

North-Eastern, the agency that should be entrusted to operate such services, the routes and other associated details, are yet to be worked out and decision taken.

सिविल एविएशन डिपो, बरेली से ईंधन की चोरी

*28. श्री सत्यपाल मलिक : क्या पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल में बरेली के त्रिशूल हवाई अड्डे के सिविल एविएशन डिपो से ईंधन की चोरी करते हुए कुछ लोग पकड़े गये थे; यदि हाँ, तो यह चोरी कब से की जा रही है ; और

(ख) क्या मामले की कोई जांच की गयी है; यदि हाँ, तो उसके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं ?

Stealing of fuel from Civil Aviation Depot, Bareilly

*28. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some persons were apprehended recently while stealing fuel from the Civil Aviation Depot at Trishul Aerodrome, Bareilly; if so, since when such stealing has been going on there; and

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the matter; if so, what are the results thereof?

पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री अनन्त प्रसाद शर्मा) : (क) बरेली में इस प्रकार का कोई नागर विमानन डिपो अथवा हवाई अड्डा नहीं है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

t[] English translation.

f[THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) There is no such Civil Aviation Depot or Aerodrome at Bareilly.

(b) Does not arise.]

Tourist Potentialities of Mahabalipuram in Tamil Nadu

*29. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of the Master Plan for the development of tourist potentialities of Mahabalipuram in Tamil Nadu;

(b) what is the estimated cost of development of this tourist spot; and

(c) what are the particulars of the phased programme and by when the work is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA):

(a) to (c) No such master plan has been prepared by the Government of India. However, such a plan on Mahabalipuram has been prepared by the State Government, which includes civic improvements within the old township, improvements in and near the area where the monuments are located, the proposed tourist town centre, construction of public utilities and expansion of recreation and accommodation facilities. The total cost for implementation of the Project Report is estimated at Rs. 5.82 crores.

The Co-ordination Committee set up by the State Government to review the various estimates contained in the Project Report has recommended implementation of five out of twenty-five proposals in the first phase, namely, construction of the ring-road

the transport terminal and the shopping plaza, vista formation (landscaping) and provision of recreational facilities at a total estimated cost of Rs. 173 lakhs. f]

In view of the heavy cost involved in the implementation of the Project Report; the State Government was requested in September 1980 to review the cost estimates contained in the Project Report and to assign responsibilities for the implementation of the schemes to various agencies at the Central and State level. The reply from the State Government is awaited.

Inflation and Price Rise

*30. SHRI NARASINGHA PRASAD
NANDA—SHRI KALPNATH
RAI;

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has stated recently that the inflation in the country is under control;

(b) if so, whether the rate of inflation has come down from 2-3 per cent to 1 per cent;

(c) whether the prices are also likely to come down with the rate of inflation going down; and

(d) if not, what action Government propose to take to check the rise in prices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) Yes, Sir. There is some moderation in inflationary pressures as indicated by the wholesale price index.

(b) to (d) The monthly rate of inflation as measured by the Wholesale Price Index (1970-71—1007 which rose from 2.5 per cent in May, 1980 to 3.0 per cent in June, 4.1 per cent in July, came down to 1 per cent in August, 1.7 per cent in September and 0.6 per cent in October. For the successive weeks ended 25-10-1980, and 1-11-1980 the All Commodities Wholesale Price Index fell by 1.2 per cent and 1.7 per cent respectively

Taking the recent three months, August to October, the average rate per month works out to 1.1 per cent, as compared with the average of 3.2 per cent for the previous three months (May—July). However, Government keeps a careful watch on the price situation and will take further suitable anti-inflationary measures as and when considered necessary.

Disposal of Goods Confiscated by Customs Department at Bombay and Delhi

*31. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH
PANDE: DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of confiscated goods disposed of during 1979-80 by the Customs authorities at Bombay and Delhi; and

(b) what is the quantum of loss incurred during storage in the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA): (a) and (b) A Statement, is being laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The value of confiscated goods disposed of by the Customs authorities at Bombay and Delhi during the years 1979 and 1980 (upto 30-9-80) is as follows:

	(Rupees in Lakhs)	
	1979	1980 (upto 30-9-80)
Collector of Customs (Preventive), Bombay.	221.16	312.50
Collector of Customs Bombay.	184.60	292.28
Collector of Customs & Central Excise Delhi.	37.95	31.13