

Foreign Secretary to visit Wagah soon

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The Foreign Secretary, Mr Shyam Saran, will visit the Wagah border and Attari railway station soon to get first-hand information on the steps needed to provide better facilities at these two places to those who cross the international border.

Mr M.S. Gill, Member of the Rajya Sabha from Punjab, said the issue of providing better facilities at Attari railway station and the Wagah checkpost was raised by him today at a meeting of the Parliament Committee on External Affairs. He said that besides members of the committee, the Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr E. Ahamed, the Foreign Secretary and other senior officers were present.

Another important issue raised by Mr Gill was of a gas pipeline from Turkmenistan to Afghanistan to India via Pakistan. Mr Gill said he had urged the Union Government to consider this proposal. While the pipeline from Iran to India via Pakistan is being opposed by the USA, it is not opposed to a pipeline from Turkmenistan.

For the country's energy security, the Union Government should work on various options, he added. The External Affairs Ministry could play a significant role in this connection. A few days ago a meeting of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Turkmenistan was held on the gas pipeline issue. India also participated in that meeting as an observer. The committee was informed by

the officers concerned that India was closely watching developments with regard to this project.

Talking to The Tribune on the telephone from Delhi, Mr Gill said he told Mr Ahamed that what had happened to Indian cricket fans at the Wagah border recently had not been liked by anyone. This happened because of the woefully inadequate facilities at the Wagah border for the clearance of those crossing over to Pakistan from India. "I told Mr Ahamed that the Wagah border was a gateway not only to Pakistan but also to Central and Western Asia and even to Europe. There was immediate need to provide facilities similar to those available at the international airports in Mumbai, Kolkata and Delhi," said Mr Gill.

Mr Ahamed had assured him that Mr Saran would visit Attari and Wagah at the earliest.

The issue of setting up a visa office of Pakistan in Amritsar was also raised. He said the External Affairs Ministry would discuss this issue with all concerned including the Home Ministry.

The External Affairs Ministry was also told to write to the Surface Transport Ministry to build an exclusive six-lane express highway from Delhi to Amritsar and further up to the Wagah border keeping in view the substantial increase in vehicular traffic on the Delhi-Amritsar route.

Mr Gill said he told the Minister that the starting of the bus service between Amritsar and Lahore was a

welcome development. But as common people travelled in the bus there was need to reduce the fares.



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