

(c) whether it would be possible to route the transportation of goods between India and Afghanistan also through this road ?]

वैदेशिक-कार्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह) : (क) प्राप्त खबरों के अनुसार, पाकिस्तान को जाने वाली सोवियत कपड़ा बुनने की कुछ मशीनें सोवियत-अफगान सीमा से पाकिस्तान में बरास्ता कंधार वर्तमान मार्ग से भेजी गई हैं।

(ख) जी नहीं, किन्तु पूछताछ की जा रही है।

(ग) भारत और अफगानिस्तान के बीच सड़क से मालों का परिवहन पाकिस्तान की सहयोगशीलता पर निर्भर करता है, जो भारत द्वारा अनेक बार अनुरोध किए जाने के बावजूद नहीं मिल रही है।

[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) According to reports, some Soviet textile machinery meant for Pakistan was transported from Soviet-Afghan border into Pakistan via Kandhar along the existing road.

(b) No, Sir, but enquires are being made.

(c) The transportation of goods between India and Afghanistan by road depends on Pakistan's willingness which has not been forthcoming despite numerous requests in this regard by India.]

LAND ACQUIRED FOR PONG DAM

287, SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

SHRI JAGAT NARAIN: SHRI SYED HUSSAIN: SARDAR D. K. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of awards given in connection with lands acquired for the construction of Pong Dam and the payments actually made to the concerned persons;

(b) the number of cases in respect of whom no awards have been given; and

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(c) when the awards are likely to be given and the actual payments made to them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) 52 awards have been given and a sum of Rs. 40,70,113/- has been actually paid so far.

(b) 331.

(c) Awards and payments for the land will be made prior to the scheduled completion of the dam in 1973.

PURCHASE OF HELICOPTERS FROM BRITAIN

288. SHRI KALYAN ROY:
SHRIZ. A. AHMAD: SHRI M. V. BHADRAM:

Will the MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently purchased Royal Navy's Sea King Helicopters from the British Government;

(b) if so, the number thereof and amount involved in each one of them; and

(c) the use to which these helicopters will be put?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) A Contract for the supply of a few "Seaking" helicopters has been entered into with a British firm.

(b) and (c) It will not be in the public interest to disclose the information.

DECISION FOR TAKING PART IN CONFERENCES OF ARAB NATIONS

289. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN: SHRI KANCHI KALYANASUNDARAM:
SHRI S. SIVAPRAKASAM: SHRI G. P. SOMASUNDARAM: SHRI J. P. YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have taken any firm decision in respect