

**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

the fire and all passengers were evacuated from the aircraft through the escape slides. In the process of evacuation, 14 persons, including 2 members of the cabin crew, received injuries/bruises.

Places Included in National Tourist Map

7. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the name of places included in the National Tourist map ;

(b) whether Darjeeling is also included in the said map ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(d) whether Government propose to include Darjeeling therein; and

(e) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) More than 300 places including Darjeeling, Siliguri Kalimpong, Shillong and Agartala have been included in the Tourist Map of India entitled "The Right Place".

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (c). Does not arise in view of answer to part (b) above.

Aid of World Bank For Special Forestry Projects

8. SHRI AMARSINGH RATHAWA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the world Bank has provided aid for social forestry projects in the country ;

(b) if so, the amount of such aid received by India ;

(c) the amount allocated to Gujarat for the purpose; and

(d) the area covered by this project in Gujarat, and the achievements made so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BIR SEN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Upto the half-year ending September, 1984, an amount of US \$63.1 million has been disbursed. The total amount committed is US \$ 202.80 million.

(c) An amount of US \$ 37 million has been allocated to Gujarat.

(d) 1,05,725 ha. have been covered and 221 million seedlings distributed to the people against the project targets of 1,05,440 ha. and 150 million seedlings, respectively.

Setting up of Helicopter Corporation

9. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a Helicopter Corporation ;

(b) if so, the purpose of setting up such corporation ;

(c) the time by which it is expected to be constituted; and

(d) the steps taken in the matter ?

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

(b) The Helicopter Corporation has been conceived with the primary objective of providing air transport support to the petroleum sector including exploration and inspection of