PM's visit to Vienna

2495. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister has visited Vienna recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the discussion held and outcome thereof;
- (c) whether any agreement was signed on the occasion; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) No.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

US assurance for permanent seat in UNSC

†2496. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that after America's assurance regarding permanent seat for India in United Nations Security Council several other countries have expressed the opinion of the same effect;
 - (b) if so, the names of the countries who are supporting India on this proposal;
- (c) whether Government has approached other countries for support on this matter; and
 - (d) if so, the names of such countries and their reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) to (d) Government has made known that India has all the credentials required to be a permanent member of an expanded United Nations Security Council. The Government has received support from several countries, including from Asia, Africa, and Latin America, for India's candidature for permanent membership in an expanded UN Security Council. India remains fully engaged including through the G-4 (India, Brazil, Germany and Japan) to work for the reform of the UN including the expansion of the Security Council.

Encroachment by Nepal on Indian land

†2497. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.