

Steps taken to Avert Double Digit Inflation

1053. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYA :
SHRI NIREN GHOSH :
SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware of the fear expressed by conomists of double digit inflation looming large in the economy of the country ; and

(b) if so, what effective steps have been initiated to stall the galloping inflation to avert a serious economic crisis in near future ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) The Government is not complacent in regard to the price situation and continues to accord high priority to the control of inflation in the country. A series of steps have been taken on both the supply and the demand side as detailed in the economic Survey 1982-83 and the Budget 1983-84. Further steps have been taken to strengthen the public distribution system to effectively use the release mechanism in respect of sugar and edible oils and to augment stocks by import of wheat and rice and to curb speculative expectations. Further steps will be taken in the light of emerging trends.

Ban on Slaughter Houses and Garbage Dumps Near Airports to Prevent Bird-Hits

1054. SHRI ANANTHA RAMULU MALLU : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details regarding the steps taken by Government to prevent the menace of bird hits to aircrafts near the airports ; and

(b) whether Government would also like to consider banning of slaughter houses

and garbage dumps in the vicinity of airports which attract the birds ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) Bird strikes to aircraft is an unfortunate world-wide phenomenon and India is no exception. In order to contain the menace of bird strikes the following measures have been introduced and are being implemented within and out-side the airport :

- (i) Environmental Management which includes shifting of garbage dumping sites butcheries etc. to a distance of over 10 kilometers from the airport.
- (ii) Cutting of grass along the side strips of runways and restricting its height to 6-8" (inches).
- (iii) Spraying of insecticides to kill insects which attract birds.
- (iv) Dispersal techniques such as the use of crackers, rockets etc. to scare the birds away from the operational area.
- (v) Shooting of hazardous birds at the airports and in their vicinity.
- (vi) Installation in a phased manner of Sodium Vopour lights which are insect repellent.
- (vii) Bird Strike Squads have been formed to disperse the birds.
- (viii) Local Airport Bird Strike Committees have been formed which study, and advise on problems peculiar to different airports.
- (ix) Public Awareness is being generated through various publicity media such as poster, stickers, radio/TV programmes. October, 1982 was observed as 'Bird Strike Prevention Campaign' month.