

are stranded Trivandrum airport. Air India have indiscriminately cancelled a number of flights and many Keralites working in Gulf countries have lost their jobs because they could not reach in time.

The Minister should take immediate action and ensure that the flights are restored.

SHRISHIVRAJ V. PATIL: Sir, I am sorry that some of the passengers are put to inconvenience. Some of the people in the Air India have started working to rule and because of that some difficulties have arisen. We are talking to them. And I hope that we would be able to find some solution. (*Interruptions*) This is the situation. I hope the hon. Members will bear with us. (*Interruptions*)

PROF. P.J. KURIEN: You take up with the concerned Embassies and ensure that jobs are restored to these people.

SHRI HAROOBHAI MEHTA (Ahmedabad): I want to place on record the appreciation of the people of Ahmedabad for the quick response given by the Prime Minister and the Civil Aviation Minister to the tragic situation. However, there are ramifications of the situation and a discussion may be held.

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12.22 hrs.

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[*Translation*]

- (I) Demand for proper preservation of historical places and antiquities, especially those found in Moradabad district

SHRI HAFIZ MOHD. SIDDIQ (Moradabad): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the culture of India is not only ancient but also interesting. Indian civilization and culture been a part of the world civilization. Civilization is linked with the historical antiquities found in old cities. Besides, a number of buildings of

ancient times are there in the various parts of the country which tell us of their contemporary civilization, culture and technology and as to how the foreigners came to settle down here and became a part of Indian civilization and culture.

2.23 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

A number of ancient buildings and archaeological remains are there in Azampur, district Moradabad (U.P.) It is a place where some antiquities of the times of the Emperor Akbar have been found and it has also come to light that great personalities of that time like Abul Fazal and M.S. Jaizie received their education there. These buildings including the tomb of Sheikh Abdul Ghafoor and other tombs, a mosque, etc. were taken over by the Central Archaeological Department 10 years ago. It is a matter of regret that these buildings are getting damaged continuously and are not being maintained properly. In this connection attention of the Archaeological Department has been drawn many times, but the Agra Circle has not taken any step in this regard. Funds allotted for these buildings last year have been spent for other purposes.

I, therefore, request the Central Government to pay special attention towards these historical buildings especially those situated in Moradabad district of U.P. and to make full arrangements for their maintenance.

[*English*]

- (II) Demand for resolving the problems of agitating dock workers at New Mangalore Port

SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU (Tumkur): Sir, the continued go-slow and work-to-rule agitation including strikes by listed dock workers at New Mangalore Port has badly affected cargo-handling operations and the matter had taken a serious turn when export cargo of 250 tonnes of cashew shell liquid