

tourism industry on account of the strike.

(d) 87% of the pilots of Indian Airlines took part in the strike. Indian Airlines incurred an expenditure of Rs.4.90 crores in leasing seven TU-154 aircraft along with crew.

(e) Seven Air Force Pilots were obtained, but none of them operated any commercial flight of Indian Air lines as they needed to undergo refresher training.

(f) Bilateral talks are held by the management to resolve various issues raised by the employees. Unresolved issues, are referred to the prescribed arbitration, whenever necessary.

(g) & (h). Capacity upto 89% are restored in the schedule effective from today.

[*Translation*]

#### Promotion of Domestic Tourism

83. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the ITDC to promote the domestic tourism; and

(b) the steps taken to improve the condition and services of the ITDC hotels?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b). With a view to promoting domestic tourism in the country, ITDC has taken the following steps:

1. Setting up of Ashok Yatri Niwas at New Delhi.

2. Setting up of joint venture hotels in collaboration with State Governments/ State Tourism Development Corporations at Guwahati, Ranchi, Puri, Pondicherry, Bhopal and Itanagar.

3. Offering of consultancy services to

entrepreneurs who are interested in setting up new hotel projects.

4. Special tour packages including LTC package for employees, student package to different segments of domestic tourists.

In May 1991, ITDC has set up a Tourism Task Force for promotion of domestic tourism at selected places, organisation of camps in different parts of the country in collaboration with State Governments and local authorities.

The steps taken by the ITDC to improve the conditions and services of the hotels include imparting of training for improving and updating skills/knowledge of staff working in the hotels, renovation, of hotels, upgradation and modernisation of the product, marketing and reservation tie-ups with foreign travel agencies, participation in travel fora, greater thrust on advertising, strict control over expenditure, special package tours for promoting domestic tourism, incentives through discounts.

[*English*]

#### Visit of Prime Minister of U.K.

\*86. SHRI RATILAL VARMA:  
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister of U.K. visited India recently;

(b) if so, the bilateral and multilateral issues that figured in his talks with Indian leaders and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any bilateral agreement and protocol have been signed to strengthen further the economic, trade and cultural relations between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the follow up action taken/being taken thereon?