

### Indo-Commercial Bank

1858. **Shri M. P. Swamy:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of deposit amounts which still remain unpaid to the depositors of the erstwhile Indo-Commercial Bank (now merged with the Punjab National Bank);

(b) whether the entire balance amount will be paid back in full to the depositors;

(c) if so, when the balance will be paid; and

(d) whether any action was taken against the directors of the Indo-Commercial Bank, for mismanaging the affairs of the Bank?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri):** (a) 10.3 per cent.

(b) and (c). The transferee bank is taking adequate steps for protecting the interests of the depositors and for ensuring that the amounts still due to them will be paid in full. But it is not possible to anticipate at this stage when further payments will be made.

(d) A sum of Rs. 15 lakhs has been recovered on an *ad hoc* basis from the ex-managing director. The question of recovering the advances, the repayment of which has already been guaranteed by him or by his associates and of obtaining, if necessary, a comprehensive guarantee for ensuring the payment of the amounts which are still due to the depositors is under consideration.

### Government Offices in Agra

1859. **Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Central Government Offices located in Agra in

private rented buildings and the rent paid in each case;

(b) whether Government have or had any intention of constructing their own buildings for these Offices, for example, Income-Tax Office; and

(c) if so, the difficulty in giving effect to it?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):** (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

### Government Offices in Agra

1860. **Shri S. N. Chaturvedi:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to move some Central Government Offices from New Delhi to Agra;

(b) if so, which and when; and

(c) whether accommodation has been found for them?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):** (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

### Income Tax Officers Class II

1861. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the U.P.S.C. for the Income Tax Officers' (Class II) Examination to be held in May, 1966;

(b) whether it is a fact that the marks obtained by the candidates in this examination will only be qualifying in nature for the purpose of selecting them for interview and these will not be taken into account for final selection;

(c) if so, the considerations necessitating a deviation from the conventional practice of counting the marks obtained by a candidate in written examination plus interview marks for final selection as being done in the case of appointment to the I.A.S. Section Officers, Assistants and other similar cadres; and

(d) whether Government have received any representations in this connection and the action taken thereon?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri):** (a) The number of applications received up-to-date is 32129.

(b) The test will be qualifying in nature. The candidates who attain the minimum standard, to be decided by the U.P.S.C., will be called for interview.

(c) A written test as an aid to selection is not a deviation from the past practice of the Commission.

(d) No, Sir.

#### Development of Suraj Kund

**1862. Shri Vishram Prasad:  
Shri Bagri:  
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:**

Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Suraj Kund, a historical tank near Gurgaon, would be developed as a tourist and health resort;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total expenditure to be incurred thereon; and

(c) when the work is likely to commence?

**The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) The area round Suraj Kund is being

developed as a tourist attraction. The question of developing the Kund into a health resort is under consideration.

(b) and (c). An expenditure of Rs. 2,35,560 has so far been incurred on the construction of a cafeteria, pavilions for picknickers, car park, staff quarters and provision of water supply and electricity.

A provision of Rs. 1,50,000 has been made by the Government of Punjab in the IV Plan for the preservation of environs, afforestation, improving the holding capacity of the tank and the nearby rain-fed lake, provision of recreational facilities like boating in the lake, turning the forest around the lake into a bird sanctuary and provision of facilities for fishing. The Government of Punjab have stated that the work is likely to commence in 1966-67.

#### Checking of Inflation

**1863. Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:  
Shri Hukam Chand  
Kachhavaia:  
Shri Jagdev Singh  
Siddhanti:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the progress achieved in checking the inflation;

(b) when it is likely to be brought under full control; and

(c) whether the efforts made so far have produced any effect on rising prices?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri):** (a) to (c). Although prices have shown a measure of stability in recent months, the underlying situation continues to be difficult. It is Government's policy to increase production, augment supplies to the extent feasible through imports, ensure equitable distribution