

(c) if so, the decision taken in the matter; and

(d) the estimated loss suffered as a result of the strike?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) Yes; 2,179 non-technical employees of Indian Airlines Corporation went on strike on 15-1-1968.

(b) and (c). The demand of the employees was that a letter issued by the management of Delhi Area on the 13th January, 1968 banning the holding of meetings in the office premises, should be withdrawn. The management explained the correct import of the letter to the representatives of the Union. The strike was called off on 20-1-68.

(d) No loss was suffered by the Corporation as a result of the strike as no services were cancelled.

Admission to Delhi Engineering College

688. **SHRI D. C. SHARMA:**
SHRI ESWARA REDDY:
SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK:
SHRI T. P. SHAH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has decided to gradually shut down some Polytechnics and restrict admission to the Delhi College of Engineering because of a glut of Engineers in the capital;

(b) if so, whether the causes of the glut of engineers have been analysed; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) No, Sir. The general question of how the present technical education facilities should be regulated will be considered as soon as definite indications are available regarding the demand for

technical personnel for the Five Year Plans.

(b) The present unemployment is apparently due to recession in industry and slowing down of Fourth Five Year Plan Projects.

(c) The ways and means of utilising available trained technical personnel are under consideration.

Expansion of Airports

689. **SHRI D. C. SHARMA:**
DR. RANEN SEN:
SHRI ANBUCHAZHIAN:
SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA:
SHRI Y. A. PRASAD:
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO:

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

(a) whether Airport Expansion Panel has submitted its interim report on the expansion of the four international airports in the country;

(b) if so, its main recommendations; and

(c) the steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Committee's interim report is expected in March, 1968.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Civil Defence Training to Students

690. **SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL:**
Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to make the training in civil defence compulsory for students;

(b) if so, when the proposal will be given a practical shape; and

(c) whether this will apply to the students of all the States and the