

Dedicated Community Services in the field of TB and/or HIV/AIDS. India offered to host a meeting this year of experts and community workers, train paramedics from the SAARC countries, and also offered to send medical vans and mobile awareness units to each of the SAARC countries.

The above proposals were endorsed by other SAARC countries.

(c) The meeting strengthened regional cooperation within the SAARC framework. The next SAARC meeting at Dhaka in January, 2005 will monitor the implementation of the decisions arrived at in the Summit of January, 2004 and the 25th Council of Ministers Meeting in July, 2004.

Israeli Trade Consulate in Mumbai

2453. SHRI LALIT SURI. Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Israel has decided to open a Trade Consulate in Mumbai;
- (b) if so, by when, the Consulate is expected to start functioning;
- (c) whether India has also decided to open a Trade Consulate in Israel; and
- (d) if so, the name of the place and by when the same would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) No.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No.
- (d) Does not arise.

Arrest of fishermen in neighbouring countries

2454. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

- (a) the number of fishermen arrested by our neighbouring countries till now;
- (b) what remedial actions, like providing compensation to poor fishermen who are in deep grief due to loss of their boats, have been taken by Government to save the families of poor fishermen; and