

powers concerned describe as communication facilities in Diego Garcia have been conveyed unmistakably to the Government of USA and also to the Government of U. K. We are totally opposed to the establishment of bases in the sub-continent. It is for the littoral countries surrounding Indian ocean to ensure their own security. Outside Powers, big or small, have no business to be here. We have been urging the Super Powers also to spare the Indian ocean and to permit this to remain as an area of peace free from tension. Our efforts are continuing. But I cannot say at the present moment whether we will succeed or not.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Reaction against Pak-Arab States communiques/statements

\*41 SHRI ISHAQ SAMBHALI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Joint Communiques and statements issued by the Pakistani President Mr. Z. A. Bhutto, and the various Heads of the Arab States after Mr. Bhutto's recent visit have been brought to the notice of Government; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. President Bhutto visited Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt and Syria towards the end of January, 72.

(b) Government have noted that many of the references in these Communiques and Statements pertaining to the Indian Sub-continent were based on incorrect assessments of facts and events.

According to Government's information, there is now a growing awareness in some of these countries as well as in several other Arab countries of the realities of the situation, including the emergence of Bangla Desh as a Sovereign Independent Republic.

##### Wrong Polish map about Indian territory of Kashmir and Aksai Chin.

\*44 SHRI VEKARIA :  
SHRI MOHAN SWARUP :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Poland has recently released a map in which they have shown Kashmir as a disputed area and Aksai Chin as part of China; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government of India in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) The latest Polish maps that have been examined by the Government are those contained in the atlas entitled *Maly Atlas Swiata*, published from Warsaw (1970 edition). In this Atlas India-China boundary is shown more or less in accordance with the Chinese alignment. Aksai Chin and large areas of Arunachal Pradesh are shown as parts of China. Jammu and Kashmir State has been separated from both India and Pakistan by a line other than the international boundary line and described as a disputed territory. The state has, however, been given the same colour wash as that of India. According to our Embassy in Warsaw the map recently published by the Polish Government continues to show the same errors as contained in *Maly Atlas Swiata*.

(b) The question of incorrect depiction of India's international boundaries in the latest Polish map has been taken up with the Polish Government. They have assured us that they would immediately look into the matter.

##### Contract for the Disposal of Slag

\*47. SHRI N. E. HORO : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) Whether a long term contract for the disposal of slag has been signed with certain parties; and

(b) if so, the names of the parties and the broad features of the terms and conditions of the contract ?