

(f) if so, the main reasons for delay in its introduction in India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) and (d). A team from the Ministry of Health & F.W. had visited Vietnam for discussing data pertaining to the ongoing retro-spective study to acceptors of quinacrine as a method of non-surgical female sterilisation. As the study sample was too small for any definite conclusions Government of Vietnam are proposing to conduct a larger study of similar nature.

(e) and (f). Clinical trial to find suitability of quinacrine for Indian women has not been conducted.

12.02 hrs.

CANCELLATION OF THE SITTING OF THE HOUSE ON FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1995

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) : Today in the meeting of the Leaders that you had convened it was decided that sitting of our House of Friday will be cancelled and there would be no sitting on Friday. Then, the reply of the hon. Prime Minister to the Demands for Grants of the Defence Ministry would be taken up after the Question Hour on Monday. Thereafter, the question of taking up the next Ministry was also considered and it was decided that we should take up the Ministry of Communications instead of Ministry of External Affairs.

I hope this meets with the approval of the House.

MR. SPEAKER : Yes.

SHRI INDER JIT (Darjeeling) : What about External Affairs?...*(Interruption)*.

12.04 hrs.

RE : INCIDENT OF FIRE IN CHARAR-E-SHARIEF

[Translation]

SHRI SHARAD YADAV (Madhepur) : Sir, the problem of Jammu and Kashmir has been agitating the minds of the people of India. The complex question of Charar-e-Sharief which is a wooden structure and which has been set afire has also been engaging attention for some time now. According to electronic and other media reports large quantities of explosives and sophisticated weapons are stored there. Militants are camping inside the shrine. This has been assuming serious proportions as a result, the Kashmir question has been

internationalised. After the disintegration of USSR, this problem of Kashmir has been made an issue all over the world by U.S.A. I wish Government should have shared before hand full information with this House. The shrine had been set afire earlier. The fire was extinguished. But the same has been set afire again. So, I would like to know the situation prevailing there. How many terrorists are there inside there shrine, what quantity of amantion is dumped there? The people, the country is entitled to know the exact information. Sir, I wish Government had made a statement before I rose to speak. I have raised this issue on the basis of press reports. The entire national is agitated.

We are going to hold elections in Kashmir. The hon. Prime Minister has been holding discussions with leaders and impressing upon them that there is ground reality for elections. But the situation is explosive. I would, therefore, request the Government to make a statement in this House. Second incident of fire has taken place and if the militants succeed in exploding the Charar-e-Sharief, we will be put to a great loss. This will affect our plan of holding elections.

[English]

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Chittorgarh) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the whole complex question of what is happening in Charar-e-Sharief and the continued bewildering silence of the Government has been raised by us and given voice to by us on numerous earlier occasions. On what account and by what action this last incident has taken place, wherein reportedly three hundred houses have been gutted, is still unclear. The question that arises is why is the Government permitting in this weak-willed and weak-kneed fashion, the continued occupation of part of the Indian territory by self-proclaimed foreign mercenaries.

Secondly, till today we do not know under what kind of an overall pattern or scheme is the Government moving to have those terrorists removed from Charar-e-Sharief.

Thirdly, the Government, every now and then, through the media of newspapers, lets the country know that they are offerig a safe passage to these foreign mercenaries to go back to Pakistan, and every time this offer by the Government of India is humiliatingly rejected by those very mercenaries.

Fourthly, if this incident has now taken place in Charar-e-sharief, as obviously it has, what is the cause behind it? Newspaper accounts say... *(Interruptions)*. Sir, there is too much non-Charar-e-Sharief condition prevailing in the House.

MR. SPEAKER : That is my feeling also, but everybody should cooperate with us.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH : I know, Sir. I have only casually mentioned this fact.