

(b) to (d) India's concerns in this regard have been clearly conveyed to China. The Chinese side has conveyed that their nuclear cooperation with Pakistan is for civilian use, which is consistent with their respective international obligations, and is subject to International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards and supervision. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's national interest and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.

Exchange of land with Bangladesh

†821. SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI:

SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small pieces of land are being exchanged near Indo-Bangladesh border by both Governments or there is any such proposal in near future;

(b) if so, the area of land proposed to be given to Bangladesh by India;

(c) the area of land India would get from Bangladesh; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED):
(a) to (d) Article 1(12) of the India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement, 1974, provides for exchange of the Indian Enclaves in Bangladesh and the Bangladesh Enclaves in India. An agreed list of enclaves has been prepared and signed between the two sides in April, 1997 to this effect. As per the agreed list, Bangladesh has 51 enclaves inside Indian territory with an area of 7110 acres while India has 111 enclaves inside Bangladesh territory with an area of 17160 acres.

Recent uprisings in Arab countries

822. SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent uprisings in various Arab countries like Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen and other parts of West Asia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its impact on our country, both political and economic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED):
(a) Government are aware of the recent political developments in various Arab countries

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including Tunisia, Egypt and Yemen. Government are closely following the developments in these countries particularly with regard to safety and security of the Indian community. Government have also issued travel advisories to avoid non-essential travel to Libya, Yemen and Bahrain.

On developments in Egypt, Government conveyed its position and reaction on a number of occasions. When President Mubarak stepped down, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister said on 11 February, 2011: *"We welcome the decision of President Mubarak to step down in deference to the wishes of the people of Egypt. We also welcome the commitment of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces to ensure a peaceful transition of power in a time bound manner to establish an open and democratic framework of governance. We are proud of our traditionally close relations with the people of Egypt and wish them peace, stability and prosperity."* Subsequently, we have offered to extend possible support to Egypt particularly with regard to its electoral process considering India's past and rich experience in this field. India's offer has been welcomed by Egypt.

There are around 18,000 Indians in Libya. As the situation in Libya remains tense, we have started evacuation for bringing back Indians from Libya both by air and sea. Our embassies in Tripoli, Cairo [to assist Indians coming out of Libya by land/sea border to Egypt] and Tunis [to assist Indians coming out of Libya by land border to Tunisia] are working round the clock and Government is doing its best to assist in the safe return of Indian nationals at the earliest. Round-the-clock control rooms are also functioning smoothly both at Ministry of External Affairs and Embassy of India in Tripoli for providing assistance in this regard.

This region is home to nearly 5 million Indians. Besides, this region is also a vital source of our energy needs in terms of oil and gas imports for India as well as fertilizer inputs. Government continue to monitor the developments in these countries so that no adverse impact is felt on bilateral relationship as well as with regard to the safety and security of Indians residing there.

Transfer of atomic reactors by Russia

†823. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia has opined to transfer the establishment of Atomic Reactor to Orissa from Haripur in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard; and

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