

vernment for a common approach and strategy in pressing our claims with the Government of the United Kingdom for acquisition of India Office Library and Records, London. The matter is being pursued with them.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A preliminary survey of the documents of interest to India in France and Portugal has been made and provision has been made for acquiring microfilm copies thereof under the bilateral Cultural Exchange Programme with these countries.

Demand for Export of Cotton

481. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the MINISTER of COMMERCE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand for export of cotton by the farmers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that cotton crop this year is higher than that of the previous year; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider the demand of the farmers to export cotton?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI P. A. SANGMA).

(a) and (b) As per the present estimates, the cotton production during the current cotton season i. e. 1984-85 is likely to be higher than the previous season. Requests for release of cotton for exports during the current season are being received by Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Trial of Offenders Who Were Arrested During Delhi Riots

482. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI H. L. KAPOOR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of arrests made in connection with the disturbances in Delhi during the period from 1st November, 1984 to 4th November, 1984;

(b) what is the progress of the cases against the accused so arrested; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up special courts for the trial of these offenders?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) (a) and (b) 375 cases were registered by the Police against the rioters in Delhi and 4579 persons were arrested under the substantive and preventive provisions of the law. Investigations in the cases are in progress.

(c) No, Sir.

Future of Foreign Trade of the Country

483. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of the Reserve Bank of India for the year 1983-84 to the effect that the future of foreign trade of India is not bright;

(b) whether the matter has been examined in depth and whether long-term and short-term measures have been contemplated to increase substantially the volume of foreign trade of the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The Reserve Bank Report only states that the world outlook over the medium term still remains unsure despite encouraging income growth in some industrialised countries, which uncertainty overshadows the export prospects for India.