(d) Since both the internal and external conditions governing exports and imports keep on changing continuously, it is Government's endeavour to bring about the required adjustments in policy expeditiously, in order to attain its import and export objectives for the plan in general and for the current year in particular.

Sending of U. S. Troops to Laos

*228. SHRI H. N. MUKERJEE: SHRI C. JANARDHANAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Neo Lao Hat Sat party of Laos has claimed that the United States has sent 12,000 troops to Laos to fight against the national liberation movement in that country;
- (b) whether this same party has sent complaints to the Co-Chairman and members of the Geneva Conference to this effect;
- (c) whether the International Control Commission team in Laos has verified this claim; and
- (d) if so, the findings thereof; and Governments' reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) The Government has seen such press reports on behalf of DRVN Government.

- (b) Government is not aware of any such complaint sent to the Co-Chairman and members of the Geneva Conference to this effect.
 - (c) and (d). Do not arise

Memorandam for Muslim Home-Land in India

*229. SHRI SHRI CHAND GOYAL: SHRI D. R. PARMAR: SHRI P. N. SOLANKI: SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA: SHRI A. SREEDHARAN: SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD: SHRI DEVEN SEN:
SHRI P. M. MEHTA:
SHRI YASHPAL SINGH:
SHRI S KUNDU:
SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR:
SHRI KIKAR SINGH:
SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK:
SHRI HUKAM CHAND
KACHWAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFF-AIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a memorandum has been submitted to the Indian High Commission in London demanding a separate homeland for the Muslims in India;
- (b) if so, the names of societies and other elements which are behind the above move; and
 - (c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Export of Coir and Coir Goods

*230. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that exports of coir and coir goods have shown a declining trend during the first half of the current year;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor:
- (c) the actual decline registered in the export of coir and coir goods during the above period; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to step up exports of coir and coir goods?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK): (a) Yes, Sir.