

Under public distribution system in Andhra Pradesh.

Water Balance Study In Kuttanad, Kerala

4725. SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to undertake water balance study in Kuttanad, Kerala with the assistance of Dutch Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the assistance proposed to be given by Dutch Government; and

(d) the time by which this project is proposed to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIMUL-LAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d). The water balance study in Kuttanad, Kerala with the assistance of Dutch Government was launched in January, 1987 and completed in December, 1989. The details of study covered include-

(i) Long term impact on water quality, hydrology and lake characteristics with particular reference to operation of Thanneermukkom regulator,

(ii) prediction of future trends of water quality and possible environmental impacts and

(iii) planning of corrective measures that need to be taken to preserve the quality of water. Financial support of about Dfl 5.97 million (equivalent to Rs. 23 million) was provided from Dutch Government in this regard.

Attack on Indian Shopkeepers In U.K.

4726. SHRI R. DHANUSHODI ATHITHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of recent reports that Indian shopkeepers were attacked and their shops looted in some cities of the U.K.;

(b) if so, the details of loss of lives and the damage caused to property; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). The Government is aware that some shops belonging to British nationals of Indian origin were looted in Handsworth in Birmingham on 2nd September'91. There was no loss of lives. The damages and liss were estimated to be over half a million pounds. Some other Asian and British shopkeepers had also suffered damages in the attacks by holligans.

(c) The Indian High Commission in UK has conveyed to the British authorities at appropriate levels our concern at such attacks and the need for prompt police action.

Fire in second mine of NLC

4727. DR. R.K.G. RAJULU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any incident of fire occurred in the second mine of Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and actual loss due to this fire;

(c) whether any inquiry had been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the findings thereof;