

the concessional assessment has been extended to imports of such parts where the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries, Ministry of Industry, New Delhi has certified the approval by him, of the production programme.

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 whether 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 Industry. 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 VITHALBHAI MOTILAL PATEL: Will the Minister 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, Sir. 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

†837-A. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTILAL PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cotton Corporation of India is not purchasing cotton from Gujarat in full 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 (SHRI 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]  
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I. Report and Accounts (1980-81)  
.. of the Indian Airlines and related papers.

II(a). Reports and Accounts (1979-80 and 1980-81) of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore and related papers...

(b). Report and Accounts (1979-80 and 1980-81) of the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pure and related papers.

(c) Report and Accounts (1979-80 and 1980-81) to the Indian Institute of Geomagnetism, Bombay and related papers.

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

I(1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under

†Previously Unstarred Question 841, transferred from the 5th May, 1982.