

complete until we get satisfaction about our borders. That is very clear. I cannot say anything more than that at this stage.

**SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH:** Is the Prime Minister in a position to assure the House that this dispute will be resolved only through bilateral talks, direct bilateral talks, and that no other nation, no other country, no other Government, will be brought into the picture?

**MR. SPEAKER:** In Call-Attention, you are to put only one question.

**SHRI HARI VISHNU KAMATH:** This follows from my first question; it is only a follow-up. I am the only one today in Call-Attention.

**SHRI MORARJI DESAI:** May I assure my hon. friend that, in no disagreement between us and any other country, we will allow any third country to interfere?

12.25 hrs.

#### PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

**MR. SPEAKER:** I have to inform the House that, under Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure, I have nominated the following persons as Members of Panel of Chairmen—

- (1) Shri Dhirendranath Basu
- (2) Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan
- (3) Dr. Sushila Nayar
- (4) Shri Ram Murti
- (5) Shri M. Satyanarayan Rao
- (6) Shri N. K. Shejwalkar.

12.26 hrs.

#### STATEMENT RE. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER'S VISIT TO MAURITIUS

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I

visited Mauritius from 10th to 14th March in response to the invitation extended to me by Prime Minister of Mauritius, Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, to participate in the celebrations of the 10th Anniversary of the Independence of Mauritius.

The House is aware of the close, friendly and historic relations that have existed between India and Mauritius. Ethnic ties between the majority of the inhabitants of Mauritius and of the people of India have established a relationship which has been sustained over all these years by intense cultural contacts and is acquiring contemporary relevance through increasing functional cooperation in economic, scientific and technical fields between our two countries.

**SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU (Diamond Harbour):** Did you find out the treasure taken out of the country?

**SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:** Mauritius is our neighbour linked to us by the Indian Ocean. It is an active member of the organisation of African Unity, and, like us, a member of the Non-aligned fraternity of nations and a developing country facing similar problems. It was, therefore, with a feeling of great happiness and a sense of duty that I accepted the invitation to visit Mauritius.

Before I reached Mauritius, I had a transit stop at Mahe, the Capital city of Seychelles. The Foreign Minister of Seychelles, Mr. Guy Simon, received me at the Airport and we were able to use the short time that was available to us for discussing possibilities of establishing and further strengthening of cooperation between India and Seychelles in the fields of agriculture, education, small-scale industries and health. Specific areas of cooperation had been identified during the recent visit of a delegation from Seychelles led by their Minister of Ports and Works, Mr. Loizeau.