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Unemployment among labour due to closures and lockouts

1878. SHRI SURESH KURUP: SHRI AMAL DUTTA: DR. SUDHIR ROY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers who were forced to stay idle during the first eight months of 1987 as a result of closures, lockouts, lay offs and retrenchments in various industrial units in the country; and

(b) the total loss of production as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) According to information so far received in the Labour Bureau, the number of workers affected due to closures, lockouts, lay offs and retrenchments during January-August, 1987 is as follows :-

No. of Units		Number of workers involved		affected	
1.	Closures	and an an an an and an and a p	79	14832	
2.	Lockouts		252	161356	
3.	Lay offs		392	74620	
4.	Retrenchments		188	3149	
		TOTAL	911	253,957	

(b) The loss of production due to lockouts during January-August, 1987 is reported at Rs. 46.25 crores. Information on production loss due to closures, lay offs and retrenchments is not maintained.

Sale of Aircrafts by Air India

1879. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: SHRI P.M. SAYEED:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India sold its aircrafts to US firm recently;

(b) if so, the details of the aircrafts viz., their names, passenger capacity, hours of flight when and from where these were purchased and at what cost, the price at which these were sold individually;

(c) the expenditure incurred on each aircraft for their being re-equipped by foreign engineers for the air-worthiness certificates: and

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(d) the loss suffered as a result of this bargain and the reasons for not selling these aircrafts in the country itself?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF

CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir. Three B707 aircraft have been sold by Air India to a US firm.

(b) The details of the three aircraft are as given below :-

Aircraft Registration Number	VT-DVA	VT-DPM	VT-DSI
Name	Annapurna	Daulagiri *	Lhotse
Hours flown	54508	59380	57330
Date of Purchase	15.10.66	14.7.64	20.3.65
Purchase price (Rs. in lakhs)	548.37	448.59	567.23
Sale price (US \$)	1.20 (Million)	1.20 (Million)	1.025 (Million)
Passenger Capacity	132 Eco. + 12 First	132 Eco. + 12 First	132 Eco + 12 First

. All aircraft were purchased from Boeing Airplane Company, Seattle (USA).

(c) No foreigner was employed for reequipping the aircraft for airworthiness certificate. However, services of some retired engineers/technicians were employed. Apart from the cost incurred on employment of the engineers/technicians mentioned above, there was also expenditure on fuel for test flight of the aircraft. Cost details aircraftwise are given below:

VT DVA	Rs. 2.20 lakhs
VT DPM	Rs. 2.50 lakhs
VT DSI	Rs. 2.65 lakhs

(d) There has been no loss on the sale of the aircraft. The written down value of the aircraft as on 1st April, 1987 was as follows:

VT DVA	Rs. 5.48 lakhs
VT DVM DPM	Rs. 4.89 lakhs
VT DSI	Rs. 5.67 lakhs

As a policy it was decided that the sale price including earnest money deposit should be paid by tendering parties in hard currency foreign exchange only and as such aircraft were not sold within India. The sale was effected after floating a global tender.

Financial Assistance to Karnataka for development of Agricultural Schemes

1880. DR. V. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: