

(a) whether Government are considering the proposal for increasing the rate of central assistance for the development of Darjeeling hill areas in the Seventh Plan ; and

(b) if so, what would be the main thrust of this assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b). Increased allocation of Central assistance for the hill areas, including Darjeeling, will be considered at the time of formulation of the Seventh Plan.

Funds for uplifting of tribals

1195. SHRI M. MOHFOOZ ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any assessment about the achievements made so far in the upliftment of tribals in various parts of the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of funds allocated by Government for tribal development during the Sixth Plan period and the actual amount spent by the State Governments on the programmes ; and

(c) the nature of the existing machinery, if any, to monitor the implementation of the programmes and to what extent it has proved effective in carrying out its tasks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir. As against revised target of 27.59 lakh families, 39.67 lakh families have been assisted under economic schemes during the Sixth Plan period upto December, 1984.

(b) Assessment of tribal development efforts through selected individual sectoral evaluation studies was made, such as Evaluation of Large-Sized Agricultural Multi-Purpose Cooperative Societies by

Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management, Pune in 1982, Evaluation of administrative structure in Integrated Tribal Development Projects by Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi in 1981 and an inter-state study on Tribal Education by the Centre for Social Studies, Surat in 1984. The Tribal Research Institutes have also conducted a good number of selective evaluation studies in Various States. The working group on Tribal Development during the Seventh Five Year Plan reviewed tribal development during the Sixth Five Year Plan. The Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and the Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes also examine tribal development programmes and incorporate their views/recommendations in their Annual Reports placed in both Houses of Parliament periodically. The total outlay for tribal development during the Sixth Plan period is about Rs. 5,535 crores which includes Special Central Assistance of Rs 485.50 crores. Expenditure out of State Plan resources during Sixth Plan is estimated to be about Rs. 3,520 crores.

(c) The programmes on tribal development are implemented by the State Governments. In the Ministry of Home Affairs, there is a Monitoring Cell to monitor the implementation of the programmes periodically. Each State having Tribal population have their own monitoring set-up under their charge. The working of the Monitoring Cell at the Centre and at the States is proving effective.

Conversion of Bangalore Airport into International Airport

1196. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of passengers of Bangalore City and Karnataka State are experiencing great hardship due to Bangalore Airport not being an International Airport ; and

(b) whether Government propose to convert the existing Bangalore Airport

into an International airport since Bangalore has become big industrial and commercial centre with a number of public sector industries of the Union Government located there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) :

(a) Indian Airlines have a wide network of daily flights between Bangalore and the international airports of Bombay, Delhi and Madras from where passengers of Bangalore can get convenient connections on International flights,

(b) No, Sir. Such a proposal is not presently under consideration.

Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland Men Escape to Burma

1197. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARYA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news report appeared in the Telegraph dated 23rd February, 1985 regarding escape of the Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland men to Burma;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On February 18, 1985, a vehicle belonging to the Security Forces proceeding from Kangpat to Kamjong village in the Ukhrul District was ambushed by a group of Naga undergrounds belonging to the National Socialist Council of Naga and (NSCN) near Nampisha village about 10 Kms. South of Chassed. 13 SF personnel (including a JCO) and a Circle Officer of the village Volunteers Force (VVF) were killed and

one of the two VVF personnel travelling in the vehicle was injured while the other managed to escape. The NSCN undergrounds also carried away some arms and ammunition besides the belongings of the ambushed personnel. The undergrounds are reported to have escaped to Burma.

(c) Security on the border has been tightened and strict vigil is being maintained on the trans-border movement of extremists.

Six Nation Summit Appeal for Nuclear Disarmament

1198. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAIN SINHA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Six-nation summit appeal for nuclear disarmament has received any response from the nuclear Powers ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps being taken to keep up the pressure on the nuclear powers to dismantle their nuclear weapons ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) :

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The USSR has supported the Delhi Declaration and has expressed its solidarity with the approach expressed in it. China has also welcomed the Declaration but has reiterated its position that the USA and USSR must first reduce their nuclear arsenals substantially before China is brought into the process.

The U.S.A. has said that it respects "the sincerity of purpose and commitment to peace of the six world statesman who have issued the Declaration" but has expressed reservations about the steps outlined in the Declaration.

There has been no official reaction from the U.K. and France.

(c) The Government of India are continuing their efforts in the Conference