

P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise in view of (a) above.

[English]

Tin Asbestos Granite and Corredem Deposits in Baster, Madhya Pradesh

4514. SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge deposits of tin, asbestos, granite and corredem have discovered in the Baster district, Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the estimated deposits of each mineral available there:

(c) the number of applications for licence to extract these minerals have been received, mineral-wise; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). A reserve of 28.89 million tonnes of tin ore containing 3237 tonnes of tin metal in Puspalkatekalayan, Govindpal area; large deposits of grey and pink granite in Kanker, Bhanupratapur, Keskali, Daribha, Sukma, Vijapur and Bande-Pakhanjur area; black granite in Pharasgaon and 25 tonnes of corundum in Bopal-patnem have been estimated in the Baster district of Madhya Pradesh. Deposits of asbestos have not been reported from Bastar district.

(c) and (d). Exploration of tin and corundum ore is reserved for public sector only. Presently Madhya Pradesh State Mining Corporation is mining these minerals.

According to available information, till 5th December, 1992, 349 licence applications for granite have been received by Government of Madhya Pradesh and they are being disposed of as per prevailing rules.

Upgradation of Belgaum Airport

4515. SHRI G. DEVARAYA NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the introduction of Boeing service to Belgaum;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal for the upgradation of this airport;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the estimated expenditure; and

(d) the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

SALEM AIRPORT

4516. Dr. SHRIMATI K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Salem airport has been opened to traffic;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the kinds of airport which are likely to be operated therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO