

flight officer, is upto the level of Air Marshal and in the case of technical officer, it is only upto the level of Air Vice Marshal. You have said in reply to (a) and (b) that officers of the ranks of Squadron Leader and Wing Commander reach maximum of the scale earlier than those engaged on maintenance work on the ground. How is it that these people are not allowed to go upto the level of Air Marshal.

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The selection of Air Chief Marshal is on merit. It does not go by classification of the employment—whether it is in the Flying Branch or in the other Branch. As a rule the Air Chief Marshal must be a Flying Officer if has to command the entire force. I do not think that a Ground Engineer could become an Air Chief Marshal.

SHRI UTTAM RATHOD : There are also Flying Engineers. Are you prepared to give them any chance ?

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN : As I said, it will depend on the merit of each case.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : Is it a fact that this much of difference in salaries and promotion is maintained all over the world in other countries also in Defence Services ? It is not only in India but in other countries. Is it a fact or not ?

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN : We need not go to the other countries. The Third Pay Commission itself has stated that the persons who are in the Flying Branch should be given higher scales of pay as their task is one involving greater risk. It is also a fact that in other countries the people in the Flying Branch do get an extra pay over those in the Ground Service.

MR. SPEAKER : The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

नए करेसी नोटों का उपलब्ध न होना

*842. श्री छीतू भाई गमित्त : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि नए करेसी नोट आसानी से उपलब्ध नहीं हैं और उन्हें अधिक मूल्य पर बेचा जा रहा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो नए करेसी नोटों की सप्लाई में पर्याप्त वृद्धि करने और इस प्रकार के अनुचित लेन-देन को रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) सरकार को नए करेसी नोटों की कमी के बारे में विभिन्न क्षेत्रों से रिपोर्टें प्राप्त हुई हैं।

(ख) नए नोटों के उत्पादन/पूर्ति में वृद्धि करने के उद्देश्य से, बैंक नोट प्रेस, देवास में आंशिक रूप से दूसरी पारी के साथ-साथ 7-दिवसीय कार्य भी शुरू किया जा रहा है, इसके फलस्वरूप उत्पादन में 40 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि होने की संभावना है। इस प्रेस में चल रही प्रोत्साहन योजना को इस उद्देश्य से संशोधित किया गया है ताकि कर्मचारियों को उत्पादकता बढ़ाने के लिए प्रोत्साहन मिले। करेसी नोट प्रेस, नासिक के लिए प्रोत्साहन योजना को अन्तिम रूप दिया जा रहा है। विभिन्न अन्य उपाय भी विचाराधीन हैं।

Alternative ground job to Air Hostesses of I.A. and A.I.

*844. **SHRI JALAGAM KONDALA RAO :** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have to any stage considered the expediency of providing some alternative ground jobs to the Air Hostesses of the two national carriers viz. Indian Airlines and Air-India when they get married;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) to (c) In accordance with their existing service conditions, airhostesses who get married after four years of service can continue to work as air hostesses upto 45 years of age or till the third pregnancy if tuo childern are alive, subject to medical fitness. Since they are allowed to continue to fly as airhostesses even after their marriage, the question of providing alternative jobs to them in the event of their getting married should not arise. However, applications from airhostesses for ground jobs, who meet the prescribed requirements, can always be considered.

Pension to British Nationals in India

845. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some British nationals are getting pension for their service to the British Government in India;

(b) if so, the number of such British nationals and the total amount being paid to them annually; and

(c) whether the amount is being paid in foreign currency or Indian currency ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA) : (a) No, Sir, However, some British nationals who served Post-Independence Government of India and retired after 31.3.1955 are getting pensions from the Government of India.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

Report of ESCAP

***847. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :
SHRI R.P. GAEKWAD :**
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in its report have expressed concern over the deterioration in economic situation in several developing countries of Asia;

(b) if so, whether the details contained in the report on this aspect will be laid on the Table; and

(c) the steps proposed through the Non-Aligned Movement to pull these countries out of the present situation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) The Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1983 has viewed the performance of the developing ESCAP economies in the light of the recession in the developed countries. The survey states that with very few exceptions developing ESCAP countries experienced a definite and significant slow down in their growth rates in 1982. The slow down in growth rates has had both short and long term effects on their future development.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) While the Non Aligned Movement has no institutional link with the United Nations of which ESCAP is a regional organisation and while the Non Aligned Movement does not view international economic issues from a regional perspective, nevertheless since the issues are of general concern to the developing countries which are members of NAM, a global view is taken by NAM and efforts are made to improve the economic situation of the developing countries.

Statement

The Economic and Social Survey of Asia and Pacific, 1983 has been published by the ESCAP Secretariat. Some details are given below :—

2. The Survey states that with very few exceptions, the most important of which being China, developing ESCAP countries experienced a definite and significant slow down in their growth rates in 1982.