

glass?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c): Government has not received any complaint about import in to India of any type of glass which has been declared allegedly harmful for human life in developed countries.

[English]

Vijayawada Airport

1804 SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the present position in regard to development to the Vijayawada Airport to make it suitable for operation of Boeing aircraft; and

(b) the technical and financial details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b): state Government of Andhra Pradesh has handed over 79.57 acres of land to NAA. The work for construction of Compound wall on this land is in progress. National Airports Authority have a plan for extension and strengthening of the runway, construction of a terminal building and provision of modern navigational aids at a cost of Rs.18 be provided by the government of Andhra Pradesh as interest free loan. The Indian

Airlines are assessing the traffic potential to/from Vijayawada airport.

Bank Strikes

1805 SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE: SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been a number of strike of bank employees during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details therefor, year-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the assessment of loss sustained by the Government as a result thereof during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHRA MURTHY): (a) and (b). During the period 1992-93 (upto July 1994) banking industry has faced 12 strikes, details of which are given to the Statement attached.

(c) Strikes in the banking industry do cause great inconvenience to the public and huge financial loss to the trade and industry as the business cannot be transacted and clearing houses do not function on the strike dates. However, it is not possible to quantify the losses in monetary terms on this account.