

flight engines from Russia, envisages realisation of cryo-stage in India from the third unit onwards. The infrastructures are geared up accordingly.

[English]

### Visit of President of Turkmenistan

\*107. SHRI E. AHAMED: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of Turkmenistan had visited India recently;

(b) if so, the bilateral and multilateral issues that figured in his talks with the Indian leaders and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any agreement have been signed during the visits and

(d) if so, the broad details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) The President of Turkmenistan visited India from 18-20 April 1992.

(b) to (d). Various bilateral and multilateral issues were discussed during the visit, and the following six agreements were signed;

(i) Declaration on Principles and Directions of Cooperation;

(ii) Agreement on Cooperation in the spheres of Culture, Arts, Education, Science, Tourism, Sports and Mass Media;

(iii) Agreement on Trade and Economic Cooperation;

(iv) Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme to the Ministry of External Affairs;

(v) Protocol on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations; and

(vi) Protocol on the Establishment of Consular Relations.

### Indo-Israeli Relations

\*108. SHRI CHANDRAJEET YADAV:  
SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the improvements made in the India Israeli relations since the setting up of diplomatic relations with that country, particularly in economic and political spheres; and

(b) the efforts made by the two countries for mutual understanding on various global issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). Since the establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel on January 29, 1992, Embassies have been set up both countries and ambassadors are expected to be in position soon. Improvements in relations are expected in tourism, with an increased level of tourist traffic between the two countries, and in civil aviation, where there is possibility of commercial flights connecting India and Israel. There is expectation that trade levels will be higher. It is too early to specify concrete results or achievements.

Diplomatic interaction is taking place and this is further marked by India's participation in the multilateral phase of the Middle East peace process.

### Labour Ministers Conference

\*109. SHRI RABI RAY:  
SHRI N. DENNISH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Labour Ministers