

(c) The information regarding foreign remittances made by individual companies is treated as confidential by the Ministry of Finance and is not normally disclosed.

DISCONTENT AMONGST AIR CREW IN INDIAN AIRLINES CORPORATION

1247. SHRI B. S. SAVNEKAR : SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : SHRI P. CHAUDHARI : SHRI T. G. DESHMUKH ; SHRI M. ATIVIMAL PUNJAB DESHMUKH:

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

(a) what is the present number of Pilots, Flight Engineers, Radio Engineers and Air Hostesses in the Indian Airlines Corporation ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that there is at present a considerable discontent and dissatisfaction amongst these personnel regarding inadequate emoluments ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH):

(a) (i) Pilots (excluding Administrative pilots) 400
(ii) Flight Engineers. 37
(iii) Radio Officers (excluding Administrative Officers) 20
(iv) Radio Maintenance Engin 97
(v) Air 260

(b) Employees of Indian Airlines are pressing for increased salaries and benefits and some sections have launched agitations in this connection.

TONING UP OF PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

1248. DR. S. LIGRAM :
SHRI KRISHAN KANT :
SHRI P. P. SINHA : SHRI /
R. J. ARORA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

whether Government propose to take any fresh steps to improve the functioning of the public undertakings : and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Improving the performance of Public Enterprises is a continuous process. The decisions already taken by Government on the recommendations of the Administrative Reforms Commission in their Report on Public Sector Undertakings are being implemented. Mainly, the measures already initiated are directed to effect improvement in the working of the Public Enterprises by (a) improvements in managerial and operational efficiencies (b) diversification of production lines and (c) promotion of exports. Specific measures taken in these directions are improved investment appraisal ; introduction of performance budgeting, internal audit and cost accounting systems ; reduction of inventories ; introduction of modern materials management techniques ; economising of working capital requirements, etc. The situation is kept under constant review and remedial measures taken where necessary.

WORLD BANK LOANS FOR STATE GOVERNMENT PROJECTS

1249. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 233 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th August, 1970 and state :

(a) the names of the irrigation and agricultural credit projects of different States for which assistance from the World Bank and IDA may be sought ;

(b) the agency which is processing these projects ;

(c) how many of these projects have since been presented to the World Bank or found suitable to be presented ;

(d) if any project has since been presented the reaction of the World Bank thereto ; and

(e) if the answer of part (d) above be in the negative, the time by when the projects will be presented to the World Bank ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (c) A Statement showing the irrigation and agricultural Credit Projects of different States currently under consideration for possible assistance from World Bank IDA and the present stage of their processing is laid on the Table of the House.