

Support to Iran's conference on disarmament

2509. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government supports Iran conference on disarmament recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) to (c) India participated in an international conference on disarmament and non-proliferation organized by Iran in Tehran on 17-18 April, 2010. The conference deliberated upon various aspects relating to disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons. The Government of India continues to support the goal of global and non-discriminatory nuclear disarmament.

Indo-China-Russian meet in Beijing

2510. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the outcome of India, Russia and China foreign Ministers meet in Beijing;
- (b) the strategic importance of such a summit and the future course of the three country cooperation;
- (c) whether the issue of China constructing a dam on Brahmaputra was also discussed with the Chinese;
- (d) whether Government is concerned about China constructing such a dam on Brahmaputra and also smaller dams on Indus river;
- (e) if so, whether the concern was conveyed to the Chinese;
- (f) the outcome thereof;
- (g) whether Chinese help to Pakistan continues unabated and China is also involved in huge construction work in Kashmir region illegally occupied by Pakistan; and
- (h) Government's stand on it and the action taken to secure our interests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) and (b) The tenth meeting of the Foreign Ministers of India, Russia and China took place in Wuhan, China on 14-15 November, 2010. The Ministers exchanged views on several regional, multilateral and global issues. A Joint Communique stating the outcome of the discussion was issued at the conclusion of the

meeting. The India-Russia-China trilateral mechanism brings to a common platform three key, emerging and influential powers to share views on diverse issues, such as agriculture, health and medicine, and disaster mitigation. The Ministers decided to hold their next meeting in Russia in 2011.

(c) to (f) Government has taken up this matter with the Chinese side, including during the recent India-China Strategic Dialogue on 16 November, 2010. The Chinese side has conveyed that China has always taken a responsible attitude towards trans-border rivers. They again clarified that Zangmu power station has very small capacity and does not divert river from the mainstream and will not reduce flow to the lower reaches. In this context on 18 November, 2010, the Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson has said that in developing cross-border water resources China acts as a responsible country and takes precaution with regard to impacts on the downstream areas. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's national interest and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.

(g) and (h) Government is aware that China is executing infrastructure projects in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. Government has raised this issue with the Chinese side and has clearly conveyed India's consistent position that Pakistan has been in illegal occupation of parts of the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir since 1947. China regards Kashmir as a bilateral matter to be settled properly between India and Pakistan. Government has conveyed its concerns to China about their activities in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, and asked them to cease such activities. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's national interest and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.

PM's visit to East Asian countries

2511. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of PM's recent East Asia visit to the East Asian countries including Japan and Korea;

(b) the details of the agreements signed and his assessment of its impact on the future course of Government's "Look East Policy";

(c) whether the issue of holding joint military exercises in future with Japan also came up during the talks;

(d) the position of Korean investment in India; and

(e) whether the issue of Chinese help to North Korea was also discussed in Seoul?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) to (e) Prime Minister visited Japan on 24-26