

(d) whether Government intend to send a team in future, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what other plans have been drawn by Government to improve India-China relations by cultural, Industrial and intellectual exchanges and visits during 1983-84?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO):** (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The visit of the Indian delegation was cancelled, following consultations with Government, as the atmosphere had been vitiated by the New China News Agency commentary on the performance of dances from Arunachal Pradesh at the closing ceremony of the Ninth Asian Games.

(c) The officially-sponsored delegation which was to attend the commemorative activities in China on the death anniversaries of the late Doctors Kotnis and Atal was composed of Shri B. R. Bhagat MP, Dr. Subramaniam Swamy MP and Shrimati Rajan Nehru.

(d) Since the commemorative activities in memory of Doctors Atal and Kotnis have ended, the question of sending a delegation does not now arise.

(e) The exchanges with China in various fields are being maintained and progressively developed *inter alia* through the official talks now under way.

**Research Centre for Specialised treatment of Leprosy**

5313. **SHRI NARSING SURYAWANSHI:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no National Research Centre in the country for specialised treatment of Leprosy; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI):** (a) and (b) No. There is a Central Leprosy Teaching and Research Institute of Government of India at Chingleput (Tamil Nadu).

**Leprosy Treatment Centres in Co-operation of World Health Organisation**

5314. **SHRI NARSING SURYAWANSHI:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government in cooperation with World Health Organisation propose to set up Leprosy treatment centres in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI):** (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

**Russian withdrawal from Afghanistan**

5315. **SHRI ANAND SINGH:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen a news item published in the 'Hindu' dated 1 December, 1982 under the caption "UN demands Soviet pull out of Afghanistan";

(b) the names of the countries who tabled the resolution, the text of the resolution about withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan; and

(c) the names of the countries which voted in favour, against or abstained from voting in U.N. over the discussion?