

(a) whether another D.A. instalment has become due to the Central Government Employees w.e.f. 1st February, 1981;

(b) if so, the decision of Government in this respect; and

(c) the total amount that costs the Government on the payment of each instalment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA): (a) and (b) Consequent on the 12-monthly average of the All India Average Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (General) (1960-100) reaching 892.83 at the end of January, 1981, a further instalment of Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees with effect from 1-2-1981 has become due for consideration. The question of payment of this instalment is under consideration.

(c) Each instalment of Dearness Allowance to the Central Government employees at the existing rates is estimated to cost the Exchequer Rs. 62 crores per annum.

पंजाब और सिंध बैंक के लिए निदेशक मंडल की नियुक्ति

6269. श्री हरिकेश बहादुर : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पंजाब और सिंध बैंक का राष्ट्रीयकरण किस तारीख को हुआ था ;

(ख) क्या निदेशक मण्डल की नियुक्ति कर दी गई है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री मगनभाई बारोट) : (क) 15 अप्रैल, 1980 ।

(ख) तथा (ग) राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक (प्रबन्ध तथा प्रकीर्ण उपबन्ध) स्कीम,

1980 की धारा 3 के अनुसरण में, ने, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के परामर्श से, 2 जनवरी, 1981 से पंजाब एण्ड सिंध बैंक के नए निदेशक मंडल का गठन किया है । इस समय, बोर्ड में एक अध्यक्ष तथा प्रबन्ध निदेशक और रिजर्व बैंक और केन्द्रीय सरकार दोनों में से प्रत्येक का एक-एक नामित, शामिल हैं ।

अमरकंटक को एक पर्यटक-स्थल घोषित करना

6270. श्री बलबीर सिंह : क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या नर्मदा तथा सोन नदियों के सुन्दर उद्भव-स्रोत अमरकंटक को एक पर्यटक स्थल घोषित करने का प्रस्ताव है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस बारे में अन्तिम निर्णय कब तक लिया जायेगा ?

पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री अनन्त प्रताप शर्मा) : (क) और (ख) : अमरकंटक, जो एक तीर्थ-स्थान और प्राकृतिक सौन्दर्य का स्थल है, की तीर्थयात्रियों और स्वदेशी पर्यटकों द्वारा यात्रा की जाती है । अतः यह पहले से ही एक स्थापित तीर्थ/पर्यटक केन्द्र है ।

Selection of Pilots by A. I. and I.A.

6271. SHRI R. PRABHU: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilots recruited by Indian Airlines and the Air India during the years 1978, 1979 and 1980;

(b) whether Government have laid down any guidelines for the selection of these pilots;

(c) whether Government have received any complaints regarding the

manner of selection of these pilots; and

(d) if so, have Government looked into these complaints and taken decisions?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) The number of pilots appointed by Air India and Indian Airlines during the years 1978 to 1980 are as under:—

AIR INDIA	INDIAN AIRLINES	
1978-79	15	1978 13
1979-80	12	1979 31
1980-81	Nil	1980 32

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Complaints about the necessity of aptitude test etc. were received.

(d) Government, however, did not consider it necessary to change the procedure of recruitment on the basis of this complaint.

Export Target of Engineering Goods from Eastern Region

6272. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the export target of engineering goods from the Eastern Region for the year 1980-81;

(b) whether the target has been fulfilled;

(c) whether the scheme of reimbursement of the price gap has been given effect to; and

(d) if so, the total amount spent for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN):

(a) A target of Rs. 200 crores was fixed by the Engineering Export Promotion Council for export of engineering goods from the Eastern Region for 1980-81.

(b) Final export figures for 1980-81 are not yet available.

(c) and (d) Following the increase in prices of steel effected from the 9th February, 1981, Government have decided that eligible export contracts for engineering goods subsisting as on the 8th February, 1981 will be afforded price protection in respect of steel and pig iron, with reference to the price increase effected on the 9th February, 1981. Further, in respect of exports of engineering goods effected in implementation of other export contracts, it has been decided that international prices will be charged for steel. The total amount to be reimbursed under these schemes will depend upon the quantity of the steel to be released for the export contracts covered by the decisions mentioned above.

Rural Bonds

6273. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of Rural Bonds which were issued by the Janata Government to give relief for capital Gains;

(b) what was the total amount of Rural Bonds printed;

(c) is it a fact that the Rural Bonds scheme was not a success;

(d) if so, the reasons why Government did not scrap the Rural Bonds scheme and resort to *status-quo-ante*; and