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India's help to Freedom Struggle in South Africa

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what are Government's plans to render concrete help in terms of men and material including medicines to freedom fighters of Zimbabwe and Mozambique facing aggression from white minority regime of Rhodesia?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): Government of India continues to adhere to its policy of giving moral, political and material support to the freedom fighters of Zimbabwe as well as of Namibia. The material assistance over the years has included uniforms, boots, medicines, tea and books. We have also given other facilities to the freedom fighters and students of Zimbabwe in India. Our assistance in the form of commodities alone to Zimbabwe in the financial years 1976-77 amounted to Rs. 5,17,028. This was exclusive of air freight, insurance etc. In 1977-78, we have budgeted for an increase of over 150 per cent over the figures of 1976-77, the total coming to Rs. 27,35,870/- for assistance to the liberation struggle in entire Southern Africa.

In pursuance of the United Nations Security Council Resolution of 30th June, 1977 pledging assistance to Mozambique, the United Nations Secretary-General is sending a Mission to Mozambique to ascertain the needs of Mozambique in view of the destruction caused by the incursionary raids into Mozambique by the illegal Smith regime. Our specific

contribution to Mozambique will have to be determined once these details are known to us. It would be recalled however that in March, 1976, we had announced contribution of U.S. \$ 100,000 in the form of commodities and services for Mozambique when it imposed economic blockade against Southern Rhodesia.

Chinese Foreign Vice-Minister's views on Sino-Indian Problems

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CHANDRA MHAISEKAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a despatch which appeared in Business Standard of Calcutta, dated the 3rd July, 1977, of an interview which one of its correspondents, Shri Barun Sen Gupta, had with the Chinese Foreign Vice-Minister in Peking in which the latter is reported to have said that the Indo-China border issue is negotiable; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any initiative in the matter?

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

(b) Government of India will be prepared to consider suggestions for the solution of outstanding problems between India and China which are consistent with the Five Principles, national interest and India's honour and dignity. The position of India on the border question is well-known.