

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) No Sir. On the other hand there has been a continuous rise in the exports of engineering goods to Latin America as may be seen from the figures given below :

Year	Rs. (Crores)
1977-78	1.7
1978-79	2.2
1979-80	2.4
1980-81	4.6
1981-82 (P)	5.0
1982-83 (P)	6.0

(P—Provisional)

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Involvement of Army Incidents in Srinagar in July, 1980

3264. SHRI ABDUL RASHID KABULI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 26th July, 1980 a contingent of Army Supply Department was involved in an act of indiscipline, arson and shooting incidents indiscriminately killing innocent civilians at Srinagar ; and

(b) if so, whether any investigations was conducted and action taken against the persons held responsible for indulging in indiscipline and violence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Some violent clashes took place involving some Army personnel and the civilians on the evening of 26th of July, 1980 near the KMD Bus Stand at Srinagar which resulted in the death of two persons and injuries to some people and damage to property.

A Staff Court of Inquiry was appointed by the Army authorities on the basis of the findings of which three Army officers have been censured.

Bickering on Tourism Target

3265. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been recently bickerings on tourism target failure between the two Departments of his Ministry ;

(b) if so, the reasons for such mutual mud-slinging among different organisation involved in the task particular in the context of the controversial background note on tourism circulated at the officially-sponsored seminar on tourism promotion held recently;

(c) the steps taken by him to set matters right and tame the two Departments to ensure better cohesion and economy in foreign expenditure ; and

(d) whether the Tourism Deptt. have recently decided to open some new Tourist Promotion Offices abroad, if so, in which countries and the reasons therefor and the total estimated foreign expenditure involved thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) It is not correct that there have been any bickerings between the two Departments as alleged. While on account of world wide recession in the tourist industry there has been a negative growth on the global level, there has, nonetheless, been a marginal increase in the growth of tourists coming to India. India registered an increase of 0.7% during 1982.

(b) and (c) Both the Departments are functioning in close coordination and have been extending their best cooperation to each other. While there have been some inspired reports in the press to the effect that there are differences between the two Departments, in actual fact no differences exist and both the Departments have been functioning in close coordination.

There is a constant endeavour to effect economy in all offices without diluting promotional efforts which need to be stepped up in the face of world wide recession affecting tourist arrival figures world wide.