

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise

Measures to Curb Inflation

332. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual rate of inflation during the past three years and the current year with year-wise break-up; and

(b) the specific measures proposed to be undertaken to check inflation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANAVATE) (a) The requisite information is given below.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Annual Rate of Inflation in terms of WPI (1981 82=100)</i>
1986-87	5.1
1987-88	10.7
1988-89	5.7
1989-90 (Upto 9 12.1989)	6.1

(b) The steps taken/proposed to be taken to contain inflation include removing imbalances in the demand and supply of essential commodities, mopping up excess liquidity in the economy and vigorous enforcement of existing laws against hoarding and profiteering.

Legislation to Regulate Chit Funds/ Private Financers

333. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring about uniform legislation throughout the country to regulate the activities of chit funds, private financers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANAVATE): (a) and (b). While the activities of chit fund companies are regulated by 'Chit Funds Act, 1982', the deposit acceptance activities of the unincorporated bodies etc. are regulated in terms of the provisions of Chapter III-C of Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. Government have no proposal to bring out any fresh legislation in this behalf.

Circulation of top five Dailies in Malayalam

334. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of the circulation of each of the top five dailies and periodicals published in Malayalam?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): The requisite details are given in the statement below.

STATEMENT

<i>Name of the Paper</i>	<i>Place of publication</i>	<i>Periodicity (1988)</i>	<i>Circulation</i>
Malayala Manorama (4 editions)	Calicut	Daily	2,04,203
	Kottayam	- do -	1,95,362