

कारण पत्थर-खनन पर कार्यरत कई हजार श्रमिक बेरोजगार हो गए हैं; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार का विचार उपरोक्त श्रमिकों को काम सुनिश्चित कराने के लिए उपरोक्त प्रतिबन्ध को समाप्त करने का है; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो कब और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक पति तथा इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री प्रणब मुखर्जी) : (क) से (ग) . बिहार विधान परिषद की एक विशेष समिति के आदेश के अनुसरण में नालन्दा जिले के राजगृह पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों में पत्थर-खनन पर लगाई गई रोक के कारण वहाँ पत्थर-खनन में लगे लगभग 500 श्रमिक 29-11-78 से बेरोजगार हो गए हैं । विशेष समिति का गठन विधान परिषद में उठाए गए इस मामले की जांच करने के लिए 1-8-1978 को हुआ था कि राजगृह पहाड़ियों में विद्यमान धार्मिक और पुरातत्व महत्व की चट्टानों में से पत्थर की रोड़िया बनाई जा रही थी । उपर्युक्त समिति के निर्देश पर बिहार सरकार ने समिति द्वारा अन्तिम निर्णय दिए जाने तक, जिसकी प्रतीक्षा है, पत्थर की रोड़ियाँ बनाने से सम्बन्धित खनन कार्य को बन्द करने के अनुदेश जारी किए हैं ।

#### Introduction of Amritsar-London Flight

504. SHRI L. S. TUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to indicate the date by which Air India proposes to introduce Amritsar-London flight in line with the policy by which Air India has started International flights from Trivandrum, Madras, Calcutta etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): Air India had examined the feasibility of operating a twice weekly service between Amritsar and London in 1979. However, it was found that Amritsar airport was not suitable for Boeing 707/747 operations.

#### Delegations sent Abroad

505. SHRI BABU LAL SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deputations and delegations sent abroad by Government during the last three years end-

ing on 31st December, 1979, the names of persons (both private and Government) included in them, the purposes of these delegations and deputations, the amount spent on them in Indian currency and in foreign exchange (separately); and

(b) the time spent by these delegations abroad and the results achieved by these visits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

#### Adverse Trends in India's Exports

506. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR.  
SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKER.  
SHRIMATI MOHSINA  
KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's exports have been facing adverse trends during the last two years;

(b) if so, the extent thereof and the areas in which India's export have shown adverse trends and if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken by Government not only to remove the constraints and to boost the Indian exports but also to explore the new markets in the developing countries of Asia and Latin America?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). The annual rate of growth in value of exports was 5.1 per cent in 1977-78 and 5.9 per cent in 1978-79. This rate of growth was much lower than the average rate of growth of over 25 per cent achieved in the preceding five years period 1972-73 to 1976-77. During 1977-78 exports of sugar and sugar preparations, iron and steel, oil cakes, silver, oil