

Collaboration with Frontier of India Limited, London by I.T.D.C.

*207. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Senior Vice-President of the India Tourism Development Corporation entered into a collaboration deal with the Managing Director of 'Frontier of India Ltd' (FIL) based in London for starting 'Speciality Restaurant' in London;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement and date on which the agreement was signed and place of signing the agreement;

(c) when the first proposal was received by ITDC in this regard;

(d) whether ITDC had discussed at any time any proposal for collaborating in hotel business; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (e). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b). An agreement with 'Frontier India Limited' (FIL) was signed by the Senior Vice President (Hotels) on behalf of ITDC in New Delhi on 31st October, 1984 for providing consultancy services in setting up a speciality Indian Restaurant by FIL in London. As per the terms of agreement, ITDC will render advice on its design and planning. ITDC will also manage the Restaurant on commercial terms.

(c) The proposal was first received by ITDC in September, 1984.

(d) and (e). The ITDC have discussed from time to time several proposals for

joint venture hotel projects with State Governments & State Tourism Corporations. They have also entered into agreements with some private sector companies for rendering technical consultancy, and managerial services.

[Translation]

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the reply given by the hon. Minister is not clear; he should, therefore, clarify it.

SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT: If the hon. Member goes through the whole reply he would understand it.

[English]

SHRI H. A. DORA: There are some expressions used in the House like 'as far as possible', 'very soon'... ..

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is it on this Question?

SHRI H. A. DORA: I want a clarification. Is there any dictionary or anything in the political parlance which would go to show that 'as far as possible' means 30 years or 40 years or that 'very soon' means 25 years? Is there any such thing in the political parlance?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: If you want to put any supplementary on this Question, you may. Otherwise, please sit down.

Next Question.

Appeal by NAM to destroy all Nuclear Weapons

*208. SHRI C. D. GAMIT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some senior leaders of non-aligned nations have approached the Prime Minister of India to appeal to the super powers in his capacity as the Chairperson of NAM, to wipe out fear of nuclear war from the world and destroy all nuclear weapons which they have kept in their arsenals; and