Inclusion of Tripura Under NODP

5500. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Tripura Government have requested Union Government to include Tripura under national Oilseeds Development Project to harness the great potentialities of the State to produce sessmum, groundnut, rape and mustered seeds; and
 - (b) If so, the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b). In view of the request made by the Tripura Government, the State has been included under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz., Oilseeds Production Thrust Project (OPTP) which provided 100% Central assistance to the State.

[Translation]

Proposal to Ban Cabarets in Delhi Hotels

5501. SHRI GANGA CHARAN LODHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of hotels in Delhi having licences for cabarets and casinos;
- (b) whether Government propose to ban cabarets; and
 - (c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) 3 hotels in Delhi have licence for floor show/cabarets. No hotel has a licence for casino.

(b) and (c). Regulation exist for licensing and controlling places of public amusement (other than cinemas) and performances of public amusement under section 28 of Delhi Police Act, 1978. The licences are liable to be withdrawn, suspended or refused renewal if the licences are found violating the Regulations.

[English]

Expansion of Kotta-Akkaa Telephone Exchange in Kerala Circle

5502. SHRI SURESH KODIKKUNNIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the position of the expansion of Kottarakkara telephone exchange in Kerala circle:
- (b) the number of applicants waiting for the new telephone connections in this exchange; and
- (c) the time by which all applicants will be given telephone connections?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANS-PORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICA-TIONS (SHRI K.P.UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) The existing 400 Lines MAX II exchange at Kotta-Akkaa is planned to be shifted to new building and expanded by 500 lines by the end of 1990-91 subject to timely completion of new departmental exchange building and availability of equipment.

- (b) Total 382 as on 1-4-1990.
- (c) All applicants who have been registered upto 31.3.90 are likely to be given telephone connections during 1991-92 subject to expansion of the telephone exchange by march, 1991.