

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra have approached the Central Government this year for similar assistance;

(c) if so, what is the amount of assistance sought; and

(d) if so, what is Government's thinking in this matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROA): (a) For the year 1979-80, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) authorised Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank (MSCB) to sanction two cash credit hypothecation limits of Rs. 22.50 crores and Rs. 158.10 crores to the Maharashtra State Cooperative Marketing Federation (MSCMF), which is the Chief Agent of the Government of Maharashtra for procurement of cotton under the Scheme. A refinance limit of Rs. 34.86 crores was also sanctioned by RBI to MSCB for the purpose.

(b) to (d). In the current year (1980-81) the MSCB has not so far approached RBI for sanctions to finance the Scheme. RBI would consider the proposal as and when received.

Exploration in Goa-Karnataka

4765. SHRIMATI SANYOGITA RANE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Bureau of Mines has completed a study for the systematic exploration in the entire Goa-Karnataka area of mineral resources for economic exploitation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The Indian Bureau of Mines does not carry out exploration for mineral deposits.

(b) Does not arise.

Difficulties to get Ticket by Passengers coming out of Goa

4766. SHRIMATI SANYOGITA RANE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the passengers intending to come out of Goa find it extremely difficult to get the Indian Airlines ticket;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Goa-Bombay tickets are released in Delhi;

(c) whether the booking staff has no authority to issue these tickets in Goa; and

(d) what steps are proposed to improve the functioning of Indian Airlines in Goa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Since a large number of groups of foreign tourists travel between Bombay and Goa, whose reservations are made months in advance by foreign tour operators, the Central Space Control Office of Indian Airlines in Delhi controls the bookings of these flights upto 8 days before departure of each flight.

The booking staff at Goa can sell upto 25 seats on each flight. They also have the facility to sell more seats, if required, and report to the Central Space Control office.

(d) At present, Indian Airlines operates two Boeing flights between Goa and Bombay. After the monsoons are over, the two Boeings will be replaced by an Airbus service, thus offering additional capacity.