

INDIA PLAYS HOST TO DANISH PRIME MINISTER

His Excellency, Mr Poul Schluter, the Prime Minister of Denmark, and his wife Lisbeth, visited India during January on an official state visit.

Prime Minister Schluter's party comprised of several officials and business delegates, as well as members of the press.

The Prime Minister's first stop was New Delhi, where, after a private two-day sightseeing visit, an official

political matters were discussed.

Perhaps the highlight of the Prime Minister's Delhi visit was his trip to the Rajghat where he paid homage to the late Mahatma Gandhi. He then went on to inaugurate the Timarpur Incineration Plant, an Indo-Danish joint venture with technology provided by the Danish concern, Volund A/S.

A reception was then held at

the Danish Ambassador's residence in New Delhi where many dignitaries and business people were present. Before leaving for Orrissa however, Prime Minister Schluter stood by while his Indian counterpart spent some time listening to the grievances of the Indian public at the official residence. In response to a request for a message to Indians in Copenhagen, Prime Minister Gandhi said: "The Indians in any country are our real Ambassadors and our image depends very much on how they perform. We look to the Indians in Denmark to contribute to Denmark and to co-operation between their native land and the land they now live in."

Prime Minister Schluter and his party then went on to Orrissa where a briefing was given regarding the Indo-Danish water supply project at Rajbhavan.

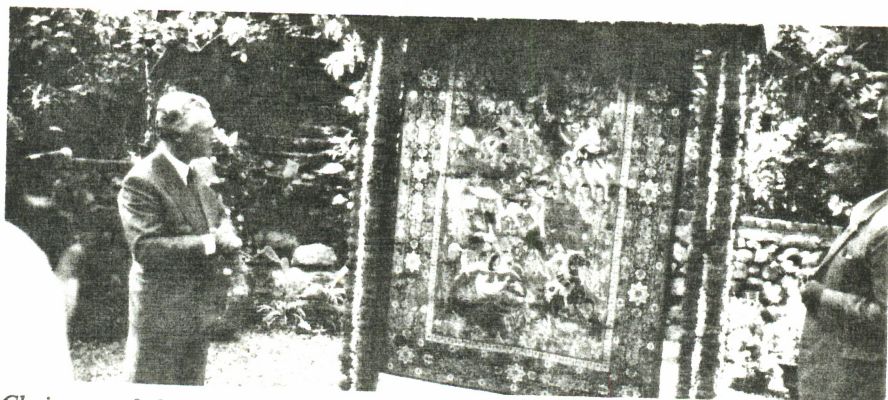
Upon their arrival in Bombay, Prime Minister Schluter met with the



H.E. Prime Minister of Denmark, Poul Schluter upon his arrival at Palam Airport.

reception ceremony was held at the Airforce Station, Palam Airport by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and wife, Sonia. Later that day, Prime Minister Schluter met with the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry. This was followed by a press conference where he expressed optimism in the potential growth of Indo-Danish trade and the expected widening of economic relations between the two countries.

Prime Minister Schluter also held official talks with both President Zail Singh and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, when various international



Chairman of the Larsen & Toubro works, Mr. Desai, presents a gift of an Indian rug to Prime Minister Poul Schluter at Pawai.



An exclusive portrait of the Danish Prime Minister, Poul Schluter and his charming wife Lisbeth, taken by BR's Copenhagen correspondent, Mr. M. Harwani.

Bombay Chambers of Commerce and Industry and also visited the Bhabha Atomic Research Center, a milestone in technology development in India.

Danish Industrial products are permanently displayed at the Jehangir Art Gallery in Bombay, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Schluter. The party's last stop was Madras, where a meeting was held with the Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The Prime Minister and his wife returned to Copenhagen via Bombay, having left their mark on the political, industrial and commercial sectors of India.