

RESUMPTION OF NDO-PAK TRADE CIVIL AIRLINES AND BORDER CHECK POSTS

***107. SARDAR RAM SINGH :**
SHRI B. K. MAHANTI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the question of resumption of trade, civil airlines and border check posts between India and Pakistan particularly between the Eastern wings of both the countries was recently discussed between the two countries; and

(b) if so, what progress was made in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDR PAL SINGH) :
(a) During the visit of Secretary, Shri Kewal Singh to Islamabad to authenticate the maps in connection with the implementation of the Kutch Award earlier this month, Pakistan was once again urged to agree to hold discussion on the various aspects of normalisation of relations.

(b) No progress has been possible owing to negative response by Pakistan.

TRADE DELEGATIONS FROM LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

***108. SHRI A. D. MANI :** Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether trade delegations of several Latin American countries are expected to visit India shortly; and

(b) what are the plans of the Government of India to step up exports to Latin American countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) There is no firm indication from any Latin American countries about their Trade Delegations visiting India in the near future.

(b) We have opened two new Commercial Missions in Latin America at Caracas (Venezuela) and Lima (Peru). India proposes also to participate in the International Trade Fair in Lima in 1970. Consideration is being given to negotiating bilateral trade arrangements between India and some Latin American countries.

Besides, the Indian Economic and Trade Delegation sponsored by FICCI has visited this region in April-May, 1969. Its report is expected to be submitted very soon.

ATOMIC POWER PLANT IN PUNJAB

***109. SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR :**

SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission recently visited Punjab in connection with setting up of atomic power plant in that state ;

(b) whether any report has been submitted in this connection to Government by the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission; if so, whether the report has been examined;

(c) whether the Government of Punjab have again requested the Government of India to establish an atomic power plant in Punjab on priority basis; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Madam, The Chief Minister of Punjab requested Prime Minister in February 1969 that provision should be made in the Fourth Plan for the establishment of a 600 MWe nuclear power station in that State. No provision has so far been included in the Draft Fourth Plan for the establishment of any new atomic power stations other than those on which work has already commenced.

REJECTION OF 'P' FORM APPLICATION

***110. SHRIMATI SHAKUNTALA PARANJPYE :**

SHRI A. D. MANI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 160 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th May, 1969 and state :

(a) whether Government have since studied the case of summary dismissal