

metals, spares and components of machinery regarding Soviet-aided projects and machine tools.

(b) During 1980-81, proportion of STC's trade with the USSR was about 8.6 per cent.

**Workshop on Project Management in Public Sector Enterprises**

201. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased state:

(a) whether a workshop on project management in public sector enterprises was recently held in the capital to analyse cost escalation in projects due to delays in their implementation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA): (a) A National Workshop on Project Management in Public Enterprises was held in New Delhi from the 19th to 21st November, 1981. The purpose of the Workshop was to focus attention on improving project management in public enterprises and to discuss various measures required to this. The Workshop was not meant to analyse cost escalation in projects due to delays in their implementation.

(b) and (c) The Workshop has made many useful recommendations for improving project management in public enterprises. Several of these are to be implemented by the project authorities themselves. Wherever issues relating to general policy and procedure have to be examined, this will be done as and when necessary.

**Permission to Foreign Airlines to use Calcutta Airport**

202. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Foreign Airlines has sought permission to use Calcutta Airport facilities in the recent past; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) In the recent past, no foreign airline has sought permission to operate services to Calcutta airport. Any such request should be with the frequency entitlements available to it under the concerned bilateral air service agreement.

(b) Does not arise.

**Export of Iron Ore from Paradeep Port**

203. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of iron ore exported by MMTC from Paradeep Port during the current financial year so far; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to boost the export of iron ore from Paradeep Port?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) A quantity of 14.84 lakh tonnes of iron ore has been exported from Paradeep port during the current financial year i.e. 1st April, 1981 to 15th February, 1982.

(b) On account of continued recession in the steel industry in the world, the prospects of increasing export of iron ore from Paradeep Port are not bright.

**Calicut Airport**

204. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH:  
SHRI K CHATHUNNI  
MASTER:

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

(a) what are the causes for the delay in starting construction work of Calicut Airport even though the open assurance was given by the Prime Minister to Calicut public a few months ago that the work would start without further delay; and

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that the Calicut Airport Action Committee of the citizens of the area would launch a direct mass action until the construction work is started?

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA):** (a) The proposal for construction of an aerodrome has been finalised and after having been recommended by the Public Investment Board (PIB) is awaiting the approval of the Government. Action will be taken to complete the codal formalities and to award the work after issue of Government sanction.

(b) Yes, Sir.

#### Reduction in IDI loan Assistance

205. **SHRI SADASHIV BAGAIKAR:**

**SHRI ABDUL REHMAN SHEIKH:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IDA concessional credit to India is likely to be reduced;

(b) if so, what is the extent to which it is likely to be reduced stating the reasons therefor and what is its likely impact on the developmental programmes during the sixth plan; and

(c) what steps are contemplated by Government to ensure adequate flow of resources to meet the country's requirements?

**THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE):** (a) and (b) As a result of reduced contributions by the USA and other major donors to the second instalment of the Sixth Replenishment of IDA, there has been

a shortfall in the commitment authority available to it for 1982. Some reduction in the amounts available to India may, therefore, be expected. The Bank group has not yet formally notified the country allocations consequent upon this shortfall. It has, however, been indicated that shortfalls in IDA commitment levels will be made good to the extent possible through an increase in IBRD lending to India.

(c) Government are making efforts to minimise the reduction in the amount of IDA assistance available to India and to ensure that adequate resources are available for our development programmes.

#### Crash of an IAF Plane on way to Leh

206. **SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU:**

**SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD:**

**SHRI BHOLA PRASAD:**

**SHRI SATCHIDANANDA:**

**SHRI R. M. DESAI:**

**SHRI F. M. KHAN:**

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Air Force Plane crash on way to Leh on the 7th February, 1982;

(b) if so, whether this is the third air crash since 1978 when a military aircraft crashed in the area of Kathua in Jammu area;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted;

(d) if so, what are the findings of the same;

(e) whether all the bodies of the dead recovered; and

(f) whether any compensation has been paid to the families of the victims and if so, the amount thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two other IAF transport aircraft have crashed in J and K State since 1978.