

### Industrial Relation Act

2655 SHRI RAM NAIK Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state

- whether the Government propose to amend Section 25 of the Industrial Relations Act,
- if so, the reasons therefor, and
- the steps taken for the necessary legislations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND HOLDING ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Does not arise

### Filling up of Vacant Posts of SCs/STs

2656 SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHALIA Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

- whether there is any backlog of vacancies for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in various public sector undertakings under his ministry including the India Trade Promotion Organisation,
- if so, the reasons for not implementing the orders of the Government by these undertakings and the details thereof, category-wise and
- the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) (a) to (c) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House

### Export of Flowers

2657 SHRI R SURENDER REDDY Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

- the quantity of flowers exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last three years, variety-wise and countrywise,
- whether Holland and other European countries have showed their keen interest in Indian floriculture sector and proposed to put up green houses that run with the help of computers and other automation equipment for production of roses for the Indian domestic market and export,
- if so, the details thereof, and
- the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) (a) Foreign exchange earned from export of flowers country-wise during the last three years is given in the Statement attached. Quantity and variety-wise export statistics are not available

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Presently, 10 Indian

floriculture ventures have been set up with Dutch technical collaboration

Floriculture has been identified as a thrust sector for exports and Government encourages the setting-up of Floriculture units with upto date technology

### STATEMENT

Country wise Export of cut Flowers during 1991-92  
1992-93 1993-94 (Rs Lakhs)

Country	1993-94	1992-93	1991-92
USA	377 141	271 581	181 587
GERMANY	180 663	139 587	162 724
UNITED KINGDOM	100 038	108 213	83 724
NETHERLANDS	81 284	29 466	12 758
ITALY	69 548	27 531	47 607
SINGAPORE	33 669	2 455	2 727
POLAND	31 871	—	—
SAUDI ARABIA	31 731	50 074	19 195
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	21 335	12 330	6 892
FRANCE	20 432	11 750	44 780
SRILANKA	15 297	16 512	2 439
AUSTRALIA	14 390	10 213	7 390
JAPAN	13 964	14 024	30 343
HONGKONG	8 058	2 186	0 051
SWITZERLAND	2 313	2 15	—
OTHERS	187 324	146 291	81 089
Total	1189 158	844 367	683 306

### Upgradation of Airport

2658 SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

- whether Government have decided to upgrade some airports in the country,
- if so, the names of such airports, State and Union Territory-wise, with estimated expenditure involved in each case,
- whether these upgraded airports will be able to handle big aircraft like Boeings,
- if so, the details thereof, and
- if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.