

trade and economic relationship between the two countries, and expressed confidence on achieving the trade target of USD 100 billion by 2015 set last year. The two leaders also discussed the need to take our relationship to a higher level by focusing more on investment, and providing better market access for Indian exports particularly in the IT, pharmaceuticals, agro-products, and engineering sectors. The two leaders reached agreement, in principle, on establishing a working mechanism for consultation and coordination on border affairs as an additional measure for maintaining peace and tranquility in the India-China border areas.

US's pressure to opt for Tapi gas pipeline

2514. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

SHRI R.C. SINGH:

SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is likely to opt for Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) Gas Pipeline instead of Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) pipeline under the pressure from America;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that there was no mention of the IPI pipeline during the discussion on energy security with the visiting US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED):

(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) During the recent visit of the U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to India, the two sides discussed bilateral cooperation and joint projects in the area of energy.

Dismissal of 26/11 case

2515. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan has told US court to dismiss 26/11 case;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and