

Flood Lighting at Purana Qila, Delhi

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KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that flood lighting at Purana Qila, Delhi has been discontinued for the last several months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the cost of the installations of flood lighting and whether the installations are in good condition for restoring the flood lighting as and when required?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. (SMT.) SAROJINI MAHISHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir, but the installations require repairs and modifications.

(c) The flood lighting at Purana Qila was commissioned in January, 1969 at a cost of Rs. 1.17 lakhs. Extensive repairs and modifications would be needed for the flood lights to be completely restored.

Construction of Air ports at Hassan and Bijapur

*57. SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken up the construction of airports at Hassan and Bijapur in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what is the amount spent so far and by when the airports are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) A fair weather airstrip has been constructed at Hassan. There is at present no proposal to construct an aerodrome at Bijapur.

(b) An amount of approximately Rs. 6.79 lakh has been spent so far on the construction of the airstrip at Hassan. It is already complete and there is no proposal for its further development.

Non-payment of cash incentive to textile exporters

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SHRIMATI SUMITRA G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of nearly Rs. 20 crores of accumulated cash incentives due to the cotton textile exporters still remains to be paid to them;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in disbursement of the cash incentive; and

(c) the extent to which the delay has been responsible for decline in exports of textiles during the past six months?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Disbursement of cash assistance on cotton textile exports has been delayed on account of substantial deficit in Indian Cotton Mills' Federations' Export Promotion Fund, resulting from fall in cotton imports and consequent fall in ICMFs collection of premium on such cotton and an unexpectedly steep rise in exports of cotton textiles during 1973-74.

(c) Delay in disbursement of cash assistance has not affected exports during last six months materially. In fact exports of mill made cotton textiles during 1st six months of 1974 have been more than the exports during the corresponding period last year. However on account of rise in Indian textile prices following sharp rise in cotton prices during this season, our competitive position has been adversely affected.

Memorandum against import of long staple cotton

*59. SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any memorandum from A.P. Cotton Producers Association to the effect