SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM TO VISIT BULGARIA, ROMANIA AND U.K.

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At the invitation of the Governments of Bulgaria and Romania, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, Shri Jagjivan Ram, will pay official visits to the two countries from May 28 to June 6, 1979. Shri Jagjivan Ram will return to Delhi on June 9 after a brief stay in London.

He will be accompanied on the visit by a composite delegation of Ministry of Defence and the three Services Headquarters. The delegation will include: Lt.Gen. S.L. Menezes, Vice Chief of the Army Staff; Shri P.S. Kohli and Shri B.B. Sahay, Joint Secretaries in the Ministry of Defence; Major General S.G. Payara, Chief Controller, Research & Development; Air Commodore M.M. Sinha, Officer on Special Duty (Planning), Ministry of Defence; Capt. K.A.S.Z. Raju, Joint Director (Navy), and Shri O.P. Arora, Private Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister.

In Bulgaria, where Shri Jagjivan Ram will arrive on May 28, he will hold discussions with his counterpart, the Bulgarian Defence Minister, General Djurov. He will also visit a variety of military establishments and

Defence industries. Shri Jagjivan Ram will leave on June 1 for Romania where he will visit some military establishments and the have talks with the Defence Minister and the Foreign Minister of Romania. He will also call on the President of Romania.

After a brief halt at London, Shri Jagjivan Ram will leave for Delhi on June 8, returning to India on June 9, 1979.

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