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[English]

**Workers and Officers Ratio in ITDC Hotels Vis-a-Vis Hotel/Tourism Industry in Foreign Countries**

6623. SHRI DHARAMVIR SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the strength of workers and officers in each of the ITDC hotel, unit, department were during the last three years, year-wise break-up, details thereof;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to compare the same with the ratio of worker/officer prevailing in Hotel/Tourism industry in advanced countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Information is given at Annexures 'A', 'B' and 'C' laid on the table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1123/85].

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Meeting of NATO's Nuclear Planning Group**

6624. SHRI ANAND SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the two day meeting of NATO's nuclear planning group held in Luxembourg in the last week of March, 1985;

(b) whether NATO's Defence Minister in the said meeting endorsed the U.S. strategic defence initiative popularly known as the 'Star Wars' programme; and

(c) if so, the details of the programme and what steps have since been taken by Government in the light thereof in the interest of World peace ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (c). Yes Sir, the Joint Communiqué

issued on the conclusion of the meeting of the NATO Defence Ministers on March 27, 1985 described the Strategic Defence Initiative as designed to establish whether recent advances in technology would offer the prospect of significantly more effective defence against ballistic missiles. It supported US research in these technologies as being in NATO's security interest and stated that it should continue. The Ministers welcomed the US invitation to its allies to participate in this research programme. The Government of India is seriously concerned about the grave danger of an extension of the arms race into Outer Space which has so far remained free from deployment of weapons of mass destruction. The world is confronted today with the prospect of such weapons targetted at space from earth and deployed in space itself. The Delhi Declaration adopted by the Six-Nation Summit on Nuclear Disarmament in January this year calls for Outer Space to be used for the benefit of mankind and not as a battleground for the future. It called for the prohibition of the development, testing, production, deployment and use of all space weapons. An arms race in space would be enormously costly and have grave destabilising effects. It would also endanger existing arms limitation and disarmament agreements.

Indian continues to play an active role in the UN and at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva in furtherance of this objective.

[Translation]

**India's Agreements with Mexico**

6625. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of agreements entered into with Mexico by India during the course of visit to India by the President of Mexico and the fields in which these countries have agreed to extend mutual cooperation and work together ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : During the visit of the President of Mexico to India in January, 1985 the following Agreements were entered into between India and Mexico :