

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय से उपबन्धी (श्री पी. ए. संगमा) : (क) जी हाँ, आर०बी०एच०एम० जूट मिल्स, कटिहार (बिहार) का प्रबंध 1978 में हाथ में लिया गया था और इसका राष्ट्रीयकरण 1980 में किया गया था ।

(ख) ब्रिगेडियर के० एल० बजाज तथा श्री एस० एन० सिंह की अध्यक्षता के दौरान मिल के या तो निदेशक बोर्ड के द्वारा अथवा स्थायी चयन समिति द्वारा विज्ञापनों के माध्यम से तकनीकी/व्यावसायिक कार्यकर्ताओं की कुल 13 नियुक्तियों की गई । इन नियुक्तियों में से पांच स्थानीय व्यक्ति हैं । मिल के पुनः चालू होने के समय से चयन समिति द्वारा लिपिकीय तथा सुरक्षा स्टाफ सहित 429 कामगारों को या तो रोजगार कार्यालय, कटिहार के माध्यम से अथवा चयन समिति द्वारा स्थानीय रूप से नियुक्त किया गया । इनमें से 343 स्थानीय व्यक्ति हैं ।

(ग) जी नहीं ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Air Linking of Lakshadweep with Mainland

144. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to air link Lakshadweep with the mainland;

(b) if so, what are the details hereof;

(c) if not, what are the reasons herefor; and

(d) whether there is also a proposal under Government's consideration to bring more towns of the country on

the regular Indian Airlines service; if so, what are the details thereof; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no suitable air strip at Lakshadweep.

(d) There is no plan to introduce Indian Airlines services to any new towns in the near future due to economic and operational constraints.

Posting of Chinese Forces on Karakoram Road

145. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chinese armed forces have been posted on the Karakoram road passing through the Pakistan occupied Kashmir Territory; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN): (a) There is no confirmed information to suggest that Chinese armed forces have been deployed on the Karakoram Highway.

(b) Government keep all developments impinging on our security under close watch and take adequate measures to maintain full defence preparedness.

Seizure of drugs at airports

146. SHRI RAMESHWAR SINGH: SHRI LADLI MOHAN NIGAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity (with value) of the drugs seized at the various airports in the country during the last one year; and