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6.	Jamnagar	Devadlaya, Chirodesand	—	—
7.	Junagadh	—	—	—
8.	Meheana	Khidedlari	—	—
9.	Rajkot	—	—	—
10.	Panchmahal	Thala Belpura Mataraviyyas	Malvan Choghamba	—
11.	Sabarkantha	Vandhol	—	—
12.	Surat	—	KIM Char Rasta	KIM Char Rasta
13.	Vadodara	Sindhi Kuva Vankala	—	—
14.	Valsad	Lakadbari Chotan	—	—

[Translation]

### Hindu Pilgrims to Pak

999. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:  
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:  
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA:  
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the harassment of Indian Hindu Pilgrims visiting Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in the matter;

(c) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the reports regarding alleged atrocities being committed on minorities including Hindus in Pakistan and Bangladesh and temples being demolished there; and

(d) if so, the effective steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government are aware of impediments and difficulties faced by Indian Hindu pilgrims visiting Pakistan. Government have taken up this matter with Pakistan and have repeatedly urged Pakistan to fulfil its commitments under the provisions of the Protocol on Visits to Religious Shrines signed between India and Pakistan in 1974.

(c) and (d) Government have seen reports on various types of difficulties discrimination and hardships faced by minorities including Hindus, in Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Protection of Pakistani and Bangladesh citizens, including those belonging to the minority communities, is the responsibility of the respective Governments. It is their duty to protect the rights of their citizens.

[English]

### India's Membership in UN Security Council

1000. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:  
SHRI RAM NAIK:  
SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR:  
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in 'the Navbharat Times' dated February 11, 1995 captioned "Suraksha Parishad Seat Ko Kashmir Se Joda"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have seen the statement of the US official under reference. India's views on the restructuring of the UN Security Council are well known to the international community.

### Visit of Iranian President

1001. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether relations between India and Iran have improved in recent years;

(b) whether any misunderstanding cropped up between the two countries as Iran's president cancelled his proposed Indian trip; and

(c) if so, whether India is trying to repair the damage?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The bilateral cooperation between India and Iran has significantly expanded in the recent period. The cooperation which has acquired a multi-faceted character, is of mutual benefit and advantage to the two countries and constitutes a factor of peace and stability in the region.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.