कच्चातिव द्वीपसमूह के सम्बन्ध में भारत श्री लंका करार

296. श्री श्रीम् प्रकाश त्यासी: श्री वीरेन्द्र कुमार सखलेवा :

क्या विदेश मंत्री 22 फरवरी, 1974 को राज्य सभा मे अतीरिकत प्रश्न संख्या 141 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे ग्रौर यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि श्रीलंका के साथ कच्चातिव द्वीप समृह के प्रश्न को सुलझाने मे अब तक क्या प्रगति हई है ?

†[Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement on Kachcha-140 to 12 **35** tivu Islands

296. SHRI O.P. TYAGI:

SHRI V.K. SAKHLECHA:

Minister of EXTERNAL Will the AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 141 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd February, 1974 and state the progress so far made in resolving the Kachchativu-Island question with Sri Lanka?]

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह) : कच्चातिवु के प्रक्त पर भारत ग्रौर श्रीलंका की सरकारों के बीच ग्रव भी बातचीत हो रही है। जैसा कि माननीय सदस्यो को ज्ञात होगा, भारत ग्रौर श्रीलंका दोनों ने इस मामले को मैत्रीपुर्ण सहयोग की भावना से निपटाने की ग्रपनी इच्छा व्यक्त की है।

† THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH). The question of Kachchativu continues to be the subject of discussion between the governments of India and Sri Lanka. As the Hon'ble Members will be aware, both India and Sri Ianka have expressed their desire to resolve this matter in a spirit of friendly cooperation.]

Bangladesh Division in the External Affairs Ministry

297. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN: SHRI ROSHAN LAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of officials working in the Bangladesh Division of the Ministry of External Affairs;
- (b) whether there is any Bengali speaking official in the Division; and
 - (c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) (a) 47.

- (b) Yes, Sir, two officials speak Bengali.
- (c) Does not arise.

Supply of coal through pipelines

208. SHRI VITHAL GADGIL: SHRI K.B. CHETTRI:

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

- (a) whether Government propose to consider the feasibility of transporting coal through pipelines in heavy consumption areas, and 133 A L 13
 - (b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES. (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): (a) and (b) The possibility of having pipelines transportation of coal is under study.

299. [Transferred to the 7th May, 1974].

Scarcity of foodgrains in mining areas

- 300. SHRI KALYAN ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have received any representation from the Joint Negotiating Committee on the coal industry regarding serious scarcity of food-grains in the

^{†[]} English translation.