

(c) and (d). Claims Inspectors of the New India Assurance Co. Ltd., when promoted to Class I cadre, naturally have to perform duties of a supervisory nature. However, the Company utilises their services as far as possible for looking after motor and allied business.

(e) and (f). Qualified persons can apply for a licence to act as surveyors/assessors in the general insurance industry. According to the nature of the case the various insurance companies engage independent surveyors to assess the loss so that they can expeditiously settle the claims. This is the accepted practice in other countries also.

#### Aerodrome at Bharatpur

\*519. SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) are Government aware of the need and advantages of an aerodrome near Area for civil and tourist purposes;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered a site near Bharatpur so that foreign tourist can make their base amidst natural surroundings and near bird sanctuary for sight seeings at Agra; and

(c) whether in view of the strategic advantages of diverting the tourist from an important military airport, Government are alive to the need for keeping the Agra military port free for military purpose and having a standby airport at Bharatpur in case of emergency?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) to (c). The proposal for construction of an aerodrome at Bharatpur was considered in the past but was not found feasible due to the terrain and other obstructions in the vicinity. There is no plan at present to construct a civil airport near Agra.

#### Commissioning of Alloy Steel Plant

\*520. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Ministry of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Alloy Steel Plant built under the first stage Expansion at an estimated cost of Rs. 12 crores has not been commissioned so far;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) steps taken or proposed to be taken for its early commissioning?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b). The first stage expansion of the Alloy Steel Plant Durgapur, which was originally estimated to cost Re. 8.46 crores is now expected to cost Rs. 9.31 crores. There have been some delays in supply of equipment, and also in construction work by contractors. The essential units are now expected to be commissioned before the end of the year 1981.

(c) Periodical review meetings are held at various levels to impress upon the various agencies to adhere to the various agreed schedules.

#### Shortage of High Grade Zinc in dry Cell Industry

\*521. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dry Cell Industry in the country is facing acute shortage of high grade zinc;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the MMTC has failed to supply the raw material for the industry;

(c) the estimated total demand of the industry for the raw material; and

(d) the steps taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d). The total demand for high grade zinc