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(c) Government of India seeks on unified treaty of trade and transit with Nepal. The Nepalese draft trade treaty also appears to be internally inconsistent in that it simultaneously seeks trade on MFN basis in hard currency and a special regime for border trade on rupee basis.

Qualifications for Inclusion of Persons In Haj Delegation

457. SHRI AZIZ QURESHI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the basic qualification for persons to be included in the Haj Delegation;

(b) whether any academic or other merits, such as interest in Arab/Middle East Affairs, or any other academic and cultural contribution by various people in this field are considered for their inclusion in the delegation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) There are no specific qualifications for inclusion in the Haj Goodwill Delegation. However, Government select eminent Muslims as members taking into account the principle of regional representation and the interest of members in the welfare of our Haj pilgrims.

Fall In Prices of Onion

458 SHRI S.G. GHOLAP: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of Onion have gone down to such an extent that farmers are compelled to throw away their produce in some parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Union Government have taken steps to give subsidy to the State Governments for the purpose of Onion;

(c) if so, the total amount of subsidy given to State Governments this year so far; and

(d) the quantity of Onion exported during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c). During the current year proposals for purchase of onion under the Market Intervention Scheme were received only from the Government of Maharashtra and Gujarat. Under the Scheme losses on the purchase operations are shared between the Central and the State Governments on 50:50 basis. The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) as the Central Nodal Agency of the Government of India has purchased 30, 650 MTs of Onion in Maharashtra and 4, 078 MTs in Gujarat.

(d) NAFED as Canalising Agency of the Central Government exported 79,370 MTs of onion from 1.4.1989 to 30.6. 1989.

Development of National Curricular Framework by NCERT

459. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training has developed a National Curricular Framework for School stage which contains a common core having the content essential to nurture national identity;

(b) if so, the details of components of the