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7.	Sh. K.K. Bandopadhyaya, Addl. Commissioner (Planning), DDA	Singapore, Bangkok, Manila, Hanoi and Ho-chi-Minh city	7.9.1998
8.	Sh. A.K. Jain, Addl. Comm. (Planning), DDA		to 19.9.1998
9.	Sh. K. Mahesh, OSD to Minister of Urban Affairs & Employment		
10.	Sh. K.K. Bhandari, Eng. Member, DDA	Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and Shanghai (China)	
11.	Sh. Vijay Rishbud, Comm. (Planning), DDA		
12.	Sh. S.C. Tayal, Director (Planning)		7.11.1998
13.	Sh. Prakash Narain, Director (Planning), DDA		to 22.11.1998
14.	Sh. Ashok Acharya, OSD to Lt. Governor of Delhi		

No report has been submitted to Govt. as yet by these delegation.

[English]

Media Briefing by Army

839. SHRI CHADA SURESH REDDY :
SHRI M. RAJIAH :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in the *Asian Age* dated September 3, 1998 captioned "Bureaucrats upset over Army briefing",

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps taken to set the matter right?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) From time to time instructions are issued to streamline the system of media briefings by senior officers of the defence establishment. These instructions

are aimed at making interaction with the press effective, coherent, informative and accurate. Such briefings involve the armed forces and civilian components of the defence establishment in a way that the existing press relations effort is buttressed with technically qualified backing whenever required. There is no question of anybody being upset over the transmission of coherent, accurate and informative information to the media through authorised briefings.

Military Hardwares to Burma

840. SHRMATI RANEE NARAH :
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of main buyers of Indian defence products, country-wise;

(b) whether the Government have turned down several requests from Burma for supply of military hardware in the recent past; and

(c) if so, the reasons attributed therefor?