

रेल मन्त्री (श्री ए० बी० ए० गनी खां चौधरी) : (क) इस दुर्घटना में कोई व्यक्ति घायल नहीं हुआ ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(घ) केवल एक डिब्बे को क्षति हुई । रेल सम्पत्ति को हुई क्षति की लागत का अनुमान 12,200 रु० लगाया गया है ।

No War Pact and Treaty of Peace with Pakistan

909. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan's proposal of a no-war-pact and India's offer of a treaty of peace, friendship and co-operation, have since been examined at appropriate levels ;

(b) if so, levels at which such discussion had taken place ; and

(c) the results thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) to (c) Discussions have been held on various occasions on India's proposal of a treaty of peace, friendship and cooperation and Pakistan's proposal of a no-war-pact. However, differences remain in certain areas.

During Foreign Minister's visit to Pakistan, from 1—4 June, 1983 both sides reiterated the commitment of their Governments to hold further discussions at an early mutually agreed date.

New Steps to Save Taj from Pollution

910. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN :
SHRI P. RAJGOPAL NAIDU :
SARI ABDUL RASHID
KABULI :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new steps have been taken to save Taj Mahal from pollution threat ; and

(b) what are the details of the steps taken ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) The following new steps have been taken :—

1. In addition to various steps recommended by the High Powered Committee like closing of the thermal power plant, dieselization of railway engine and planting of green belt around the Taj of those trees having the power to absorb sulphur-di-oxide and to reduce the velocity of the particulate matter, the Survey on its side has recently installed very powerful sophisticated Sulphur-di-oxide monitors at Taj & Sikandra whose sensibility range is .05 to 1 part per million as well as in micrograms/m³. The measurement of sulphation rate, the analysis of rain water, the analysis of the particulate matter the cationic analysis, the measurement of wind direction and wind velocity, the measurement of both primary and secondary steps are also being done.
2. New preservatives in addition to previous ones are being tried.
3. Cleaning of marble by Attapul-gite technique has been introduced. The marble work facing west has been cleaned using the process of absorption. Peripheral wall is being taken up for cleaning this year under the current sanctioned Revised Conservation Programme.
4. High pressure particulate method would also be introduced during this year on receipt of equipment.