

Participation of Pilots of Indian Airlines in the World-wide Token Strike by Pilots

1844. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKKODKAR :

SHRI K. BALADHANDAYUTHAM :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether pilots of Indian Airlines also joined the world-wide pilots 24-hours token strike to protest against hijacking and sabotage of aircrafts; and

(b) if so, whether the question of hijacking was raised in the United Nations?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARANSINGH):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Oil Exploration Scheme in Southern Iraq

1845. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKKODKAR :

SHRI RAMKANWAR :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any team of Oil and Natural Gas Commission recently visited Baghdad to study the area for oil exploration in Southern Iraq; and

(b) if so, its findings and achievements ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI H.R. GOKHALE) : (a) Yes,

Sir.

(b) On the report of the team the ONGC submitted a proposal to Government to put in a bid for exploration in an area which they considered the most promising. This proposal was approved by Govt. and the bid has since been put in by ONGC.

Assistance from United Nations Developments Programme.

1846. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA :

SHRI C.T. DHANDAPANI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total allocation approved by the United Nations Development Programme for assistance to India in the next five years; and

(b) the number of new projects to be assisted thereby?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN) :

(a) The Governing Counciling of the United Nations Development Programme at its Session held during June 1972 in Geneva has approved the Country Programme for India, with an Indicative Planning Figure of \$ 50 million for the five-year period 1972-1976.

(b) In our Country Programme, we have included 123 large-scale projects spanning the major developmental sector. They consist of ongoing, pipeline, extension and fresh projects. The number of fresh projects is 72. Financial provision has also been made for small-scale projects.

UNDP have approved the Programme as a whole and not specific projects. The individual project proposals will have to be proposed separately to and sanctioned by the UNDP Administration within the limits of Indicative Planning Figure of \$50 million for the five-year period 1972-1976.

Expansion of existing oil refineries

1847. SHRIMATI SAVITRI SHYAM. :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under