

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Trade Relations with Bhutan**

5867. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trade in some items was discontinued with Bhutan recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to renew the trade relation between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The agreement on Trade and Commerce between India and Bhutan was renewed on Second March, 1990, for a period of 5 years.

#### **Trade Ties with New Zealand**

5868. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established trade ties with New Zealand; and

(b) if so, the areas on which Indo-New Zealand trade has been established?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) India and New Zealand signed a Trade Agreement in 1986. Besides, we have a Joint Trade Committee (JTC) and Joint Business Council (JBC) with New Zealand.

(b) The main items of export to New Zealand are Gems and Jewellery, Cashew, Engineering goods, Leather and manufactures, Cotton Yarn, fabrics, madeups etc. The main items of import from New Zealand include Newsprint, Pulp and waste paper, Raw wool and Pulses.

#### **Export to Switzerland**

5869. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the major commodities being exported to Switzerland;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to increase the export of these commodities during the current financial year and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) The major commodities being exported to Switzerland are Gems and Jewellery, readymade Cotton garments including Accessories, Carpets (hand made), Engineering Goods, Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceutica's and Cosmetics, Leather and its Manufacturers.

(b) The total exports to Switzerland during the last 3 years are—

	(Rs. crores)
1986-87	159.35
1987-88	204.91
1988-89	270.84
1989-90	252.85

(April-Dec., 1989)