

purchase of phosphoric acid during 1989-90. The facts of the case will become known after the verifications have been completed.

Length of Indian Borders

10322. SHRI HUKMDEO NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of Indian borders at the time of Independence in 1947 and the length of these borders at present; and

(b) whether the length of Indian borders have reduced and if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) The length of India's land borders at the time of Independence in 1947 was 16,147 kms. approximately and the length of these borders at present in 15,361 kms. approximately;

(b) Yes, Sir. The reasons are as follows:

(a) merger of the former French and Portuguese possessions into the Indian Union;

(b) Implementation of the Indo-Pakistan Western Boundary Case Tribunal Award (Kutch Award).

Persons Arrested for Espionage Activists

10323. SHRI HUKMDEO NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of persons indulging in espionage and sending documents pertaining to defence of the country to foreign countries have been arrested during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). Details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Cultural Programmes Arranged by Indian Council for Cultural Relations in Karnataka

10324. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTIAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cultural programmes arranged by Indian Council Relations during 1989 and upto end of March, 1990 in Karnataka;

(b) the places where these programmes were organised;

(c) amount spent on these programmes;

(d) whether the ICCR had arranged any such programme in Hassan District in Karnataka; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) The Indian Council for Cultural Relations organized a total number of 76 programmes in Karnataka during 1989 and upto end of March 1990.

(b) Bangalore and Mysore.

(c) Rs. 6,01664. 29

(d) No.

(e) Question does not arise.