

- (d) Does not arise.

#### **Visits by foreign dignitaries**

26. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of visits by foreign dignitaries to India during the last four months till date;
- (b) the details of issues on which deliberations were held with them including bilateral agreements/MoUs/treaties signed;
- (c) the details of foreign visits undertaken by the Prime Minister as well as External Affairs Minister during the above period;
- (d) the details of discussions held, agreements/MoUs/treaties signed and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the benefits that would accrue as a result of signing the bilateral agreements/MoUs/treaties and the steps taken by Government to further improve the relations with these countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) to (e) Information in respect of the Question is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

#### **Indian land occupied illegally by Pakistan and China**

27. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of land illegally occupied by Pakistan and China along the border;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Pakistan and China are further encroaching the land of India;
- (c) the population of the areas under unlawful possession of Pakistan and China;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that China and Pakistan have changed the features of land occupied illegally by them; and

- (e) the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) Pakistan has been in illegal and forcible occupation of approximately 78,000 sq. kms. of Indian Territory in Jammu and Kashmir. China continues to be in illegal occupation of approximately 38,000 sq. kms. in the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir. In addition, under the so-called 'Sino-Pakistan Boundary Agreement of 1963', Pakistan illegally ceded 5180 sq. kms. of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China.

(b) to (e) Government remains continually vigilant and is firm in its resolve to take all necessary steps to effectively safeguard India's security and territorial integrity.

Government is aware that Pakistan and China are executing projects in Indian territories under illegal occupation of those countries. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's national interest and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.

#### **Normalisation of relations with Pakistan through cricket**

28. SHRI KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposed cricket ties with Pakistan implies normalisation of relations despite not witnessing enough action on the 26/11 probe from their Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for such a gesture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) to (c) India continues to make efforts to build peaceful and stable relations with Pakistan. This includes promotion of sporting ties. However terrorism against India emanating from Pakistan and territory under its control remains a core concern for us.

Government has conveyed to the Pakistan leadership, including at the highest levels that Pakistan must abide by its commitment that it will not allow its territory and territory under its control to be used for aiding and abetting of terrorist activities