

**Opening of Recruiting Office of Air Force at Hamirpur in H.P.**

\*947. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a demand has been received from Himachal Pradesh Government for opening a recruiting office of Air Force at Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, the likely date by which this demand would be accepted and the office opened especially when the youth of Himachal Pradesh do not get adequate chances for recruitment to the Indian Air Force in the absence of such a recruiting office in the State ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise. In fact, the youth of Himachal Pradesh are being recruited to Air Force in a much larger number than their share justified according to the population of the State.

**Tightening of Banks' grip on credit to Industry**

\*952. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that the recent tightening of the banks' grip on credit to industry has adversely affected production, and the entrepreneurs are facing hardships all over ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the bigger units are feeling the pinch and the smaller ones are getting sick fast one after the other ;

(c) if so, whether the Reserve Bank of India has strictly instructed the banks in this regard ;

(d) whether Asia's biggest industrial estate at Peenya in Bangalore has suffered the worst on this account ; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the situation in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SH. JANARDHANA POOJARY) :

(a) to (c). Quick estimates for the first nine months of the current financial year show that gross credit to industry expanded by Rs. 1576 crores as compared to Rs. 1479 crores during the corresponding period last year.

In the context of the need to curb inflationary pressures in the economy, the Reserve Bank had to take several measures to contain the volume of credit expansion to reduce the liquidity in the economy. The institutionwise and sectorwise impact of these measures is continually being assessed by the Reserve Bank of India so as to secure better credit planning and ensure continued flow of credit particularly to the smaller borrowers in the priority sector and the beneficiaries under the 20-Point Programme. In regard to the larger borrowers in medium and large industry, sector, it is expected that they should reduce their reliance on the banking system by bringing in larger funds from own or long term sources. As a result of this review the Reserve Bank of India has announced the following modifications in the credit policy on 8th April, 1982 to enable banks to overcome their liquidity problems :—

(i) Reduction in the cash reserve ratio from 7.75 percent to 7.25 percent with effect from April 9, 1982;

- (ii) Reduction with effect from April 9, 1982 in the cash reserve ratio from 7.75 per cent to 3 per cent in respect of deposit under non-resident (external) rupee accounts; and
- (iii) Liberalisation of the refinance entitlement with effect from April 9, 1982 for food procurement credit from 30 per cent to 50 per cent of the excess over the base level of Rs. 2,200 crores upto Rs. 2,800 crores and 100 per cent over the level of Rs. 2,800 crores.

The above modifications will enable banks to be in a better position to meet the needs of seasonal industries and other vital sectors.

(d) and (e). While information specifically in respect of the industrial estate at Peenya in Bangalore is not available, the policy of the Government and Reserve Bank of India is to continually review the position and take corrective measures where necessary, so that not only inflationary pressures are contained, but also the growth of production is maintained.

#### Helicopter Service in North Eastern Region

\*953. SHRI CHINGWANG KONYAK : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a new helicopter service is proposed to be started in the North-East region;

(b) the areas to be covered by the helicopter service;

(c) whether any study has been made on the economics of the operation; and

(d) when a final decision is likely to be taken and the helicopter service will commence operation in the region ?

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

(b) and (d). The introduction of a helicopter service between Bagdogra and Gangtok (Sikkim) has been finalised. The service will operate from 1st May, 1982. A proposal to operate a similar helicopter service between Silchar and Aizwal is under examination.

(c) Yes, Sir.

नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय द्वारा गैर-सरकारी संगठनों को हेलीकोप्टर किराये पर दिया जाना

\*954. श्री राजनाथ सोनकर शास्त्री : क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय गैर-सरकारी संगठनों की मांग पर उन्हें हेलीकोप्टर किराये पर देता है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसकी शर्तें क्या हैं और किराया, बयाना राशि आदि का व्योरा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या निदेशालय ने दिसम्बर, 1981 में उत्तर प्रदेश में हरिद्वार में किसी व्यक्ति को हेलीकोप्टर दिए थे, और यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी व्योरा क्या है ?

पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री अनन्त प्रसाद शर्मा) (क) जी नहीं । नागर विमानन के महानिदेशालय के पास कोई हेलीकोप्टर नहीं है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।