Written Answers to

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celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, October 2, as the International Day of Nonviolence. Indian Missions abroad will celebrate Gandhi Jayanti in a special manner to mark the first observance of the International Day of Non-Violence on October 2,2007. These celebrations will involve friends interested in Mahatma Gandhi and his message of peace, truth and non-violence. Special commemoration activities are also being organised on October 2, 2007 at the United Nations in New York to observe this historic occasion.

Registration of case by CBI for re-routing international calls as local calls

*174. SHRI UDAYPRATAP SINGH:

SHRI VIRENDRA BHATIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI had registered a case against the officials of erstwhile Reliance Infocom in September 2006 regarding rerouting of international calls as local, which caused extensive loss of revenue to Government; and

(b) the status of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information received from CBI, the investigation of the case has not been completed as on date and CBI is making all efforts to complete the investigation at the earliest. It is not possible to define any time limit for completion of the investigation.

Population living on borders

†*175. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China in an agreement had agreed two years ago that both the countries would protect the interests of their population settled in the border areas while sorting out the solution of border dispute;

(b) whether it is also a fact that China is now backing out of its said promise; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the steps being taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (c) The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the People's Republic of China signed the Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of the India-China Boundary Question in New

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.