDA
HABIBULLAH:
SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any information about the identity and political affiliation of the persons arrested in connection