

certain forces there who would also like to create some trouble. But by and large the people of India, the Government of India and the Ruling Party at the Centre are determined to keep the relations on a friendly note and therefore we would expect that the Government of Nepal and the people of Nepal act in the larger interests of the sub-continent and do not give room for any suspicion or create any cause of tension because tension between India and Nepal would be detrimental to the cause not only of India and Nepal, but to the cause of world peace and to the cause of Asian peace and therefore, it is paramount for us to understand this and the Nepalese Government should take steps when there is still time. India has a warm heart, India has an open mind and therefore, we do not want to dampen that spirit we do not want to close that mind on our brethren in Nepal. We hope that the atmosphere would improve in the days to come, as there are reports that Kathmandu is willing to talk to us.

Sir, the most laudable achievement on our part in the realm of our relations with our neighbouring countries has been with respect to Sri Lanka. The IPKF has belied all prophets of doom. Earlier it was said 'Well, Sri Lanka won't have elections to Parliament Sri Lanka won't have elections to the provincial councils and there will be bloodshed.' And the forces which are opposed to any kind of democratic functioning would thwart the entire process of election. Sir, it goes to the credit of our own IPKF, our forces who have had sometimes to sacrifice their own lives. We have lost many sons in their blooming youth, but they have preserved the spirit and the atmosphere and they have been able to perform the task for which they were sent. Elections were held, it was a coincidence, but it was a fortunate coincidence that the elections were held on 19th November which happened to be the birthday of our late Prime Minister, Shrimati Indira Gandhi. So, democracy was restored in the face of threat, in the face of bullets, the ballot received a victory and this was mainly due to our role, the role of IPKF in Sri Lanka. I know that in Sri Lanka also there were people who

were spreading all sorts of hatred and confusion regarding the role and intention of India. But ultimately the withdrawal of IPKF has started and also the return of Tamils, over 40,000 from India to Sri Lanka, has proved the one point that India is one country in the world that does not want to interfere in the internal function of any other nation, but is willing to stand by a friend. Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's clasping the hand of friendship in the case of president Jayewardene is a symbol of Asian unity and fellow feeling that has strengthened the Asian spirit and prevented the people who were having a greedy eye on Sri Lankan soil and wanted to establish their bases on that sacred soil. Again, the words of Lord Buddha have proved beneficial both for India and Sri Lanka as they have provided a bridge in the case of India and China.

Sir, our operation in Maldives has brought glory to our country and all countries of the world have appreciated the role of the Indian Forces in de-escalating tension there and in restoring normalcy. Sir, on this occasion we would pay a tribute to our soldiers for their role in Sri Lanka as well as in Maldives.

Sir, I would congratulate the Government of India and the Prime Minister for the election of Justice Pathak to the august office of the Judge of the International Court of Justice, Hague.

Much against confusion being spread, we have been able to record this victory which was due to us, because the term of our own person, Justice Narendra Singh, was to expire three year later.

19.00 hrs.

EXTENSION OF TIME OF THE SITTING
OF THE HOUSE — *Contd.*

[English]

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY
(Mahbubnagar): Are you extending the House?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is not yet 7 O'clock. He is speaking now.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN- TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF IN- FORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): Sir, I propose that the sitting of the House be extended till 7.30 p.m.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: What for?

SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT: For discussion on the Demands for Grants on the Ministry of External Affairs.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: We oppose it. You cannot extend the House to announce a diabolical decision.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: About the extension, it is the wish of the whole House. It is for all of you to decide.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: I oppose it.

Then I will put to the vote of the House.

SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT: I beg to move:

"That the sitting of the house be ex- tended till 7.30 p.m."

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The ques- tion is:

"That the sitting of the House be ex- tended till 7.30 p.m."

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: They want to announce a diabolical decision...(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Minister has moved the motion. It is left to the House to accept it or reject it. If you are opposing, you have the right to oppose it. But ultimately it is the wish of the House that would prevail.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: I oppose the extension.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Do you press for a division?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Yes, Sir.(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Let the Lob- bies be cleared- The Lobbies have been cleared.

"That the sitting of the House be ex- tended till 7.30 P.M."

The Lok Sabha divided

19.08 hrs.

Division No. 3

AYES

Akhtar Hasan, Shri

Ansari, Shri Z.R.

Arunachalam, Shri M.

Baitha, Shri D.L.

Bajpai, Dr. Rajendra Kumari

Basavarajeswari, Shrimati

Basavaraju, Shri G.S.

Bhagat Shri B.R.

Bhagat, Shri H.K.L

Brahma Dutt, Shri

Buta Singh, S.

Charles, Shri A.

Chidambaram, Shri P.

Choudhari, Shrimati usha

Dalbir Singh, Shri

Dev, Shri Sontosh Mohan

Patil, Shri shivraj V.

Dikshit, Shrimati Sheila

Patil, Shri Veerendra

Jaffar Sharief, Shri

Patil, Shri Vijay N.

Jain, Shri Nihal Singh

Pilot, Shri Rajesh

Jeevarathinam, Shri R.

Poojary, Shri Janardhana

Jena Shri Chintamani

Rai, Shri I. Rama

Jitendra prasada, Shri

Rao, Shri P. V. Narasimha

Khan, Shri Mohd. Ayub (Jhunjunir)

Rawat, Shri Harish

Khatti, Shri Nirmal

Sahi, Shrimati Krishna

Kujur, Shri Maurice

Sait, Shri Azeez

Kunjambu, shri

Sakargaym, Shri Kalicharan

Kurien, Prof. P.J.

Scindia, Shri Madhavrao

Mahabir Prasad, Shri

Sethi, Shri Ananta prasad

Mahajan, Shri Y.S.

Sharma, Shri Nawal Kishore

Malik, Shri Dharampal Singh

Sidnal, Shri S. B.

Malviya, Shri Bapulal

Singh, Shri K. N.

Mohanty, Shri Brajamohan

Sukh Ram, Shri

Naik, Shri G. Devaraya

Sukhbuns Kaur, Shrimati

Namgyal, Shri P.

Sultanpuri, Shri K.D.

Narayanan, shri K.R.

Tomar, Shrimati Usha Rani

Natwar Singh, Shri K.

Tombi Singh, Shri N.

Odeyar, Shri Channaiah

Vyas, Shri Girdhari Lal

Oraon, Shrimati Sumati

Yadav, Shri Mahabir Prasad

Parashar, prof. Narain Chand

NOES

Paswan, Shri Ram Bhagat

Kurup, Shri Suresh

Patil, Shri Balasaheb Vikhe

Panika, Shri Ram Pyare

Reddy, Shri S. Jaipal

Shahabuddin, Shri Syed

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: *Subject to correction, the result of the division is:

Ayes = 64

Noes = 04

The motion was adopted

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[English]

(ii) Ministry of External affairs—
Contd.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: You can continue, Prof. Narain Chand Parashar.

PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR (Hamirpur): I was referring to the notable achievement of the election of Justice Patthak in the International Court of Justice.

In the various other UN organisations, India has had a very remarkable achievement this year. 1988 was declared as the Year of the United Nations. (*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: When the Member is speaking, don't disturb him.

PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: It is, therefore, in keeping with that spirit that the Nobel prize for peace for 1988 was awarded to the UN Peace keeping Forces and also the Jawaharlal Nehru prize for International Understanding was given to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Perez de Cuellar.

All these are the steps that point out towards the rich contribution made by India

for the internationalisation and maintenance of world peace and also for the betterment of international understanding.

Look at the contribution of India towards the Africa Fund. Look at the dawn of freedom in Namibia and similar other situations like the cessation of war between Iran and Iraq and the withdrawal of Russian troops from the territory of Afghanistan.

These are some of the hallmarks which highlight our initiatives in the field of foreign policy.

Not only this. Even about Kampuchea, we are having signs of hope and the day is not far off when a solution to the Kampuchean problem would be available and would be found out. It would be with this extended arm of Indian diplomacy that we will be able to solve this knotty problem also. We have been getting cooperation and goodwill from all parts of the world for this. We are sure that this onward march to peace would continue. In other spheres also, we have been making tremendous progress. We have not thought of any aggression on our neighbours but we have thought of extending our technical know-how, expertise to all parts of the world

Sir, look at our rich contributions made towards the development of Bhutan. In the year under review—this year—the flight between PARO and Delhi of the Bhutanese Druk Airlines has started. So, there is an air-communication between Bhutan and India. There have been contributions made by Indian experts in the field of Telecommunications, Hydrol Survey, Forestry, Education and also in various other fields. Similarly, the holding of SAARC Summit has also been a step which has been appreciated all over the world and strengthened the non-aligned movement. The Prime Minister has been moving around the world scattering the fragrance of goodwill from one capital of the world to another. He visited Spain. He visited Italy. Our efforts in scattering the fragrance of friendship with the USSR have

*The following members also recorded their votes for AYES.

Shri Chintamani Panigrahi, Ch. Lachhi Ram, Dr. Phulrenu Guha, Shri Ram Singh Yadav, Shrimati Manemma Anjiah, Shri Mohd. Ayub Khan (Vdhampur).