

India's Request to Pakistan to Hand over Terrorists Taking Shelter in Pakistan

10304. SHRICHIRANJILAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ask Pakistan Government to hand over the terrorists who are taking shelter in Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). Our serious concerns regarding Pakistan's involvement with terrorism directed against India, including terrorists directed against India, including terrorists taking shelter in Pakistan and POK, have been conveyed to Pakistan on several occasions. It is regretted that Pakistan has not addressed our concerns in this regard.

Revocation of Passports

10305. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passports that have been revoked during 1989-90;

(b) the reasons for revoking those passports;

(c) the number of applications received by Government for reconsideration of such revocation;

(d) the Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be

placed on Table of the House.

Committee on Agricultural Policies

10306. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Advisory Committee on matters relating to Agricultural Policy has recommended a new food security system to ensure fair prices to farmers and building of comfortable stocks of foodgrains in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the recommendations made by this Committee; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c). The Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh has not submitted its report to the Government.

Sri Lankan Refugees in Orissa

10307. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Tamil refugees from Sri Lanka lodged in the Orissa camps have left the camps;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of such refugees left in the camps as on date and the steps being taken to provide them with better life and amenities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Of the 1614 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees who were lodge in the Malkangiri camps in District Koraput in Orissa, 98 refugees have left the camps. The main reasons for desertion by the refugees are high temperatures prevailing in the area, lack of Tamil speaking people in the area leading to a sense of isolation among the refugees and desire to meet their relatives and friends, who had arrived separately and are residing the Tamil Nadu.

(c) At present there are 629 refugees left in the camps. The Government of Orissa has been asked to prepare proposals for upgradation of facilities in the camps.

World Bank Aided National Highway Project in West Bengal

10308. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank aided National Highway project in West Bengal did not make progress;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken to ensure early completion of the projects; and

(d) the commitment charge which the country is paying to the World Bank annually for cash provided by the latter?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) and (b). The progress on all the contract packages of Durgapur Expressway from Dankuni to Palsit is slow due to unsatisfactory performance of the contractors.

(c) The contracts for three out of the total six packages have been terminated and fresh tenders invited. For remaining packages, the progress is being continuously reviewed at appropriate levels to improve the situation.

(d). Commitment charges paid to the World Bank from 1986-87 to 1989-90 for all the National Highway projects under the loan including Durgapur Expressway are as under:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount (In Rs.)</i>
1986-87	2,23,82,171.62
1987-88	1,88,33,898.91
1988-89	1,86,75,146.00
1989-90	1,45,45,427.00
Total	7,44,36,643.53

Facilities Provided by I.C.C.R. to Foreign Students in India

10309. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities being provided to the foreign students studying in India by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations;

(b) the reasons for discontinuing the publication of "ICCR New Letter" meant for foreign students;

(c) whether the students have made any complaints against functioning of the Students Wing of the Council; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) The facili-