

(b) whether Government are aware of the hardship being caused to genuine visitors to foreign countries due to this change; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to liberalise this scheme to help genuine visitors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) This decision has been taken for conserving foreign exchange .

(c) No, Sir.

Nicaragua's Request for NAM Support to Press USA to Accept International Court Ruling

311. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY:

SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Nicaragua has sought the support of the Non-aligned Movement in its efforts to make the United States comply with a ruling of International Court of Justice that Washington's military aid to Nicaraguan rebel forces is a violation of international law ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Union Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b). Nicaragua has not approached the Non-aligned Movement for support specifically in the context of the recent decision of the International Court of Justice. However, nonaligned countries have maintained a consistent opposition to all external interference and intervention in Central America, including US aid to mercenary forces in Nicaragua. This view was reaffirmed once again at a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of Nonaligned countries, held in

New York on 30th June, 1986, to consider recent developments in Central America.

Voluntary Disclosure Scheme for Indirect Taxes

312. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce a voluntary disclosure scheme for indirect taxes ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). Government's decision in the matter will be announced soon.

Set Back to Indian Tea in Western Europe

313. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India's tea export to Western Europe suffered a set back during 1985-86 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefore ;and

(c) the measures taken to increase the exports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT) : (a) to (c). Exports of tea from India to West European countries have declined during 1985-86 as compared to 1984-85 mainly on account of overall reduced buying by some of these countries. Value of exports however compares favourably with previous years. It is felt that the recent visit of an Indian Tea delegation to U.K. West Germany and Ireland may have a beneficial effect on exports of Indian Tea to these countries. Measures taken to increase exports include assistance for brand promotion as well as Cash Compensatory Support on value-added tea. Tea Board also undertakes promotion campaign through its offices abroad.