

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) :**

(a) Yes, Sir. The following steps have been taken to combat the menace of pickpocketing :—

- (i) policemen in uniform and in plain clothes are deployed in running DTC buses and at the bus stops.
- (ii) special drives against pickpockets are undertaken from time to time.
- (iii) strict surveillance is being kept on the activities of the known pick-pockets.
- (iv) special directions to the field officers have been given to remain vigilant over the activities of pickpockets during patrolling in their respective divisions.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

**Employment of Liaison Officers by Large Industrial Houses**

5. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Behind the Scenes' under the heading 'Business in Documents' appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' New Delhi, dated the 11th February, 1985;

(b) whether Government have taken note of the fact that the Liaison Officers employed by Large Industrial Houses are playing with integrity of Government servants in the various public dealing Ministries and are

fishing out vital information for their principals; and

(c) if so, what surveillance Government are exercising or propose to exercise over the activities of these persons ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND CULTURE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) :** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Instructions exist for keeping a watch on the undesirable activities of Liaison Officers and also requiring the concerned officers to be careful in dealing with them. It would, however, not be in public interest to disclose the nature and details of surveillance exercised over such persons.

**Fire in the Engine of Indian Airlines Boeing at Calcutta.**

6. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some passengers were injured when the engine of an Indian Airlines Boeing caught fire and the aircraft overshot the runway after touching down at Calcutta airport on 8 February, 1985; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An Indian Airlines Boeing 737 aircraft operating as flight No. IC-248 from Kathmandu to Calcutta met with an accident while landing at Calcutta on 8.2.1985. Investigations carried out so far indicate that the aircraft touched the runway surface on its engines and slid 250 feet beyond the end of the runway. The two engines of the aircraft caught fire in the accident. The emergency services of International Airports Authority of India extinguished