

**Trade Agreements with Foreign Countries**

1776. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries with which Government entered into trade agreements during 1971-72; and

(b) the number of agreements between U.S.S.R. and India and the broad outlines thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iraq, Nepal and Peru.

(b) No new trade agreement has been signed with USSR after 26-12-70 which is valid upto 31-12-75.

**Proposal to introduce identity card system for "Pandas" guiding pilgrims around temples and religious places**

1777. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to introduce identity card system for the "Pandas" guiding pilgrims around temples and other religious places in the important cities in the country; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). According to a news item published in Northern India Patrika of December 25, 1972, the District Authorities in Varanasi have decided to register Pandas attending to religious and ritual ceremonies of the pilgrims visiting Varanasi. No official confirmation of the proposal, however, has been received from the State Government.

**Arrangements made to get the views and suggestions of Tourists after their Sojourn in India**

1778. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what arrangements have been made by Government to elicit views of received suggestions from the tourists after their sojourn in India;

(b) whether the difficulties experienced by tourists have come to the notice of Government as a result of such arrangements; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to remove these difficulties?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) Sample surveys are conducted among tourists from time to time by the Department of Tourism for ascertaining their views regarding their sojourn in India.

(b) and (c). Difficulties reported by tourists are generally connected with transport facilities, accommodation, and non-delivery of articles purchased from shops. All such complaints are taken up with the agencies concerned for remedial action.

**Proposal for Ceiling on Wealth**

1780. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have requested the Central Government to impose ceiling on wealth; and

(b) if so, the names of the States and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.