

(ख) क्या सरकार को बिहार फ्लाइट क्लब, पटना के प्रबन्धको द्वारा की गई अनियमितताओं और उक्त क्लब के सामने आई वित्तीय कठिनाइयों के बारे में शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस मामले में सरकार का कब कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री (डा० कर्ण सिंह) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग). हाल ही में नागर विमानन के महानिदेशक को बिहार फ्लाइट क्लब कर्मचारी संगठन की ओर से कर्मचारी भविष्यनिधि लेखे में कमी के सम्बन्ध में एक आरोप पत्र प्राप्त हुआ है। मामले की छानबीन की जा रही है।

Reward to Indian Cricket Team for its victory against West Indies Team

1322. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Cricket Team, which won the Rubber against West Indies, has been properly rewarded for its magnificent victory; and

(b) if so, in what manner ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY) : (a) and (b). The Government considers that the ovation that the Indian Cricket Team has received from the nation is itself a reward. The Board of Cricket Control in India have given a victory bonus of Rs. 1001/- to all players and Manager. Individual players and in certain special circumstances, teams, showing excellence are also considered for Arjuna Awards. The Committee to recommend such Awards during this year is still to meet.

Financial Assistance to the Family of Late Major H. B. Bahuguna

1323. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any financial assistance has been given to the family members of late Major H. B. Bahuguna, the only Indian Member of the International Everest Expedition who died on 18th April, 1971 at an altitude of 21,500 ft. and

(b) if so, the amount given ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY) : (a) and (b). A grant of Rs. 1500/- has been made to Mrs. Bahuguna from the Army Officer's Benevolent Fund. She will be paid a further sum of Rs. 4,500/- spread over a period of 18 months at the rate of Rs. 250/- p.m.

Arrangements are being made for the payment of \$4,000 (Rs. 30,000/-) for which the life of Major Bahuguna was insured by the International Himalayan Expedition to Mount Everest.

The family of Major Bahuguna will be entitled to Special Family Pension (Rs. 200/- p. m.) gratuity (Rs. 6,500/-) and children's allowance.

Upgradation of Cities

1324. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any final decision has been taken to upgrade certain cities for purposes of granting City Compensatory Allowances and House Rent Allowance; and

(b) if so, the names of those cities and how these cities have been classified ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House.