

को दिये जाने वाले ऋण में वृद्धि करने के लिए रियायती शर्तों का निर्धारण करके ऋण देने की व्यवस्था का विनियमन किया जाए। भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा किये जाने वाले इन नियंत्रणों से वांछित दिशा में ऋण प्रदान करने तथा बैंक ऋण की सहायता से सट्टेबाजी के तौर पर स्टाकों की जमाखोरी को रोकने में सहायता मिली है।

#### **Airlines Threat to Skip Delhi**

697. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Airlines' threat to skip Delhi' appearing in the 'Hindustan Times', New Delhi dated the 24th October, 1980;

(b) if so, his reaction thereto; and

(c) the measures which he proposes to take to meet the situation and set matters right?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government is alive to the problems of delay in clearance of passengers at the four international airports. Such problems are not unusual even at major international airports in the event of multiple arrival/departure of aircraft. Government is continuously searching for areas for speeding up the clearance process. The most recent effort has been the elimination of P.O.E. (Protectors of Emigrants) check at the airports from 1st November, 1980.

#### **News Item Captioned "Tea Industry's Woes Mounting"**

698. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Tea Industry's woes mounting" appearing in the 'Financial Express' dated the 5th October, 1980;

(b) if so, his reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps which he proposes to take to save the Tea Industry from impending ruination and fall in exports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The position of the Tea Industry is kept under constant review by the Government. There has been no fall in exports; export of tea during the first six months of 1980-81 is provisionally estimated at 92.36 m. kgs. valued at Rs. 175.37 crores as against 89.16 m. kgs. valued at Rs. 151.97 crores during the corresponding period of last year. The unit value realised is also higher by Rs. 1.94 per kg. for the same period.

Although there was a fall in auction prices due to a slump in domestic demand, the position has since improved.

Government continues to provide various incentives for encouraging the export of tea and to strengthen India's position in the international market. Government has already accepted the majority of the recommendations of the Tandon Committee on Tea Marketing and these recommendations are under implementation. Efforts are also being made to reach an international agreement on tea. India is also actively participating in the activities of the International Tea Promotion Association which has undertaken generic promotion campaigns in various importing countries.