

Problem faced by Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar

2094. DR. K. KESHA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has raised the problem faced by Rohingya Muslims to the Government of Myanmar, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Ministry believes that the situation would have any effects on India, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V. K. SINGH]: (a) and (b) Developments in Rakhine State of Myanmar, including the importance of maintaining communal harmony, has been discussed on various occasions with Government of Myanmar. Government of Myanmar has conveyed that it has undertaken several political, economic and social reforms in the past few years and also carried out development projects and humanitarian assistance in Rakhine State. It has been working closely and cooperating with the international community in this regard.

As part of our support for the relief, rehabilitation and community building measures being undertaken in the affected areas, Government of India has extended humanitarian assistance worth US\$ 1 million to the Government of Myanmar. 10 schools have been constructed with this assistance in the State of Rakhine.

Indo-Bangladesh talks

2095. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister had talks with his Bangladesh counterpart in August 2015; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussions with regard to bilateral agreements and infiltration into India, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V. K. SINGH]: (a) Prime Minister held brief talks with Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina, during her visit to New Delhi on 19th August 2015 to attend the funeral of Smt. Suvra Mukherjee, wife of President Pranab Mukherjee.

(b) During the meeting, the two leaders reviewed the progress in implementation of the India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement and spoke about further steps

to enhance regional connectivity. Prime Minister also invited Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to pay an official visit to India at the earliest.

Visit of delegation of Chinese officials

2096. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of Chinese officials visited India recently to discuss matters of common interests with a view to find out solutions to outstanding issues; and

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V. K. SINGH]: (a) and (b) A delegation led by Chinese Vice President Li Yuanchao visited India from 3-7 November 2015. He had a meeting with Vice President Shri Hamid Ansari and called on the Prime Minister. The discussions with Chinese Vice President were comprehensive and substantive. Various issues of mutual interest were discussed in a frank, cordial and friendly manner. Both sides reiterated their commitment to addressing bilateral issues through dialogue and peaceful negotiations and in a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable manner.

A Chinese military delegation led by General Fan Changlong, Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission visited India from 15-17 November 2015. General Fan Changlong held talks with Raksha Mantri and Chief of Army Staff and called on the Prime Minister. The two sides agreed that peace and tranquillity in border areas is the cornerstone for smooth development of bilateral relations. They agreed to further enhance communication and exchanges between the two armed forces and operationalize additional Border Personnel Meeting points.

Mistakes in history books

2097. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the National Council of Education Research and Training is looking into the 182 alleged mistakes in its history books prescribed for Classes VI to XII, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that a scientific analysis and study of history textbook found more than 250 false facts and incorrect assertions; and

(c) whether it is also true that many RTI applications were filed by many people to enquire about the source of assertions in the history books, if so, the details thereof?