

(d) whether the Union Government has received any complaints from passengers for lack of passenger amenities in Trivandrum International Airport; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir. Both modification of present International terminal and construction of New International Terminal Complex are in the planning stage.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Total number of international and domestic passengers moving through Trivandrum International Airport is around 2460 on an average, per day.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Complaints received are general in nature such as paucity of space, delay in immigration clearance, suggestions for overall improvement of the airport, augmentation of ISD/STD facilities, etc.

Motor Accident Claims

4073. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA :

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.5576 on May 12, 1995 and state :

(a) the details of the six cases pending with the National Insurance Company (NIC) in respect of Motor Accident Claims indicating the reasons for not settling each of them, so far separately;

(b) whether NIC has disposed of or intend to dispose of some Motor Accident Claims under the head "No Claim" since September 1, 1989 in West Bengal; and

(c) if so, the measures proposed to be taken by the Government to find the veracity of the so called disposal and the specific measures taken or proposed to be taken against the officials found responsible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEB PRASAD PAL) : (a) The National Insurance Company (NIC) has reported that out of the 6 pending claims, 3 claims have already been settled. Out of the 3 remaining cases, in one case police report is awaited; in other case relating to theft of vehicle, the vehicle has since been recovered and the insured has been directed to refund the claim amount already paid to him; in the third case, the insured has failed to furnish required documents despite repeated requests from the company.

(b) and (c) The claims are either paid or repudiated by the Insurance Company on its merits. The Insurance Companies can sue or be sued in their own name. In cases of those claims where the insured fails to furnish the required information in support of the claim, such claims are categorised as 'No Claim' cases. As and when the details are received these cases are re-registered.

[Translation]

Leather Technology Park In U.P.

4074. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh have sent a proposal to the Union Government to set up Leather Technology Park in Agra and Kanpur to promote the export of leather products; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard and the proposals are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Production and Export of Jute

4075. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the current year's jute production is likely to fall by 15 lakh bales from the previous year's level as a result of late monsoons and less quantity of carry forward stock; and

(b) if so, its likely impact on India's exports position and the domestic requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) The production of jute during 1994-95 was 82.735 lakh bales. As the final estimates of production of jute for 1995-96 are still being made, it is difficult to say precisely whether the current year's production is going to be less than the previous year's level.

However, Jute exports during the current year have shown good growth as is evident from the latest available statistics given below :

	Apr'94-Sep'94	Apr'94-Sep'94	% Growth
Jute manufacturers excluding Floor Covering			
Covering	Rs. 15527.59 lakh	Rs. 25392.70 lakhs	63.53%
Floor Covering of Jute	Rs. 739.46 lakhs	Rs. 1167.96 lakhs	57.95%