

March, 1969 from a Member of Parliament regarding the various difficulties being faced by Haj Pilgrims;

(b) whether the matter has been considered; and

(c) if so, the decision taken there on and the action proposed for their implementation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have received the report from the Honourable Member containing his impressions about the various difficulties experienced by Indian Hajis in Saudi Arabia, during the course of his Haj pilgrimage in 1969.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The reaction of the Government of India to the various suggestions made in the report for ameliorating the difficulties of Hajis are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1740 69].

Export to Newly Developed Countries

4186. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of increase in India's export to the newly developed countries during the last three years; and

(b) the extent of benefits realised as a result thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) and (b). India's

exports to the Developing countries is as follows:

Year	In Post-devaluation (Rs. crores)
1965-66	397.7
1966-67	335.2
1967-68	337.2
1968-69	428.6

The extent of increase in 1968-69 over 1965-66 works out to about 8 per cent.

Prime Minister's Tour Abroad

4187. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister toured abroad during the last two years;

(b) if so, the dates, expenditure incurred, purpose of the tours and achievements made;

(c) whether any staff members accompanied her and if so, the expenditure incurred on them; and

(d) whether Prime Minister has received invitations from Saudi Arabia, U.S.A. and Israel to visit their countries and if so, the proposed dates of visit for each country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c). The Prime Minister accompanied by officials visited various countries during the last two years. Details of these visits and the expenditure incurred are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1741]69).

The tours which were in the nature of goodwill visits at the invitation of the respective Governments