

में सम्मिलित था। तथापि उस दिन श्रीनगर हवाई अड्डे पर यात्रियों के विमान में सवार होने से पहले उनकी सुरक्षा जांच करने के लिए तैनात 10 व्यक्तियों को निलम्बित कर दिया गया है।

(ग) अपहरणकर्ताओं की मुख्य मांगों में हवाई जहाज में इंधन भरने, भारत में नजरबंद कुछ व्यक्तियों को रिहा करने तथा अमेरिकी डालर में 25 करोड़ रुपये की फिरोती की राशि की अदायगी की मांगे शामिल थीं।

पाकिस्तानी प्राधिकारियों ने अपहरणकर्ताओं के साथ बातचीत की थी। अपहरणकर्ताओं ने अंत में यात्रियों, कर्मी-दल और हवाई जहाज को बिना शर्त छोड़ दिया तथा पाकिस्तानी प्राधिकारियों के समक्ष आत्मसमर्पण कर दिया।

(घ) और (ङ) पाकिस्तान सरकार से औपचारिक रूप में अनुरोध किया गया है कि वे नौ अपहरणकर्ताओं को भारत को लौटा दें। अभी तक उनसे कोई औपचारिक उत्तर नहीं मिला है।

**World Bank Study Urges Reduction  
in Governmental Budget Deficit**

882. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY :  
SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN :  
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 9 July, 1984 wherein it has been stated that a new international study, conducted by World Bank, warns the harder struggle ahead for poorer countries if the industrialised nations fail to keep their economics moving growth pace of past decades;

(b) if so, whether the study has also urged industrial nations to focus attention to reduce Governmental budget deficit which would ease pressure on inflation and interest rate; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto and the steps being taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government concurs with the view that in an increasingly interdependent world, the developing countries are adversely affected by inappropriate policies in industrialised countries which lead to slow growth in these countries and high interest rates. Both in bilateral discussions and in relevant international fora, we have been stressing the need for adoption by industrial countries of policies which are conducive to a more rapid growth of the world economy and faster growth of developing countries. It may be noted that in fact India has fared better than many other developing countries in tackling the problems caused by the recent malaise in the world economy.

**Increase in Rate of Inflation**

883. SHRI R.P. GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that in recent months there is an inflationary pressure on the country's economy;

(b) whether between March and June, the rate of inflation has increased by 11 points;

(c) if so, the details of the rate of inflation during the first six months beginning from January to June, 1984; and

(d) the steps taken or propose to be taken to arrest this inflationary trend ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (d) The monthly average index of wholesale price for the six months beginning from January, 1984 and the rate of inflation are given below :