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Recently a doubt was felt by the Customs authorities at Delhi whether the approval accorded by the Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries), Ministry of Industry to a production programme could be regarded as approval by the Ministry of Industry in terms of the aforesaid Notification and consequently there was a hold up of the imported consignments.

The question whelher the approval accorded by the said Development Commissioner could be regarded as approval by the Ministry of Industry in terms Of the aforesaid Notification was examined in consultation with the Ministry of Indus ry. That Ministry has confirmed that this can be so regarded. Action has since been taken accordingly.

(c) and (d) In view of (a) and (b) above, question does not arise.

Development of Ahmedabad Airport as International Airport

^837. SHRI VITHTHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Miinister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether Government propose to develop Ahmedabad Airport as an International Airport; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): No, Sh-. The traffic does not justify operation of international flights ex-Ahmedabad. The airport is also not suitable for regular operations of Boeing 707 and Boeing 747.

Purchase of Cotton by CCI

on the Table

f837-A. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTI 1AM PATEL: Will the Minister of :OMMERCE be plsasod to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact fhat the-3otton Corporation of Indjia ia no aurchasing cotton from Gujarat in 'ull swing; and
- (b) if so, whether C.C.I, has been asked to purchase more cotton from Gujarat and if so, how many bales:

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE; MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHR: P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now Papers to be laid on the table.

[Mr. Deputy Chairman in the Chair] Chair]

- I Report and Accounts (1T80-81V... of the Indian Airlines and related papers.
- IL(a). Reports and Accounts (1979-80 ...and 1980-81) of the Indian Institut* of Astrophysics, Bangalora and related papeis...
 - (b). Report and Accounts (1979-80 and 1980-81) of the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pure and related papers.
 - (c) Report and Accounts (1979-8(t and 1980-81) to the Indian Institute of Gcomajnctlsni, Bombay and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHAR MA): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:-

1.(1) A copy each (in English ane Hindi) of the following papers, undei

fPreviously Unstarred Question 641. transferred from the 5th May, 1882.