

Tourist Facilities at Courtallam

784 **Shri M. P. Swamy**: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop Courtallam in Tirunelveli District, Madras State as a tourist centre;

(b) whether Government had taken steps to provide facilities for the tourists at the above place; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The required information has been asked for from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha when received.

Fixation of Tobacco Prices

785. **Shri Karjee**: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the question of fixation of prices of tobacco;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to assure proper and fair returns to the cultivators for their tobacco crop?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No.

Floods in West Bengal

786. **Shri Karjee**: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for taming the river 'Torsha' to save Cooch-Bihar and Jalpaiguri Districts in West Bengal from flood and erosion havoc of the said river during Third Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim): (a). Yes.

(b) The details are as follows :—

<i>Name of the Scheme</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
	Rs. in lakhs
(i) Construction of an embankment of the left Bank of the Char Torsha from Hashimara Railway Bridge to National Highway 31 Jalpaiguri District	108.00
(ii) Protection of Hanskhawa Rajarghat area near Coach Behar	15.68

New Medical College in Cooch-Bihar

787. **Shri Karjee**: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of West Bengal have approached the Union Government with the proposal for the establishment of a new medical college at Cooch-Bihar in North Bengal;

(b) what are the views of the Union Government to this proposal; and

(c) whether the Government have agreed to give any subsidy to the West Bengal Government for this proposal?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) to (c). The Government of West Bengal have not submitted any proposal to the Government of India for the establishment of a new medical college at Cooch-Bihar. The Union Government can consider the matter only when a proposal is submitted to them.

Indian Central Jute Committee

788. **Shri Surendranath Dwivedy**: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Indian Central Jute Committee has appointed any sub-committee to go into the question of cost of production of jute?