

Strike by Bank Employees

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the bank employees went on a token strike on the 12th June, 1978;

(b) if so, what were the demands of the employees; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to resolve the issues?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A large number of officers in public sector banks went on a token strike on 12th June, 1978 to protest against the implementation of Pillai Committee Scheme of standardisation of pay scales, allowances and perquisites of officers of nationalised banks and in support of their demand that settlement should be brought about through an agreement with the Officers' Confederation. Other demands include reconsideration of the D. A. Scheme, house rent allowance formula, protection of City Compensatory Allowance on transfer from a higher to a lower area, promotion policy, categorisation etc.

Government has held consultations with the concerned parties and it has been agreed that Indian Banks' Association will hold further talks with the representatives of All India Confederation of Bank Officers' Organisation on the list of specific points already submitted by them to the Indian Banks Association. The Confederation has agreed to withdraw the agitation.

Janata Airlines

*38. SHRI AHMAD HOSSAIN
MONDAL;
SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a separate airlines to be named as the "Janata Airlines Corporation";

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

(c) by when the Corporation is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PURU-SHOTTAM KAUSHIK): (a) to (c) The question of connecting small towns and cities of tourist and other interests by third level operations is engaging the attention of the Government. In this connection, a preliminary Project Report was prepared by Indian Airlines. A Committee has been constituted, which is going into various aspects like phasing of the scheme keeping in view the requirements of different regions, type of aircraft, the agency that would operate, the administrative structure, rate structure, pay structure, route pattern, and such other relevant details. The Committee would submit its report by 20th July, 1978 and a decision will be taken in the matter after a detailed examination of various issues involved.

Sale of Gold by Government

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MAURYA;
SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN:
SHRI HAREKRUSHNA
MALLICK:
SHRIMATI LEELA DAMO-
DARA MENON:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of gold so far sold by Government by auction, the