

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b) Government naturally keep under review all important international developments of relevance to India. It is still too early to assess the precise implications for India of the role that China may play in international affairs.

DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO THE P.R.G. OF SOUTH VIETNAM

762. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAJENDRA PRATAP
SINHA: DR. SALIG
RAM: SHRI KRISHAN
KANT: SHRI ARJUN
ARORA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give full diplomatic recognition to the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam and the Government of Cambodia headed by Prince Sihanouk; and if so, when;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to upgrade the Indian mission at Hanoi; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b) Government of India continues to maintain contacts with the P.R.G. of South Vietnam and Prince Sihanouk. Government of India feel that no immediate changes are necessary in the representational pattern in this regard, in view of the fluid situation obtaining in Indo-China and India's position on the International Control Commission.

(c) and (d) Government of India's stand has already been explained in this House on several occasions in the past, namely that ways and means of strengthening of our bilateral relations with the D.R.V.N. continue to be under constant review.

DEMAND FOR CREATION OF A MUSLIM REGIMENT IN INDIA

763. SHRI K. C. PANDA:
SHRI M. K. MOHTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the Press Report appearing in the 'Current' dated the 29th August, 1970 regarding the adoption of a

resolution by the Kerala Muslim League's ad-hoc Committee demanding the formation of a 'Muslim Regiment' in the army; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) Yes.

(b) The present policy of the Government is to broad-base the recruitment to the army. The Government is, therefore, not in favour of creating any new regiment based on a fixed class composition.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR MINERAL DEPOSITS

764. SHRI KALYAN ROY:
SHRI BHOLA PRASAD:
SHRI SURA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state:

(a) which are the areas surveyed by the Geological Survey in the last three years;

(b) whether any new mineral deposits have been found as a result of this survey; and

(c) if so, the particulars thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY): (a) Geological Survey of India has conducted systematic geological mapping and regional mineral assessment of over 126,000 sq. km. area and detailed mapping on various scale of over 30,000 sq. km. area distributed in all the States, during the last three years. Geophysical and geochemical prospecting and detailed mineral exploration by drilling and exploratory mining were also carried out. A statements showing the mineral investigations carried out by Geological Survey of India in various States during the last three years is enclosed as Annexure I. [See Appendix LXXIV, Annexure No. 49.]

(b) and (c) Since location and assessment of mineral deposits are continuous processes taking several years, the relevant programmes of Geological Survey of India included follow-up drilling of significant geophysical and geochemical anomaly zones, and continuation of drilling to explore and delineate mineral deposits in mineralized belts and other areas in various parts of the country and assess their reserves and grades. Several significant achievements can be credited to this period. A statement indicating the significant achievements is attached as Annexure II. [See Appendix LXXIV, Annexure No. 50.]