

with a doubtful decrease in subsidy burden on the exchequer?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). India has been allocated a quota of 6.50 lakh tonnes of white sugar for export in 1983 by the International Sugar Association. The modalities of export would depend on the international price prevailing at the time of exports.

(c) As a member of the International Sugar Organisation, our export quota is determined with reference to our export performance in the best two of the three preceding years. In the long run, therefore, it would be desirable to export sugar.

World Bank's Special Action Programme

*299. SHRI D. N. PUTTE GOWDA:

SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has recently approved a new "Special Action Programme" to speed up loans to developing countries; and

(b) if so how far the new scheme would be helpful to the country?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. The World Bank has approved on the 22nd February, 1983 a programme of special assistance to member countries covering its fiscal years 1983 and 1984.

(b) wherever it is possible to do so within the structure of a particular project, we will try to take advantage of the measures proposed under this programme.

Expansion of facilities at Goa Airport

*300. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to expand the facilities at the Goa Airport; and

(b) if so, progress made in this regard and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHR KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) (a) and (b). (i) Construction of a new terminal building complex and extension of the apron is in progress at a total estimated cost of Rs. 1.61 crores. The construction is expected to be completed by the end of September, 1983.

(ii) During the Sixth Five Year Plan, it is proposed to provide Very High Frequency Omni Range (VOR) facility at Dabolim (Goa) airport at an estimated cost of Rs. 15.00 lakhs. The selection of site is in progress and the VOR facility is likely to be provided by the year 1985.

(iii) The installation of 3-Bar Visual Approach Slope Indicator System at a cost of Rs. 6.18 lakhs has been completed and this facility is to be air calibrated during April, 1983. In addition the installation of apron edge, apron flood and taxiway lighting at a cost of Rs. 3.44 lakhs is expected to be completed within two months.

Agreement with Belgian Firm Re. Sale of carpet backing cloth

*301. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the strong criticism of long term agreement between the National Jute Manufacturers Corporation and a Belgian firm, Delca International regarding exclusive sale of carpet backing cloth in European markets; and