

- (d) Formulation of Action Plan for 1991-92, and
- (e) Formulation of the programmes for the Decade and identification of a procedure for this purpose.

**Relationship between India and Soviet Union**

2312. SHRI V.S.  
VJAYARAGHAVAN:  
SHRI HARIBHAI M. PATEL:  
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:  
SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D.  
CHAVAN:  
DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI  
PAWAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any shift in USSR's relations with India after the far reaching changes in that country during the last few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether USSR had voted against India and in favour of Pakistan in the UN General Assembly Resolution on establishment of a Nuclear Free Zone in South Asia;

(d) whether the Government had taken up the matter with that country;

(e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(f) whether this voting is seen as a major shift in Soviet Policy towards India; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINGH SOLANKI): (a). No, Sir. However, political and economic

restructuring in the USSR is proceeding at a very rapid pace. Some difficulties have, therefore, arisen in certain spheres of bilateral cooperation. During External Affairs Minister's official visit to Moscow from 14-18 November 1991 EAM was assured by President Gorbachev and other senior Soviet leaders that the USSR stands by all its commitments to India. This was confirmed by President Yeltsin of the Russian Federation.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The External Affairs Minister had raised the matter both with the Soviet Minister for External Relations and the Russian Foreign Minister during his visit to Moscow from 14-18 November 1991 and conveyed to them Government's disappointment at this change of stance. They had given reasons for their change of vote and had stated that this change did not detract in any way from the importance attached by the Soviet Union to Indo-Soviet relations.

(f) No. Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

[Translation]

**Payments made by DMS to Milk Co-Operative Societies**

2313. SHRI TARA CHAND  
KHANDELWAL:  
SHRI RAM SAGAR:  
SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Milk Scheme have