(a) whether it is a fact that the UNCTAD Conference was held in Manila recently;

- <b) if so, what were the specific proposals put forward by India and what wa₃ the response to those proposals from the developed countries, specially the USA and Britain; and
- (c) what are the major decisions arrived at the Conference?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHA-RIA): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix CX, Annexure No. 3]

LMS suffered by l.T.D.C, due to I.T.C.-Sheraton deal

•28. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN MISHRA:

SHRI GIAN CHAND TOTU: PROF. N. M. KAMBLE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it i_s a fact that India Tourism Development Corporation hotels have been heavily losing foreign business since the I.T.C.-Sheraton deal came into effect; and
- (b) if so, whether Government contemplate any action to revoke its sanction of the ITC-Sheraton deal?

MINISTER OF TOURISM AVIATION AND CIVII. (SHRI KAUSHIK): PURUSHOTTAM (a) and (b) There has ibeen some shift of foreign business from the. India Tourism Development Corporation hotels in New Delhi to I.T.C.'a Maurya-Sheraton Hotel since I.T.C.-Sheraton collaboration came into effect. A review is being undertaken on the general question of the need for foreign management collaboration in the hotel industry in India.

to Questions Export oi' Sugar

*29. SHRI SITARAM KESRI;

SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH:

DR. LOKESH CHANDRA;

Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERA-TION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have secured favourable contracts from foreign countries for the export of sugar during the current year; end
- (b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CP7IL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR GOYAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It ig not in the public interest to divulge details of the contracts entered into

Rise in the prices of edible oils

*30. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: SHRI LAKHAN SINGH;

Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERA-TION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are awar_e of the rise in the prices of edible oils in different States;
- (b) if so, what is the extent of rise in retail price 3 in various States during the last three months;
- (c) what ar_e the reasons for the increase in the retail price;
- (d) what measures have been taken to bring down the prices of edible oils;