

(c) This is not correct. More than half the tenements have individual latrines.

(d) There is a general complaint regarding these tenements built to war-time specifications. As these have outlived their useful life, it is proposed not to incur heavy expenditure on them by providing further amenities like individual latrines, but to progressively build new quarters according to the latest design.

Coal Deposits in Bijapur (Mysore)

1394. Shri S. B. Patil: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the fossil formation on the stones roundabout Talikot in Bijapur District of Mysore State indicates that the coal deposits can be available roundabout this area;

(b) whether there is possibility of coal deposits and whether Government are intending to carry on an intensive geological survey; and

(c) if so, when the survey will be carried on?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajar-navis): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The Talikota area was mapped by the Geological Survey of India during 1954-55. The area around Talikota in the Bijapur district consists of limestone and other formations of Bhima age. The other rock formations in this area are granites, gneisses and schists of Archaean age, Deccan traps with inter and infra trappean sediments, laterite and laterite grit and soil.

(c) Does not arise.

Military School in Mysore

1395. Shri S. B. Patil: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a Military School in Mysore State;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Mysore Government has proposed to open such a school at Bijapur; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the scheme?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. There is no decision in regard to location.

(c) The matter is under discussion with the Mysore Government. The school will be established and will function under the Sainik School Scheme.

Minerals in Mysore

1396. Shri S. B. Patil: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that large deposits of limestones, iron and manganese ores and asbestos are available in Bijapur District of Mysore State;

(b) if so, the estimated quantities of these minerals; and

(c) whether Government have any scheme of utilising these mineral resources?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajar-navis): (a) The Government of India are aware of large deposits of limestone and small occurrences of iron ore, manganese ore and asbestos in Bijapur district of Mysore State.

(b) At Talikota, the reserves of limestone were estimated at 300 million tons. Large deposits of limestone also occur at Bagalkot, Gadankeri, Devnal, Kundargi, Shirgupi, Kaladgi, Khajjidoni, Chik and Hire Sillikeri, but their reserves are not estimated. The reserves of iron ore, manganese ore and asbestos have also not been estimated.

(c) The Government of India have no scheme of their own for utilisation of minerals in this area.