

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

NORMALISATION OF INDO-PAK RELATIONS

611. SHRI M. K. MOHTA :
SHRI VENIGALLA SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether after the recent Indo-Pak conflict there has been any initiative/move by the ' Government of Pakistan to normalise relations between the two countries ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government with regard thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) No formal initiative has been taken by the Pakistan Government to normalise relations with India.

(b) Does not arise.

GOVERNMENT'S REACTION TO PAKISTAN'S QUITTING COMMONWEALTH

612. SHRI SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what is Government's reaction to Pakistan's quitting the Commonwealth ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : Pakistan's decision to leave the Commonwealth is the concern of that Government.

HOLDING COMPANY INCHARGE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR STEEL PLANTS

613. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a holding company at apex level which will be incharge of all the public and private sector steel plants and allied projects ;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision in the matter ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the benefits likely to be derived as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) to (c) Government have decided to set up a Holding Company for Steel and associated input industries like coking coal, iron ore, manganese, etc. The Holding Company will own all the shares in public sector Corporations dealing with Steel, iron ore, coking coal and refractories, and guide their work. It will also own all Government shares in joint sector companies in these fields. It is also proposed that it should act as the nominee of public sector financial institutions which possess shares in private sector steel companies, mining companies refractory uniti and small steel producing organisations. The Company will, among other things, chalk-out long-term programmes of development, arrange for effective channelling of surpluses into further expansion of the industry, finances necessary, technological changes and innovations and research and development programmes and co-ordination and supervise the operations of its companies. This set up is intended to achieve economies of vertical integration and ensure co-ordinated growth at minimum cost.

नेपाल द्वारा भारत विरोधी रुख

*614. श्री सूरज प्रसाद : क्या विदेशी मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नेपाल ने गत भारत-पाकिस्तान युद्ध के समय भारत विरोधी रुख अपनाया हुआ है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

ANTI-INDIA ATTITUDE BY NEPAL

614. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Nepal has adopted an anti-India attitude since the last Indo-Pak conflict ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard ?]

विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता :

T1 J English translation.