

Shri T. Lakshminarayanan as Managing Director with effect from 17-6-1980.

(d) No such nomination was made by IDBI or RBI. Prior consultation with IDBI is necessary only for appointments of Managing Directors of State Financial Corporations (including TIIC).

Air service and air strip for Bijapur

4696. SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) are Government aware that in the city of Bijapur and in the same district in Karnataka there are very old and precious monuments during Chalukya and Adilshahi regime and are places of attraction for Indian and foreign tourists;

(b) are Government also aware that the Bijapur district is neither connected with air service or direct rail service, and as such tourists are unable to visit these—important tourist spots; and

(c) whether Government propose to construct a small air strip for landing of small planes and provide other facilities so that more tourists would be attracted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). There is no proposal at present to construct an aerodrome at Bijapur as no request either from scheduled or non-scheduled air-lines has been received to operate an air service to Bijapur. However, tourists can travel by air to Belgaum which is 192 kms. from Bijapur. Bijapur is already located on the Gadag-Hotgi meter-gauge section of South Central Railway. Direct train service to

Bijapur is available by meter gauge or broad gauge/meter-gauge route. There is a Travellers' Lodge run by India Tourism Development Corporation. I.T.D.C. proposes to expand this 10-bedded accommodation by adding 15 room during the Five Year Plan 1980-85. In addition other inexpensive accommodation is also available in Bijapur. A large number of foreign and domestic tourists are visiting Bijapur.

The Central Department of Tourism have prepared the master plan (land-use plans) of Badami, Pattadakal and Aihole in Bijapur District. The provision of facilities at these centres will be taken up during the Five Year Plan 1980-85 in consultation with the State Government.

Limestone in Rajasthan

4697. SHRI B. R. NAHATA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state what is the quantum of Limestone proved in Kota, Bundi, Parsoli and Chittorgarh areas of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): Reserves of 857.16 million tonnes and 624.35 million tonnes of cement grade Limestone have been estimated in the Districts of Bundi and Chittorgarh respectively. No Limestone reserve has been estimated in Kota and Parsoli areas of Rajasthan.

Export of Venom

4698. SHRI RAM SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) quantity of venom exported and utilised by Government for research and other purposes during the last two years (year-wise); and

(b) foreign exchange, if any, earned by Government as a result of its export?