

**Storage tank at Marmagao Port in
Goa for the Export of Molasses**

2505. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a storage tank for the export of Molasses was installed at the Marmagao Port at Goa after getting approval from his Ministry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this installation was financed by the State Trading Corporation (STC);

(c) whether it is also a fact that after the installation of the storage tank the STC did not utilise it and is diverting the ships to other ports;

(d) whether it is also a fact that instead of utilising the present facility, another storage tank has been financed by the State Trading Corporation to be installed at the same place; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) M/s. Himalayan Exporters sought financial assistance from STC for construction of tank installation at Marmagao Port for export of Molasses and the STC advanced a loan of Rs. 2,96.876/- on 19.12.67.

(c) The proposal to utilise the tank for Alcohol/Molasses exports was examined by a Committee of Group Executives appointed by the STC and their reports confirmed that the tank was unfit for storage due to long idling.

(d) No, Sir. STC's handling agents have their own tank storage facility at Goa for export of Molasses which is being utilised, when required.

(e) Does not arise.

**Construction of an Airport at Aizawal
(Mizoram)**

2506. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an air-strip was constructed near Aizawal (Mizoram) which remained operative for some time only and has since become non-operative; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government propose to construct an airport at Aizawal to link it with other State Capitals by Vayudoot; and

(c) if so, by when the airport is likely to be built?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHUR-SHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) No new airstrip was constructed at Aizawal. An Indian Air Force airfield at Turial was taken over by the Civil Aviation Department and prepared for Vayudoot operations. A Vayudoot service from Calcutta was started which was suspended with effect from May 1, 1984 for resurfacing of the runway which required repairs. The service will be resumed after repairs.

(b) As an airport already exists at Turial, there is presently no proposal under consideration to construct a new airport.

(c) Does not arise.

**Closure of Birla Cotton Mill ..
(Weaving Section) Delhi**

2507. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD;
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Birla Cotton Mills (Weaving Section), Delhi is closed since December, 1982;