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finalization of the investigations. Since the cases have been registered recently, investigations in all these cases are in progress and further action will be taken as per law on the basis of evidence collected during investigations. Information pertaining to departmental action is not maintained centrally.

Regional Passport Office at Aizawl

***334. SHRI LALHMING LIANA:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating opening of a Regional Passport Office at Aizawl;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) The number of passport applications received from Mizoram is very small and hence it is felt that there is no need to open a full-fledged Passport Office at Aizawl at present.

India-ASEAN Summit

***335. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA:**
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Prime Minister attended the Third India-ASEAN Summit held at Vientiane in Laos on November 29-30, 2004;

(b) if so, the details of discussions and the outcome thereof, indicating names of other countries which participated at the Summit;

(c) whether Indian Prime Minister also held bilateral meetings with his counterpart of China, Japan, etc. on the sideline of Summit;

(d) if so, with what results; and

(e) whether India's proposal of a road and rail link between India and South-East articulated at the above mentioned Summit?