

(b) if so, what is the decision ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/
विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI SURENDRA
PAL SINGH : (a) and (b) The question of
recognition of Bangla Desh is kept under
constant review and a decision will be taken at
the appropriate time.

FOREIGN VISITS BY MINISTERS AND OTHERS
ON BANGLA DESH

353. SHRI ARJUN ARORA :
SHRI SWAISINGH SISODIA :
SHRI SANDA NARAYANAPPA :
SHRI J. P. YADAV :
SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN :
SHRI RAJENDRA PRAIAP
SINHA :
DR. SALIG RAM ,
SHRI N. SRIRAMA REDDY :
SHRI KRISHAN KANT :
SHRI DIV DUTT PURI :
SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD :
SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN
GUPTA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AF-
FAIRS/विदेश मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the countries so far visited
by Ministers and other Special Missions of the
Government of India to explain the Govern-
ment's point of view in regard to Bangla Desh ;

(b) what is the response in each case ; and

(c) the follow steps taken or planned to be
taken in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/
विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI SURENDRA
PAL SINGH) : (a) (1) Afghanistan, (2) Algeria,
(3) Australia, (4) Austria, (5) Brazil, (6) Bul-
garia, (7) Burundi, (8) Canada, (9) Ceylon,
(10) Chile, (11) Colombia, (12) Congo (Kin-
shasa), (13) Cuba, (14) Czechoslovakia, (15)
Denmark, (16) Ecuador, (17) Ethiopia, (18)
France, (19) Federal Republic of Germany,
(20) German Democratic Republic, (21)
Ghana, (22) Guinea, (23) Guyana, (24) Hun-
gary, (25) Indonesia, (26) Iran, (27) Iraq,

(28) Italy, (29) Jamaica, (30) Japan, (31)
Jordan, (32) Kenya, (33) Kuwait, (34) Lebanon,
(35) Libya, (36) Malaysia, (37) Mexico, (38)
Morocco, (39) Nepal, (40) Nigeria, (41) Nica-
ragua, (42) Panama, (43) Peru, (44) Poland
(45) Rumania, (46) Saudi Arabia, (47) Senegal,
(48) Sierra Leone, (49) Somalia, (50) Sudan,
(51) Sweden, (52) Switzerland, (53) Syria,
(54) Republic of Tanzania, (55) Thailand,
(56) Trinidad and Tobago, (57) Tunisia, (58)
Uganda, (59) Arab Republic of Egypt,
(60) United Kingdom, (61) United States of
America, (62) U. S. S. R., (63) Venezuela,
(64) Yemen Arab Republic, (65) People's
Republic of Southern Yemen, (66) Yugoslavia
and (67) Zambia.

(b) The response of each of the countries
visited has confirmed their awareness of serious-
ness of the situation in Bangla Desh and the
urgent need for solution which will enable the
refugees to return to their homeland in safety
and honour. Joint communiques and official
and public statements have been made in a
number of cases. There is a growing apprecia-
tion of the stand of the Government of India.

(c) Efforts are continuing in each case to
ensure that the international community exerts
all its influence with the military Government
of Pakistan to secure the release of Sheikh
Mujibur Rahman and to seek a speedy political
solution with the already elected representatives
of the people of Bangla Desh.

PROSPECTING JOB FOR CHINA IN NEPAL

354. SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :
SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGARLA
MUDI :
SHRI K. C. PANDA :
SHRI M. K. MOHTA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/
विदेश मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether Communist China has been
given a major job of geological prospect in
Nepal by the Nepalese Government;

(b) whether Government have examined
the political implications of such prospecting
job being entrusted to China, and

(c) whether Government have received any
communication in this regard from the Nepa-
lese Government or any report on the subject
from its Mission in Kathmandu and if so,
the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Government are aware that letters were exchanged on October 27th between the Chinese Ambassador in Kathmandu and the Finance Secretary, His Majesty's Government of Nepal, by which the Chinese Government are to conduct geological surveys for gas, coal, iron and phosphate in the central and northern regions of Nepal.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Our Embassy in Kathmandu has been in touch with the Government of Nepal and have been keeping us fully informed of type of survey, areas of survey, etc.

बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र का निर्माण

355. श्री सुरज प्रसाद : क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र के निर्माण कार्य में कितनी प्रगति हुई है ; और

(ख) क्या चालू वर्ष में उस संयंत्र द्वारा इस्पात का उत्पादन किया जाना संभव हो सकेगा ?

†[CONSTRUCTION OF BOKARO STEEL PLANT

355. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES/इस्पात और खान मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the construction work of Bokaro Steel Plant, and

(b) whether it will be possible to produce steel by that Plant during the current year ?]

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शाह नवाज खान) : (क) और (ख) प्रथम धमन भट्टी कम्प्लेक्स का सिविल कार्य लगभग पूरा हो गया है तथा निर्माण कार्य तेजी

से चल रहा है। अक्टूबर, 1971 के अन्त तक प्रथम धमन भट्टी कम्प्लेक्स के लिए भवन का निर्माण तथा प्रौद्योगिक ढांचों की स्थापना का लगभग 90 प्रतिशत कार्य तापसह ईंटों को लगाने का लगभग 81 प्रतिशत कार्य तथा यांत्रिक और विद्युत् उपकरणों की स्थापना का लगभग 61 प्रतिशत कार्य पूरा हो चुका है। समस्त प्रथम चरण के लिए लगभग 96 प्रतिशत खुदाई का काम, लगभग 80 प्रतिशत कंक्रीट का काम, 76 प्रतिशत भूमिगत संचार कार्य, लगभग 47 प्रतिशत बिल्डिंग तथा प्रौद्योगिक ढांचों की स्थापना का कार्य तथा लगभग 23 प्रतिशत यांत्रिक तथा विद्युत् उपकरणों की स्थापना का कार्य पूरा हो चुका है।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES/इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : (a) Civil works in relation to the 1st Blast Furnace Complex are almost complete and the erection work is in full swing. Till the end of October, 1971, about 90% of the erection of building and technological structures, about 81% of erection of refractories and about 61% of the erection of mechanical and electrical equipment have been completed for the First Blast Furnace Complex. For the entire 1st Stage, about 96% of the earth work excavation, about 80% of concrete, about 76% of underground communication work, about 47% of the erection of building and technological structures and about 23% of the erection of mechanical and electrical equipment have been completed.

(b) No, Sir.]

बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र

356. श्री देवदत्त कुमार कीकाभाई पटेल :

डा० भाई महावीर :

श्री लाल आडवाणी :

श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी :

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :

क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की