

CHEMICALS AND MINES and METALS (SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY) :

(a) Keeping in view the schemes approved/licensed both in the private and public sectors for the development of the Aluminium industry during the Fourth Plan period, it is hoped that the country will become self-sufficient in aluminium by the end of the Fourth plan period or early in the Fifth plan period. Thereafter, it would also be possible to export aluminium and its products to foreign countries during the Fifth plan period.

(b) No, Sir. However, the feasibility of setting up an export-oriented *Alumina Plant* in Gujarat State is being examined.

(c) There is a demand for aluminium and its products from West Asia, Africa, South East Asia and also in countries like U.K., Canada, East Germany, Yugoslavia.

Upgrading of Diplomatic Missions at Geneva And Tripoli

3533. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH :
SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to upgrade its diplomatic missions at Geneva and Tripoli ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for upgrading these missions ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and

(b). Yes, Sir, the reasons were as follows :—

(i) Geneva

Till recently, our Mission at Geneva was handling only part of our work connected with the UN Agencies located there. An important part, viz. that relating to the Disarmament Committee, was being attended to on an ad hoc basis by our Ambassador at Berne. A review of the arrangement showed the necessity to centre all our UN Agencies work at Geneva. A reorganisation of the Mission's set up was therefore necessary.

In view of the higher responsibilities devolving on the reorganised Mission, it was decided that it should be headed by an officer of higher grade. Simultaneously, the post of Consul General at Geneva has been substituted by a post in a lower grade—viz. Vice-Consul.

(ii) Tripoli

The existing arrangement is that our Ambassador at Cairo is concurrently accredited to Libya, and that our representative resident at Tripoli is a First Secretary/C d'A. In the context of our growing economic as well as political relations with Libya, it has been found necessary that our resident representative at Tripoli should be of the status of Ambassador. It has therefore been decided to upgrade the post accordingly.

Expenditure on D. D. A.

3534. SHRI RAM SWARUP VIDYARTHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the expenditure on administration of D. D. A. during the Second, Third and Fourth Plans ;

(b) the amount spent on the actual development ; and

(c) proportion of administrative expenditure to the development expenditure ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PARIMAL GHOSH) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Development of Jhandewala Market, Delhi

3535. SHRI RAM SWARUP VIDYARTHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :