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also instructed the Indian Missions in Iraq, Jordan and Kuwait to extend all possible assistance to the Indians in Iraq wishing to return to India.

Unsafe Atomic Establishments

†2440. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a solution to the danger of Atomic war between India and Pakistan has been found out;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Atomic Establishments in Pakistan are not safe and they are within reach of the terrorists; and

(d) if so, the arrangements being made by Government to deal with this situation.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Expert level talks on Nuclear Confidence Building Measures between India and Pakistan were held in New Delhi on 19-20 June, 2004. The two sides agreed to establish a hotline between the Foreign Secretaries and improve communication links between the Director Generals of Military Operations. They also agreed to work towards an agreement on pre-notification of missile tests.

(c) and (d) There have been concerns expressed in this regard. Government constantly monitors developments in our neighbourhood and takes measures to safeguard the country's security interests.

Discrimination in the name of airport security

2441. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether harassment and active discrimination against Asian and other non whites in the name of airport security has been reported by a Delhi Architect woman in July 2004; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.