

order of Rs. 209.25 lakhs. About 15,000 carvers are engaged in this trade.

Strikes in IA and AI from April 1977 to December 1979

2193. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees and crew of various categories of Indian Air-Line and Air India have gone on strikes during April 1977 to December, 1979;

(b) if so, the details of such strikes;

(c) what were their demands;

(d) the outcome of the said strikes and the details of agreements arrived at and assurances given in each strikes; and

(e) the details of losses to the management and the employees as well as to Government and the Exchequer?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION AND LABOUR (SHRI J. B. PATNAIK):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). A statement giving the requisite information in respect of Indian Airlines is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-782/82] Information in respect of Air India is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Exports by MMTC

2194. SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) total amount of exports made by the M.M.T.C. during the year 1978-79 and 1979-80 up to February, 1980;

(b) what were the main exports items and the names of the concerns; and

(c) what is the latest policy of Government to boost up the exports in near future?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Exports made by MMTC during 1978-79 and 1979-80 are as under:

	(Value in Rs. crores)
1978-79	195.42
1979-80 (upto Feb., 1980)	187.99 (Provisional)

(b) The main export items of the Corporation are:—

(i) Iron ore, (ii) Manganese ore, (iii) Coal, (iv) Chrome ore, (v) Barytes, (vi) Sillimanite, (vii) Mica. exported through MITCO, a subsidiary of MMTC.

(c) The Government is trying to boost the export of minerals by (i) improving the infrastructural facilities in order to cut down internal costs and (ii) diversifying the export markets.

Import of Coking Coal from Poland

2195. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coking coal is in short supply in the country and for that reason Poland has been requested to export some of its surpluses to India;

(b) if so, what is the quantity proposed to be imported and at what cost; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the prices of coking coal have been revised five times and are now on an average 50 per cent higher since the nationalisation of the coal industry?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government have been considering several possibilities including imports in order to augment the indigenous availability