

kept in original position for further observation. Some surface cracks have occurred over the years due to oxidization of iron clamps used for joining of stones, besides thermal cracks and stress cracks. These cracks are being attended to by the Archaeological Survey of India on a continuous basis.

Incident of Armymen in Kashmir

1885. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
 SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
 SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH
 GAEKWAD :
 SHRI UTTAM SINGH PAWAR :
 SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY :
 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Jawan runs amok, kills Col." appearing in 'The Hindustan Times', New Delhi dated June 17, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Government have conducted or propose to conduct an inquiry into the causes of such incidents in which army men have been killing their superiors or colleagues;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken to prevent such incidents occurring in the army?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) An army Havildar shot dead a Colonel, a Captain and two Subedars before killing himself at Hirpur in Jammu & Kashmir on 15th June, 1997.

A study has been ordered at the level of Army Headquarters to go into these incidents.

Air Borne Warning and Control Systems by IAF

1886. SHRI AJMEERA CHANDULAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Air Force has proposed requirement of Rs. 3000 crore for Airborne Warning and Control Systems;

(b) if so, whether the Government have given its approval; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to ensure optimum utilisation of air defence aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) A proposal has recently come from the IAF for acquisition/

development of Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS), which is under consideration.

[Translation]

Army Training Command

1887. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Army Training Command has been set up for deciding principles regarding contemporary and future methods of war;

(b) if so, whether certain rules are evolved and published in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of Training Commands set up so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) An Army Training Command has been set up to assist the Army in its preparedness for war by developing and disseminating concepts and doctrines (including logistics) for current and future warfare at operational and tactical levels and acting as the nodal agency for institutional training.

Army Headquarters have issued, for internal circulation, administrative instructions on the functions and charter of duties of the Army Training Command.

[English]

Construction of Airport at Bijapur

1888. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has already been conducted for the construction of Airport at Bijapur in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether any place has been identified for the proposed airport at Bijapur;

(c) whether the State Government has agreed to provide land and other infrastructural facilities for the proposed airport;

(d) whether any budget provision has been made for the proposed airport during 1997-98;

(e) whether the Government intend to construct the proposed airport by private sector;

(f) if so, the details of the MOU, if any, entered into between private parties and the Government; and

(g) the estimated cost of the proposed airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A site 6 kms. from Bijapur city has been identified by an AAI team for the construction of a new airport for 50-seater aircraft, at the request of the State Government.