

[Shri Eduardo Faleiro]

they do not pertain in any manner to the subject of discussion. Hon. Member Mr. Rath has raised the question of the intrusion on the Eastern sector which is nothing to do with this road, which is thousands of miles away.

SHRI SOMNATH RATA (Aska) : I mentioned about widening this road.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : No amount of widening this road can take us—from this point here to the extreme point of China, to this point. In no way, can it go there. It is entirely a separate issue and a different and distinct area.

Similarly, I am afraid Aksaichin is really not a subject matter of discussion because the road does not pass through. It is in a different area.

SHRI SOMNATH RATH : This is concerning the defence of the country. This is not concerning with the road.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : I will give to the hon. Member, a map, if need be, which I have in front of me.

SHRI P. NAMGYAL (Ladakh) : It means, you are giving away Aksaichin to China, the area of 35,500 sq. kilo. which is illegally occupied by China.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Mr. Namgyal, you take your seat.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Mr. Namgyal comes from near that area. We should appreciate his feeling. But the road does not pass through.

SHRI SOMNATH RATH : It is not concerning the road only. It is concerning the defence of the country. That is most important. It cannot be evaded by saying this is not concerned ; that is not concerned. It is concerning the defence of the country, which is very very vital. In that sense, the hon. Minister should tell us.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : He is telling ; he is replying.

SHRI SOMNATH RATH : How the Minister is only saying: this is not concerned ; that is not concerned.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : I appreciate the feelings, particularly of

Mr. Namgyal who comes from near Aksaichin but not from near the road. In response, I must respond differently to the hon. Members. In this context, without going to the actual geographical location of these areas which are in dispute between us and China, which do not form part of the discussion, I must say, yes, we are trying to establish friendship and cooperation with all our neighbours that include China. The question of settlement of boundary dispute is of paramount importance. It is necessary that while we are making efforts to establish friendly relations with our neighbours, our neighbours should reciprocate. As far as China is concerned, it is the policy of our Government to seek the normalisation of our bilateral relations with that country. Friendship between India and China is necessary for maintenance of peace and stability in Asia. We realise that pending a just and satisfactory settlement of boundary question—however, the Members have made a reference full normalisation of Indo-China relations cannot be achieved. However, we shall continue to strive for a peaceful settlement of the boundary question. It is our desire to maintain peace and tranquility all along the Indo-China border and to resolve problems which arise, through consultation and negotiations.

18.05 hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
[English]

Thirtieth Report

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SHEILA DIKSHIT) : Sir, I beg to present the Thirtieth Report of the Business Advisory Committee.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11 A.M.

18.06 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the clock on Thursday, November 20, 1986/Kartika 29, 1908 (Saka)