

**SHRI NIREN GHOSH:** Since Japan is a big importer of minerals, may I know whether any efforts have been made to locate the countries to which the ore can be sold after pelletisation?

**SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:** This particular question relates to the Kudremukh ore. As the hon. Member is aware, it is a special Type of concentrate, which can be used only for those steel plants, which have the direct reduction technology. Therefore, the market potential of this particular ore is extremely limited. That is why we are contemplating converting them into pellets, which will have a ready market in many countries.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Next Question. Shri Arjun Sethi—absent.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Effective Export Strategy for Indian Jute Goods

\*561. **SHRI N. E. HORO:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state what steps Government have taken for the working out an effective export strategy for Indian jute goods, especially carpets?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE):** The Task Force on Jute Industry in its report submitted to Government on February 26, 1981 has made a series of recommendations on an effective export strategy for Indian jute goods. The report is under examination.

##### Air Link between Delhi, State Capitals and District Headquarters

\*568. **SHRI MOHD. ASRAR AHMAD:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a scheme to connect Delhi

with State Capitals and District Headquarters with State Capitals;

(b) if so, how much progress has been made;

(c) whether an air strip is being developed at Badaun District Headquarter (U.P.);

(d) if so, since when and how much progress has been made; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor particularly when Badaun is a backward District and adequate railway facilities are not available?

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA):** (a). No, Sir.

(b). Does not arise.

(c). No, Sir.

(d). Does not arise.

(e). Air services between any two places are operated by Indian Airlines if justified on the basis of traffic potential available and if such services are commercially viable. Badaun does not qualify for airlinking on these criteria.

##### Cabin Crew of Indian Airlines at Bombay refused to Board Flights

\*567. **SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cabin crew of Indian Airlines at Bombay had refused to board their respective flights on Friday 20, February, 1981; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA):** (a) and (b). The cabin crew of Indian Airlines at Bombay declined to fly on board the aircraft as per duty roster on the morning of 20th February, 1981, as one of the Air Hostesses, Miss M. Kadri had been