

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) to (d). The survey reports on various sites including Mayithura Veli for possible construction of a civil aerodrome near Cochin are still under evaluation by the Civil Aviation Department in consultation with Indian Airlines. A decision is likely to be reached soon. The survey reports mainly deal with the physical characteristics of the sites, availability of facilities etc.

Loan given by Nationalised Banks and other Financial Institutions to large industrial houses

791. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nationalised banks and other public financial institutions have given credit to various companies and organisations like limited companies partnership firms and family trusts owned and controlled by the large industrial houses during 1973-74.

(b) if so, the amount each of these organisations and banks have given to each of the companies or the firms during 1973-74; and

(c) the amount outstanding from each of these companies on the 31st March, 1974?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN): (a) to (c). In accordance with the law practice and usage customary among bankers and as per the provisions of Section 13 of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970, it is not possible for nationalised banks to divulge information regarding its constituents. However according to the information furnished by the Reserve Bank of India the nationalised banks' aggregate outstanding advances to large industrial houses, as on last Friday of June 1973 was Rs. 568.79 crores.

Information relating to direct financial assistance sanctioned by the Industrial Development Bank of India, Industrial Finance Corporation of India and Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India to industrial concerns belonging to large industrial houses during 1973-74 and the amount outstanding as on 31st March 1974 against these concerns is furnished in statements I, II and III respectively laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-8061/74]. Similar information in respect of Life Insurance Corporation of India and Unit Trust of India is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House to the extent and in the manner available with them.

Increase in audit observations regarding Financial transactions of various Ministries

792. SHRI S. R. DAMANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of audit observations has steeply increased since 1970 regarding financial transactions of various Ministries:

(b) if so, the figures thereof year-wise and Ministry-wise; and

(c) the reasons for not squaring them up for so many years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K. R. GANESH): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Total value of goods exported to E.E.C. countries last year

793. SHRI S. R. DAMANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a special drive is going to be launched to increase the exports to E.E.C. Countries in the