

Gains from East Asia Summit

†1807. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the gains for India in East Asia Summit, Bali; and
- (b) whether China has built a military air-strip in Cocoisland, too close to Andaman and Nicobar islands?

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

(a) Economic integration with the East Asia region, particularly with the ASEAN countries, is a key aspect of India's Look East Policy and the East Asia region is today an important economic partner for India. Participation in the 6th East Asia Summit (EAS) allowed India to take active part in the further definition of the evolving architecture in Asia and in the process of ongoing efforts to promote sustained economic growth at the regional and global levels. Member States discussed the global slow-down in economic growth, the continued strong growth in Asia, regional and international issues of concern including terrorism, maritime issues and piracy and ways to strengthen cooperation in the five priority areas of EAS cooperation: energy, finance, education, communicable diseases and disaster management. Leaders adopted the *"Declaration of the East Asia Summit on the Principles for Mutually Beneficial Relations"* known as the *"Bali Principles"*, as well as the *"Declaration of the East Asia Summit on ASEAN Connectivity"*.

- (b) No information has come to our notice of any recent activity by China in this regard.

Public transport system in H.P.

1808. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government of Himachal Pradesh has sent Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Rs. 45.88 crore on 3.7.2010 to the Ministry for the strengthening of public transport system in tribal and hilly areas of H.P.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by the Ministry; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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