

cations Division;

- (vi) Any other related matter that may be referred to the Committee by the Government for advice.

Joint Economic Commission with Belgium

5835. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Belgium have agreed to set up a Joint Economic Commission;

(b) if so, the period for which this agreement has been concluded, and

(c) the details of items proposed to be imported and exported under the said agreement?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) This is a continuing agreement which can be terminated upon request by either party.

(c) Details of such items have not been stated in the Agreement

I.T.D.C. Plan to Develop and Promote Tourism in Karnataka

5836. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Tourism Development Corporation has chalked out an ambitious plan to develop and promote tourism in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the main features of the plan;

(c) whether the Government of Karnataka has agreed to provide sites for the hotels in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to (a) above.

(c) Presently ITDC has no proposal to set up a new hotel in the State of Karnataka.

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to (c) above.

T.V. Coverage in Hassan District in Karnataka

5837. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the areas in Hassan District in Karnataka are covered by Hassan TV relay station,

(b) if not, the action taken or proposed to be taken to cover all the areas in Hassan District?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). The low power (100 W) TV transmitter functioning at Hassan (Karnataka) provides TV service to about 29% area of the district including fringe areas where satisfactory reception can be obtained by the use of elevated antennae and/or boosters etc. The areawise coverage of Hassan district is expected to increase to about 44% consequent upon commissioning of the high power (10 KW) TV transmitter under implementation at Shimoga. Exten-