

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

i Does not arise.

(c) The matter is being examined,

SHRI K. C. LAL : Sir, there are certain properties left over by Indian nationals in East Bengal, now Bangladesh, and some of them are reported to be under the custody of the Pakistan Government and some under Bangladesh. I would like to know whether there is any assessment by the Government for restoring them to the proper owners. Secondly, the goods confiscated by India are reported to be in a number more than the goods confiscated by Pakistan from Indian shipping companies. How is the exchange being contemplated?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH : I will take the second part of the question first. The Indian property seized by Pakistan is valued at Rs. 76 crores and Pakistani property seized by India after the 1965 conflict comes to Rs. 26 crores. These properties were confiscated at the time of the 1965 conflict by the Pakistani authorities. This matter was taken up with Pakistan Government on a number of occasions until the present conflict started, but unfortunately, all our efforts failed to get anything out of Pakistan.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour over.

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SHRI M. RITINASKAMY : May I say it is fair neither to the Minister nor to Parliament to cut short an answer that he is giving on an important question?

MR. CHAIRMAN : He has given the answer.

MIRI A. D. MANI : Sir, I wanted him to give an answer...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Mani, you were not present in the morning when your question was called. And now you are demanding answers.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

U. S. PROTEST OVER RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM

*98. SHRI S. G. SARDESAI : SHRI M. V. BHADRAM : SHRI HHUPESII GUPTA : SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of the U. S. A. have protested against India's decision to establish full diplomatic relation with the Democratic Republic of Vietnam; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

[b] We have indicated to the U. S. Government our surprise at the attitude taken by them. As a sovereign country, we take decisions in such matters in the light of our own views and interests, and of recognition of the realities of the situation.

तिब्बत में जनमत संग्रह

*99. डा० भाई महावीर :

श्री सुन्दर मणि पटेल :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान श्री दलाई लामा की इस मांग की ओर गया है कि तिब्बत में जनमत संग्रह करवाया जाये कि वहाँ के चीनी शासन में रहना चाहते हैं या नहीं ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

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*99. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR :

SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a demand made by Dalai Lama

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