

(i) During this period the total number of passengers increased by 15 per cent.

(ii) the total expenditure did not increase in the same proportion as that of revenue.

Plan to Increase Jute Storage Capacity

*270. SHRI AJIT BAG:

SHRI NIREN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jute Corporation of India has any plan to increase its storage capacity of jute; and

(b) if so, the details of the said plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Plan is to induce private institutions/organisations to build a chain of godowns of about 25000 bales of jute each under ARDC Scheme of refinancing facilities at softer terms, in line with similar scheme prevailing with FCI. The total capacity creation under the Scheme will be limited to six lakh bales of jute. No capital investment by the Jute Corporation of India would be involved; and Jute Corporation of India's financial commitment would be restricted only to rental liability for the guaranteed occupancy period of the godowns.

अभ्रक सलाहकार समिति की बैठक

*271. श्री रीतलाल प्रसाद वर्मा : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मंत्रालय ने अभ्रक सलाहकार समिति की बैठक 29 सितम्बर, 1981 को बुलाई थी;

(ख) उस का क्या परिणाम रहा ; और

(ग) उस पर सरकार द्वारा अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिवराज बी० पराटिल) : (क) अभ्रक सलाहकार समिति की बैठक 30 सितम्बर, 1981 को हुई ।

(ख) और (ग). सदस्यों द्वारा विचार लिये गये कुछ प्रमुख मुद्दे इस से सम्बन्धित थे : मिटको का कार्य-निष्पादन, मिटको की मार्फत संसाधित अभ्रक के निर्यात का सारणीकर निम्न ग्रेडों के अभ्रक के निर्यात को शेयरिंग फार्मुला से पृथक करना, अभ्रक आधारित उद्योगों की स्थापना, संसाधित फ्रेब्रिकेटिड अभ्रक की परिभाषाओं में स्पष्टता तथा खनन क्षेत्र में अनुभव की गई कुछ समस्याएं इन की विधिवत जांच की गयी और उचित कार्यवाही आरम्भ की गई है । मिटको के कार्य-निष्पादन की बराबर समीक्षा की जाती रहती है, अभ्रक आधारित उद्योगों की स्थापना को ध्यानपूर्वक मानीटर किया जा रहा है, परिभाषा सम्बन्धी परिवर्तन कर दिये गये हैं तथा इस सम्बन्ध में कठिणों को दूर कर दिया गया है । वर्तमान सारणीकरण नीति के प्रचालन पर निगरानी रखी जा रही है । खनन क्षेत्र से सम्बन्धित सुझावों पर खान विभाग में विचार किया जा रहा है ।

Another Flight from Vizag to Hyderabad

*272. SHRI S.R.A.S. APPALANAI-DU: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average daily waiting list for passengers from Vizag to Hyderabad;

(b) whether Government are considering any proposals to provide

another flight to meet the demand from Vizag to Hyderabad;

(c) whether Government are considering a proposal to land Boeings at Vizag airport, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government are also considering to provide night landing facilities at Vizag airport?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A.P. SHARMA): (a) The average wait listed passengers from Vizag to Hyderabad is approx. 8/10 passengers per day.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In its Winter Schedule 1982-83 Indian Airlines has plans to introduce a thrice weekly B-737 service on Calcutta/ Vishakhapatnam/Hyderabad route subject to Vishakhapatnam airfield being made suitable for jet operations.

(d) No, Sir.

A.I. Penalised for carrying Afghan passengers without visa to U.S.A.

***275. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA:** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has been penalised for carrying Afghan passengers without visa to the USA;

(b) if so, the amount of fine imposed; and

(c) the reasons for carrying these passengers?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A.P. SHARMA): (a) to (c). Air India carried Mrs. R. Hanifi, an Afghan National and her two children from Delhi to New York. Since the passenger did not hold Visa for entry into

USA, Air India has been held responsible and fined \$3000/-.

These passengers were carried due to lapse of the Delhi booking office, and the check-in counter at Palam, in not ensuring that the passengers had valid Visas for USA.

Pre-Budget Discussion with Executives of Nationalised Banks

***281. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY:**

SHRI ARJUN SETHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had a pre-budget discussion with Executives of Nationalised banks;

(b) whether he urged upon them to bring discipline among the rank and file and reduce substantially the overtime allowance;

(c) whether he has also assured that the executives will be given government assistance to implement the above objectives;

(d) if so, whether the Bank executives have drawn up a working plan for this purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). The Management of Public Sector Banks are devising measures to bring about discipline at various levels, improve productivity and efficiency and provide better customer service. The banks are also taking measures to ensure that payment of overtime allowance to the employees is reduced substantially by eliminating unethical practices.