

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Demands of students and unemployed youths

*666. SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN:
SHRI DEORAO PATIL:
SHRI BAPURAOJI MAROT-
RAOJI DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that stu-
dents and unemployed youths belong-
ing to the Youth Federation and Stu-
dents' Federation recently held a con-
ference in Delhi at which they urged
the Government to provide employ-
ment guarantee and un-employment
allowance; and

(b) if so, what are the details in
this regard and what action Govern-
ment have taken on their demand?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR
(SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a)
and (b) A statement is laid on the
Table of the House.

Statement

The All India Youth Federation
and the All India Students' Federation
held a meeting on 29th November,
1977 in New Delhi. A copy of the
Memorandum of the two Federations
addressed to the Prime Minister
inter-alia contained suggestions for a
job guarantee scheme for immediate
implementation and payment of un-
employment allowance to the unem-
ployed.

Government have already stated
that in order to remove unemploy-
ment within a definite time frame,
it is proposed to adopt an employ-
ment-oriented strategy for develop-
ment and the next Five Year Plan is
expected to have a high employment
content. Government are of the view

that payment of unemployment allow-
ance is not feasible and it would be
more expedient to utilise the avail-
able resources for the generation of
productive employment opportunities
to provide satisfactory work to all
concerned.

U.S.A. Military Base in Diego Garcia

*667. SHRI SITARAM KESRI:
SHRI DHARAMCHAND
JAIN:
SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN
SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the
Government of USA have decided to
expand their air and naval bases in
Diego Garcia; and

(b) if so, what is the Government
of India's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS (SHRI S. KUNDU): (a)
The Government do not have any in-
formation to this effect.

(b) Does not arise.

*668. [Transferred to the 20th De-
cember, 1977.]

**Pending applications for Passports in
Delhi Regional Passport Office**

*669. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHAN-
KAR ADIVAREKAR:
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA
SINGH:
SHRIMATI MARGARET
ALVA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applica-
tions received in the Regional Pass-
port Office, New Delhi for the issue
of passports since July, 1977, month-
wise and how many of them are
pending at present; and

(b) by when the pending applica-
tions are likely to be disposed of?