

Export of Low Carbon Ferro-Chrome

5463. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Industrial Development Corporation, Orissa has appealed to Government to consider sanction of some subsidy for the export of low carbon ferro-chrome to foreign countries owing to its low demand; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b). It has since been decided to allow compensatory support to exports of ferro-chrome.

Loss suffered due to Strike by Employees of Air India during March, 1973

5464. SHRI B. R. SHUKLA:
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KACHWAI:

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

(a) whether employees of Air India had gone on strike during the month of March, 1973; and

(b) the loss suffered by Government as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) The employees of Air-India represented by the Air Corporations Employees' Union and the Air-India Officers' Association went on strike from the afternoon of 8th March. The strike was called off at 7 p.m. on 10th March.

(b) The loss suffered by Air-India is approximately Rs. 30 lakhs.

Criteria adopted for inclusion of a palace at a tourist spot in the Central Sector

5465. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Murshidabad Nawab Palace is proposed to be treated as a tourist spot under Central sector;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the criteria adopted for inclusion of a palace as a tourist spot in the Central sector?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) to (c). No specific list of palaces of tourist interest is maintained by the Department. There are no plans at present in the Central Sector for developing the area around the Murshidabad Nawab's palace as a place of tourist interest. The selection of a limited number of tourist areas for investment by the Department of Tourism depends on the availability of funds and on priorities, which are determined by the present flow of tourists, accessibility and other factors. It is for the State Government to consider whether as a part of the States' Fifth Plan facilities should be created to enable tourists to visit the Murshidabad area in view of its historical and cultural interest.

Action taken on Complaints received regarding Supply of bad quality of Food in Indian Airlines

5466. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the actual procedure followed for allowing any specific party to supply food in Indian Airlines and to organise a restaurant at the airports;

(b) whether any complaints have been received regarding the supply of