

(a) whether any development scheme has been announced for Assam riot victims; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prime Minister announced following financial assistance for immediate relief and rehabilitation of violence hit areas of Assam, after visit of riot affected areas of Kokrajhar District on 28th July, 2012:

- (i) Release of Rs. 100 crore as Special Central Assistance (SCA) for relief and rehabilitation efforts.
- (ii) Provision of Rs. 100 crore as Special Plan Assistance (SPA) for development programmes in affected areas.
- (iii) Extra funds amounting to Rs. 100 crore under Indira Awaas Yojna (IAY) for affected areas.
- (iv) Assistance of Rs. 2 lakh from PM's National Relief Fund to families of those who lost their lives, Rs. 50000 to seriously injured, Rs. 30000 to those whose house was fully damaged and Rs. 20000 for those whose house was partially damaged.

#### **Indo-US-Japan trilateral discussion**

1406. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-US-Japan trilateral discussions have been concluded recently at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the subjects on which these discussions were held; and

(d) the resolutions made and agenda of the meet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) to (d) The third Trilateral Dialogue between India, Japan and the US at officials' level was held in New Delhi on 29 October, 2012. Discussions were held on regional and international issues of interest to the three

countries, including the East Asia Summit and the Asia Pacific region, and the possibility of undertaking trilateral development cooperation projects in third countries. It was agreed that the next round of the trilateral dialogue will be held in the United States, the dates for which will be worked out through diplomatic channels.

#### **Anti-India activities in Nepal**

1407. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani Nationals are operating anti-India activities in Nepal in particular promoting terrorism against India and in racketeering in fake Indian currency on a large scale; and

(b) if so, the diplomatic and other steps that are being taken up by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) There are reports that unscrupulous elements, including Pakistani nationals, have encouraged anti-India activities in Nepal.

(b) India attaches highest importance to its relations with Nepal. India maintains regular dialogue with Nepal on security related issues. Security issues of mutual concern are discussed with the Government of Nepal at various bilateral mechanisms, including the annual Home Secretary-level talks, the Joint Working Group on Border Management, Bilateral Consultative Group on Security Issues and the Border Districts Coordination Committee Meetings at the local level. The Government of Nepal has assured that it will not allow its territory to be used for any activity against India.

#### **Pilgrim corridor upto Gurudwara Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan**

1408. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Punjab has requested the Central Government and Pakistan to give a pilgrim corridor upto Gurudwara Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan which is only two kilometers away from border;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government has taken up the issue with their Pakistani counter part;