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China issuing visa for Arunachal Pradesh and Siachin area

2182. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) it is a fact that China is issuing visa for Tabang area of Arunachal Pradesh and Siachin area of India which are integral part of India; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

America purchasing debris of Ramsetu

†2183. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that America was willing to purchase the debris of Ramsetu and an agreement to this effect was also reached upon between USA and India;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement; and

(c) whether this agreement is still in force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED) : (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Capabilities of Afghan security forces

2184. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is committed to building the capabilities of Afghan security forces;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.