

Countries	Value in Rs.
U Arab Emts	516799
UK	377172
USA	1456223

Source: Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India - Annual Number for 1992-93 Published by DGCI & S, Calcutta.

Visa Curbs on Indian Software Professionals in US

813. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 8125 on May 10, 1993 and state:

(a) whether the National Association of Software and Services companies have approached the Government for assistance;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken up the matter with the US for relaxation of restrictions; and

(c) if so, the results achieved thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Government have conveyed concern to the US Authorities at the proposed restrictions which will affect Indian software professionals.

(c) The matter continues to be under discussion.

[*Translation*]

Khanna Committee's Report

814. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received the Khanna Committees report set up to inquire into the matter of telephones went out of order in large scale during the last monsoon in the capital;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The Committee set up by CMD, MTNL (though not called Khanna Committee) to study causes leading to cable break-down has since submitted its report.

(b) The committee studied in depth the causes leading to cable breakdown and has made suggestions for avoiding large scale breakdown in future. The committee has made several recommendations for improvement in methods, practice and techniques for cable jointing, cable duct construction and cable duct, maintenance.

(c) The recommendations of the committee are being implemented.

[*English*]

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815. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: