Import of Fortilisers from Soviet Gov-

774. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey; Shri D. C. Sharma;

Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and the Soviet Government have signed an agreement recently for the supply of Soviet fertilizers to boost up India's agricultural production; and (b) if so, the main features there-

The Minister of Commerce (Shri (Dinesh Singh): (a) and (b). The State Trading Corporation has signed an agreement with Messrs. Soyusprom-export, Moscow for the import of Ammonium Sulphate, Urea and Muriate of Potash. Details about the value, quantity and quality, delivery etc. are given below:

No.	Name of Fertiliser	Quantity Contracted.	Quality	Delivery	Packing	Total Value Rs.
1.	Ammonium Sulphate	170,000 tonnes	21% M.	Sprean over June-Dec. '67	In bags of 45 Kilos net	6,36,95,600
2.	Urca	41,500 tennes	46% N	and quarter, 67-65000 Tonnes, 3rd Quarter 67, 15,000 Tonnes 4th Quarter 67,20,000 Ton- nes with the sellers having a right to advance shipments.	or	2,75,65 ,960
3.	Muriate of Potash	30,000 tonnes	60%K2O minimum	Spread over June- December, 1967	Delivery to be made in bulk.	82.55 lakhs (F.O.B.)

Handloom Trade Delegation

775, Shri S. K. Sambandhan: Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Handloom Trade Delegation was sent to the Far East including Australia; and
- (b) if so, whether any handloom exporter from Madras State was included in the Delegation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Commerce (Shri Shañ Qureahi): (a) A five man delegation led by Shri T. N. Lakshminarayanan, Secretary, Department of Industries, Government of Madras visited Australia; Indonesia and Malaysia between 23rd January, and 11th February 1967. The delegation, besides the leader, consisted of the following:

1. Shri V. K. Der, Director of

Handlooms, Government of Andhra Pradesh.

- Shri V. V. Raman, Export Promotion Officer, All India Handloom Fabrics Cooperative Society Ltd., Bombay.
- Shri D. N. Saraf, General Manager, Handicrafts and Handlooms Exports Corporation of India, New Delhi.
- 4. Shri M. S. A. Majid, Member Committee of Administration, Handloom Export Promotion Council, Madras.
- (b) Yes, Sir; Shri M.S.A. Majid.

Handicrafts and Handicom Export Organisation, Madras

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