

Laying of railway line by China upto India through Nepal

2004. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards Chinese intention to lay railway line till Bihar through Nepal; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH): (a) Government has not received any concrete information in this context.

(b) Does not arise.

Safety of Indians in Turkey

2005. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Indian sportspersons were safely lifted to India after the recent attempted coup in Turkey, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government ensured safety for other Indian nationals who are in Turkey, with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. J. AKBAR): (a) A contingent from India consisting of 148 players and 38 officials were in Turkey to take part in the World Schools Gymnasiade from 11-18 July, 2016. The entire contingent returned safely to India on commercial flights and there was no need for any special arrangement for lifting them to India.

(b) There are no reports of casualties or injuries to Indian nationals during the coup attempt. As a precautionary measure, security advisories were issued for Indian nationals living in and visiting Turkey. Emergency contact numbers of Embassy of India Ankara and Consulate General of India Istanbul were publicized.

Concession to pilgrims of Mansarovar Yatra, 2017

†2006. DR. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to give concession to pilgrims of Mansarovar Yatra, if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.