

Indian Delegation sent to E.E.C. Countries in September, 1977

3382. SHRI DHARMAVIR VASISHT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) the places visited and the results achieved by the 10-man Indian Delegation sent to the E.E.C. countries in September/October, 1977 by the Engineering Export Promotion Council;

(b) what Engineering items were in greater demand generally in the E.E.C. market; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the demand item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG) (a) A 10-man Indian Machine Tool Delegation to E.E.C. countries, sponsored by the Engineering Export Promotion Council under the assistance of the E.E.C. Commission, visited Belgium, Federal Republic of Germany, Denmark, France and United Kingdom during September/October, 1977. The visit of the delegation contributed to generating some business and also useful enquiries

(b) Apart from other engineering goods like hand tools, automobile

parts and accessories, bi-cycle and parts thereof, electronic equipments, steel pipes and tubes etc. Machine tools, such as drilling machines, metal cutting saws, presses, milling machines small lathes etc., and accessories such as chucks etc. have generally been identified as having prospects in the EEC market.

(c) The steps taken to boost exports of the various items to EEC include sponsoring of product wise delegations, participating in specialised trade fairs and exhibitions, holding of exclusive feature displays on selected engineering items etc

Balance of trade of India with Foreign Countries

3383 SHRI DHARMAVIR VASISHT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state the nature of balance of trade of India with U.S.A., West Germany, U.S.S.R., Britain, Canada, France, Japan, Australia, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Pakistan during 1976-77 and 1977-78 (April to September) together with reasons for any conspicuous trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): A statement is enclosed.