

plastering, painting and furnishing items and services like lifts, air-conditioning, boilers, sanitary and electrical installations, water supply are being carried out.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Contracts for supplying and fixing marble, Dholpur stone, anodised aluminium doors and windows and bulk of furniture have been awarded. The works are in progress.

Bird-Hit Incidents to Planes at Bombay Airport

*99. SHRI HARINATH MISRA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-report appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated 22nd June, 1981, under the caption "WINGED MENACE AT BOMBAY AIRPORT";

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

(c) the total number of bird-hit incidents which occurred at Bombay airport during 1980-81 and the loss sustained by Government ; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take or have taken to keep the airport neighbourhood free from attracting vultures ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA) (a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is already seized of the problem of Bird menace and appropriate/effective measures have been adopted to reduce/eliminate the bird menace.

(c) The total number of bird hits in 1980 were 34 and in 1981 upto

end July were 8. The requisite information regarding loss is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) To reduce bird menace the following steps are implemented :—

- (i) Regular spraying of insecticides to reduce insect population which act as food for birds ;
- (ii) Regular sweeping of all areas used by aircraft to remove any dead insects;
- (iii) Removal of shrubbery where birds normally nest;
- (iv) Removal of garbage and other food items that attract birds;
- (v) Usage of coloured ribbons on the shoulder strips of runways to scare birds;
- (vi) Use of fire crackers and shooting to disperse the bird concentration; and
- (vii) Bird fright cartridges are being imported.

Petro-Dollar Aid

*100. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to lay a statement showing :

(a) whether as a result of the recent visit of the Prime Minister to the Gulf countries, Government have been able to contract massive petro-dollar aid for India's varied economic development projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the schemes and programmes to be financed therewith ; and

(c) the terms of the petro-dollar aid contracted with each country.