

and exhibitions in either country. Payments under the agreement will be made in freely convertible currencies and the performance of trade under the agreement will be reviewed once in six months.

#### **Memorandum of Understanding**

2 During the visit of the Prime Minister of India to Iran in April/May 1974, agreement was reached regarding financial assistance to be extended by Iran for —

- (a) setting up a pellet feed project at Kudremukh for supply to Iran (annual capacity 7.5 million tonnes);
- (b) an alumina plant (annual capacity 300,000 tonnes), and
- (c) a joint shipping line.

#### **Commodity Contracts**

3 Specific contracts were agreed upon in August 1974 during the Indo-Iran trade talks held in Tehran for the supply of;

- (a) 130,000 tonnes of rails by India to the Iranian State Railways,
- (b) An agreement to supply 3 lakh tonnes of cement is under execution and shipments are likely to be completed by May/June 1975 further contract to supply 11 lakh tonnes of cement between 1975 and 1977 has also been concluded.
- (c) an agreement to supply 5 lakh tonnes of sugar is under execution. Another agreement to supply another 75,000 tonnes has also been finalised.

#### **Issue of Licences/Release Orders to Paramount Engineering Works**

\*162. **SHRI MADHU LIMAYE**: Will the Minister of **COMMERCE** be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of the licences/release orders issued to Paramount Engineering works for stainless steel/other products;

(b) whether these release orders of the goods imported under it have been sold in black market;

(c) whether any investigations have been carried out into this scandal; and

(d) the results thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA)**

(a) M/s Paramount Engineering Works, Lucknow had last obtained import licences/release orders for Rs. 65,47,674 for non-ferrous metals for the licensing period 1971-72.

(b) to (d) Government have no information on this. The unit has since been reported as closed, and the utilisation of imported materials is being looked into.

#### **Delhi-Lucknow-Gorakhpur-Varanasi-Patna-Calcutta Air Service**

\*163. **PROF. S. L. SAKSENA**: Will the Minister of **TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION** be pleased to state.

(a) the reason why Gorakhpur has still not been connected by Delhi-Lucknow-Gorakhpur-Varanasi-Patna-Calcutta air service; and

(b) when will this service be introduced?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH)**: (a) and (b). Indian Airlines have no plans at present to start air services to Gorakhpur in the context of the steep increase in the price of aviation fuel and the decision of the Corporation to phase out Viscounts and Dakotas from their fleet.