

and part of 1979 are as under:—

Name of the country	Shortfall in the supply of Sulphur
	(Metric Tonnes)
Poland (direct)	12,000
Poland (Supplies to be made from Iraq)	1,50,000
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	10,000
U.S.S.R.	16,000
Iran	73,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,61,000</b>

(c) Government is taking steps, through diplomatic channels and bilateral talks, to persuade the countries concerned to fulfil the contractual obligations in this regard.

**Collaboration Agreements between I.T.C. and Sheraton Corporation**

**6333. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU:  
SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM:  
SHRI D. D. DESAI:**

Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to re-examine the issue of collaboration agreement between I.T.C. and Sheraton Corporation, for construction of hotels in this country; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): (a) and (b). In terms of the existing guidelines for foreign collaboration in hotel industry, Government have

accorded approval to the collaboration agreement between ITC Limited and Sheraton International Inc., USA. Government are, however, reviewing the whole question of the continued need for foreign collaboration in the hotel industry.

**Male and Female Employees in Custom and Excise Offices**

**6334. SHRI SAEED MURTAZA:** Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of male and female employees in the Custom and Excise offices in the country;

(b) the strength of female employees in Delhi offices; and

(c) how many women employees have been transferred outside Delhi during the last two years and the number of those who have never been transferred and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Exports and Business Organisation for Joint Trade Ventures with North America**

**6335. SHRI DURGA CHAND:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the exporters and Indian business and export organisations are considering possibilities of establishing joint trade ventures with their counterparts in North America for tapping markets in third countries;

(b) whether these Indian organisations are also aiming and ensuring a well regulated flow of Indian goods into the North American market as