

with the reply, the passengers entered IAC office and went on to the apron through the Baggage Section managed by the IAC security. Some of the passengers boarded the Madras flight. The security staff of the IAC along with the Police Security staff persuaded the passengers to vacate the plane. I.A. flight No. IC-107 bound for Bangalore took off at 2350 hours i.e. after 8 hours off the scheduled departure.

(b) Flight IC-107 (Bombay/Bangalore) of 14th May, '82 was delayed ex-Bombay due to rescheduling of aircraft, as one aircraft while taking off for an earlier flight to Karachi developed a technical snag and landed back and had to be withdrawn for inspection.

(c) All the delays are reviewed regularly by Indian Airlines and remedial action taken whenever possible.

Filling up of Vacancies Reserved for SC/ST Persons in State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur

437. SHRI R. N. RAKESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur Employees Federation has represented to the management for filling the carried forward and unfilled vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that management is going to conduct a written test very shortly for promotion from clerical cadre to officer grade I, and

(d) if so, the number of candidates called for the proposed written test to fill all the reserved vacancies.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rise in Wholesale Price Index

438. SHRI MOHAMMAD ASRAR AHMAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wholesale price index has been moving upward in recent weeks;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) steps being taken to arrest the rising trend in price index?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (c) The Wholesale Price Index has moved upward in recent weeks mainly due to seasonal factors. However, despite seasonal pressures in the recent weeks the annual rate of inflation as on June 19, 1982 was 1.8 per cent compared with 12.6 per cent in the corresponding week of last year.

The price situation is kept under constant surveillance and necessary steps will be taken in the light of emerging situation.

Shortage of Helicopters

439. SHRI MOHAMMAD ASRAR AHMAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is shortage of helicopters in Indian Air Force; and

(b) what steps are contemplated to make helicopters available to I.A.F. at an early date?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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440. श्री सत्यनारायण जटिया : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार के 16 दसम्बर 1981 के पत्र में उज्जैन, मध्य-