

TURKISH PRESIDENT'S SPEECH ON KASHMIR

*169. SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the reaction of the Government of India to the speech made by the President of Turkey at the state banquet in Rawalpindi recently to the effect that his country would continue to support Pakistan's case on Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): Despite friendly relations subsisting between India and Turkey, the Government of Turkey have, much to our disappointment, taken a view of the Kashmir question which is partisan to Pakistan. The President of Turkey repeated this view during his visit to Pakistan.

The Government of India's stand that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India, has been repeatedly declared and is well known to the Government of Turkey. The partisan character of the Turkish Government's position has been pointed out to them.

COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN

*170. SHRI D. L. SEN GUPTA: SHRI CHITTA BASIL SHRI LOKANATH MISRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have so far taken to restore the means of communications between India and Pakistan similar to those which existed immediately prior to the last Indo-Pak conflict; and

(b) when the position as to inter-State communication, between the two countries is expected to be normal?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. C. CHAGLA): (a) and (b) Postal mail is being

exchanged at Hussainiwala Bridge since 16-2-66 and at Haridaspur since 25-2-66. Since February, 1966 sea mail is received and despatched from Bombay. Telephone and telegraphic traffic was resumed from 12-2-66. The functioning of telegraphic and telephonic links has not been satisfactory. Since January, 1966 India has repeatedly approached the Pakistan Government for holding a technical-level meeting to discuss the measures required for the satisfactory functioning and improvement of these communications links. We have had no positive response from Pakistan. Additionally India has proposed to Pakistan a meeting for discussing, unconditionally, the normalisation and improvement of relations between the two countries which will also include discussion of measures required to completely restore the means of communications as they existed prior to the Indo-Pak conflict. The Pakistan Government has not agreed to such a meeting. In the circumstances, it has not been possible to completely normalise communications between India and Pakistan.

EXHIBITION OF OBSCENE FILMS

*171. SHRI CHITTA BASU: SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: SHRI D. L. SEN GUPTA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that obscene films, not in keeping with the cherished, social, cultural and moral values of our life are being increasingly exhibited; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to prevent such exhibition of films?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b) Films submitted for certification are examined by the Central Board of Film Censors in accordance with the provisions of the Cinematograph Act,