

(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

required by dry cell industry is approximately 16,000 metric tonnes per year. The requirement is almost wholly met from imports by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation, since there is negligible indigenous production of the appropriate specification. On account of some delayed shipments by overseas suppliers, unduly long time taken by the ships and the congestion at the Bombay and Madras Ports, supplies to actual users during July and August 1981 were very much below requirements. Arrivals in September have substantially increased and no difficulty is anticipated in supplying the full requirements of the dry cell industry.

Encouragement to Cooperative Societies in Catering

4801. SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy of Government in granting seasonal and other workers of aerodromes;

(b) do Government encourage co-operative societies in the matter of catering, portage, etc.;

(c) if so, the reasons for giving the work of Trivandrum Aerodrome portage to a private party; and

(d) was there any complaint against the said private party, if so, details and the remedial steps taken by the department?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) The seasonal and other works of Domestic Aerodromes like civil works/Maintenance Works are generally got executed through Central Public Works Department (CPWD) All works at the international airports are awarded by International Airports Authority of India, by call of tenders.

(b) The Government gives due consideration to the offers made by the Cooperatives alongwith other tenders received.

(c) In response to tender enquiry only three tenders were received—two from private parties and one from cooperative society. The highest offer was from the private party while the second highest was from the cooperative society. Besides, past performance of the co-operative society was unsatisfactory. The highest offer from the private party was therefore accepted.

(d) No, Sir.

Generation of Internal Resources by public Sector undertakings

4802. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the unit-wise break-up of generation of internal resources by the public sector undertakings during the 6th Plan period; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in improving the operation of the loss making units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA):

(a) The generation of internal resources by the public sector during the 6th Plan period has been assessed and projected on the basis of certain assumptions viz. prices prevalent in the base year remaining constant, availability of certain Plan funds to the enterprises for expansion etc. Additional assumptions are made by individual enterprises while computing likely generation of resources. Unless these assumptions are spelt out enterprise-wise for all the enterprises it would not be appropriate to record enterprise wise generation of resources. The assessment of the internal resources projected for all Central enterprises for Plan purposes is placed at Rs. 5848 crores.

(b) The following steps have been taken to improve the operation of loss making units: