

(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 was 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 DHARIA): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix CX, Annexure No. 3]

Loss suffered by I.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 is 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?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) and (b) There has been some shift of foreign business from the India Tourism Development Corporation hotels in New Delhi to I.T.C.'s Hotel Maurya-Sheraton since the 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.

Export of Sugar

*29. SHRI SITARAM KESRI:

SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH:

DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have secured favourable contracts from foreign countries for the export of sugar during the current year; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

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

(b) It is 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 COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the rise in the prices of edible oils in different States;

(b) if so, what is the extent of rise in retail prices in various States during the last three months;

(c) what are the reasons for the increase in the retail price;

(d) what measures have been taken to bring down the prices of edible oils;