

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 :

Month	Wholesale Price Index (average) (1970-71 = 100)	Percent change over the previous month
January	322.3	1.19
February	323.2	0.28
March	322.9	0.19
April	323.2 (P)	0.09
May	327.3 (P)	1.27
June	333.7 (P)	1.95

(P Provisional.)

The increase in prices in May and June, 1984 reflects mainly the seasonal pressures.

The price situation is kept under constant review and from time to time steps have been taken, both on the demand and supply side, to contain inflation. These include, inter-alia, incentives for higher production, strengthening of the public distribution system, larger releases of foodgrains, sugar and edible oils, enforcement of fiscal discipline and mopping up of excess liquidity in the system.

#### Setting Up of Forest Lodges in Orissa

884. SHRI NITYANAND MISRA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(1) the number of forest lodges proposed to be set up in Orissa by the end of the Sixth Plan :

(b) the name of the places in Orissa identified by his Ministry for setting up Forest lodges during the above Plan period; and

(c) the progress made in the construction of Forest Lodges in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b) One Forest Lodge is being set up at Lulung in Simillpal National Park, Orissa, during the Sixth Plan period.

(c) The project is estimated to cost Rs. 62 lakhs (Rupees Sixty two lakhs) out of which the Government of India's share is Rs. 36.76 lakhs. An amount of Rs. 10.80 lakhs from the Central Government's share has already been released in favour of the State Government in the month of March, 1984.

#### Proposal to Charge Uniform Rate of Commission by Banks for Issuing of Drafts

885. SHRI HARISH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a proposal under the consideration of Government to fix a uniform rate for the banks to charge for issuing of the drafts etc ; and

(b) if so, whether any headway has been made in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b) The proposal to charge uniform rate of commission by banks for issuing of drafts etc. is under consideration of the Reserve Bank of India in consultation with the Indian Banks' Association.

#### Constitution of Experts Group to recommend Long-Term Policy for Textile Sector

886. SHRI K. MALLANNA : SHRI AMAR SINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :