

0315 hrs, when the BSF troops were advancing to search the area, after an encounter with 5 intruders from Pakistan which resulted in the death of 2 intruders while the remaining 3 managed to escape.

(b) A strong protest was lodged by the BSF with the Wing Commander of Pak Rangers regarding the above incident of firing by Pak Rangers on BSF troops.

(c) Pak Rangers had lodged a counterprotest denying their involvement in the incident and had blamed the BSF for firing on their troops. This was denied by BSF

#### **Study About Economic Conditions of Handloom Workers in West Bengal**

1024. DR. PHULRENU GUHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted about the economic conditions of the handloom workers in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, a census of handlooms at the National level is being conducted all over the country, including West Bengal. The census is expected to throw-up important data about the economic conditions of the handloom weavers.

#### **Selection of Locations for Shrimp Farming In Gujarat**

1025. SHRI D.P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any locations have been selected in Gujarat to set up shrimp farming; and

(b) if so, the details of such locations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI): (a) and (b). Marine Products Export Development Authority has conducted microlevel survey of three areas in Gujarat for shrimp farming and have located the following sites suitable for shrimp farming:-

Onjal	-	304.44 hectare.
Matwad	-	200 hectare.
Mahuasa	-	340 hectare.

#### **PM's Visit to U. S. S. R.**

1026. DR. B. L. SHAILESH:  
SHRI SHARAD DIGHE:  
SHRI R. M. BHOYE:  
SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE  
PATIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the subjects discussed with Soviet leaders during the Prime Minister's recent visit to the USSR;

(b) whether any agreements were also signed to promote cooperation between Indian and the USSR; and

(c) if so, areas of cooperation in which agreements were signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) The subjects discussed comprised bilateral, regional and international issues.

(b) and (c). Prime Minister signed an Integrated long term Programme of Cooperation in Science and Technology with General Secretary Mr. M. S. Gorbachev. The Programme consists of 3 basic parts: (i) thrust areas related to frontiers of science and technology; (ii) basic research in selected areas of fundamental science; and (iii) cooperation in futuristic areas of science and technology. The areas of cooperation include biotechnology and immunology, materials science and technology, laser