

Talks on Indo-Iranian economic ties

†1393. SHRI SYED AHMAD
HASHMI:

SHRI SWAMI DINESH
CHANDRA:

SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Secretary to the Prime Minister, Shri V. Shankar, recently visited Iran to have talks on Indo-Iranian economic ties; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the issues discussed and what was outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. KUNDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Matters arising out of the joint communique issued at the conclusion of the visit of the Shah of Iran to India in February 1978, were reviewed and further line of action for implementation of the declaration was decided upon. These decisions are now being processed.

Joint Indo-Hungarian alumina project in Kutch

†1394. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA
SULTAN:

SHRI SWAMI DINESH
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SHRIMATI SUSHILA
SHANKAR ADIVARE-
KAR:

SHRIMATI PRATIBHA
SINGH:

SHRIMATI KUMUDBEN
MANISHANKAR JOSHI:

†Previously Unstarred Question 1080 transferred from the 1st August, 1978.

†Previously Unstarred Question 616 transferred from the 25th July, 1978.

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the formalities have been completed for the establishment of a Joint Indo-Hungarian Rs. 30 crore alumina project in Kutch; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the project and what steps have so far been taken for starting work on setting up the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI . KARIA MUNDA):

(a) No, Sir. The Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC) have recently concluded an agreement with M/s. Chemokomplex of Hungary for preparing a feasibility study, for setting up an export-oriented alumina plant of three lakhs tonnes per annum capacity in Gujarat State.

(b) The details will be known only after the feasibility study is completed.

P.M.'s talk with representatives of foreign countries

†1395. SHRI DHARAMCHAND
JAIN:

SHRI SITARAM KESRI:
SHRI DAYANAND
SAHAYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the nature of the talks which the Prime Minister had with the representatives of various countries during his recent visit to U.S.A.; and

(b) to what extent the talks have helped in further strengthening of relations with those countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. KUNDU): (a)

†Previously Unstarred Question 821 transferred from the 27th July, 1978.

and (b) During his visit to USA, the Prime Minister had talks with the President of USA, the President of Cyprus and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kampuchea.

On his talks with President Carter, the Prime Minister has already laid a full statement on the Table of the House. P.M.'s discussions with the President of Cyprus and the leader of Kampuchea covered international and bilateral matters of common interest. These discussions greatly contributed to a better understanding of each other's point of view.

Asian Common Market

†1396. SHRI N. K. SALVE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps so far taken in regard to the proposal to set up an Asian Common Market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. KUNDU): Though the general concept of an Asian Common Market has been discussed from time to time, no concrete proposal has come to our notice. Government of India remains responsive to the idea of regional economic cooperation but recognises that its successful implementation depends upon the willing consent and cooperation of the countries concerned.

Agreement on economic and technical Cooperation between India and Turkey

†1397. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:
SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:
SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL:

†Previously Unstarred Question 686 transferred from the 25th July, 1978.

†Previously Unstarred Question 1079 transferred from the 1st August, 1978.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Turkey have recently entered into an agreement for economic and technical cooperation between the two countries; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. KUNDU): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

During the recent visit of the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, an agreement has been entered into on 13th July, 1978, on economic and technical cooperation between the Government of India and the Government of Turkey. The agreement envisages cooperation in the economic, industrial and technical fields. Possible fields of cooperation are likely to cover, *inter alia*, exchange of experts and technicians and training facilities, besides joint promotion of studies and schemes likely to contribute to the social and economic development of the two countries. Another area of cooperation concerns the setting up of joint ventures and other forms of collaboration in the industrial and agricultural fields, communications and consultancy.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) together with the Explanatory Memorandum thereon.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ZULFIQUARULLAH): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue),