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	Ghana	0.06	38.75
	Indonesia	1.25	750.00
	Kenya	2.15	4,075.00
	Saudi Arabia	0.25	450.00
	Sri Lanka	0.75	900.00
	Sudan	0.50	15,000.00
	U.K.	0.05	50.00
	U.S.A.	0.02	125.00
	Guyana	2.34	23,170.00
	U.S.S.R.	1.92	(free gift)
	Total	25,908.95	1,37,41,229.25
1984-85	Yemen (AR)	4,050.00	28,87,500.00
	Bangla-Desh	65,764.00	3,94,58,400.00
	Nepal	3,580.00	20,58,500.00
	Total	73,394.00	4,44,04,400.00

Telecast of Natkhat Narad Programme

127. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI :
DR. B.L. SHAILESH :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is public resentment over the role of 'Narad' in 'Natkhat Narad' programme being telecast by Doordarshan;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to withdraw it or propose to telecast an improved version; and

(c) if so, in what form ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :

(a) The treatment was fictional. But three writ petitions were filed praying that the serial should be stopped. Two writs have been vacated also. The third one is pending.

(b) and (c) Meanwhile, the serial 'Natkhat Narad' has come to an end on the 4th November, 1985. Doordarshan does not propose to extend it any further.

[English]

Procurement Price of Copra/Coconut

128. PROF. P.J. KUKIEN :
SHRI T. BASHEER :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether procurement price of copra has been fixed ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the coconut growers of Kerala have represented for a higher procurement price ; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (d) The Government of India do not fix procurement price for copra. Procurement prices are fixed only for sugarcane, paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, tur, urad, mung, jute, groundnut-in-shell, soyabean, sunflower, seed, cotton, wheat, barley and mustard seed. The Government of Kerala has decided to intervene in the market and purchase copra at the price of Rs. 1200 per quintal as a measure of support to the coconut farmers. The Government of Kerala are continuously reviewing the price situation in order to offer feasible support to the coconut farmers.

Setting up of T.V. Centres in State Capitals

129. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up fullfledged TV Centres in all the State Capitals ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the names of States where programmes in regional languages are being produced and tele cast ; and

(d) the time by which the change over to regional programmes will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) It is proposed to set up fullfledged TV centres at the capitals of major States/Union

Territories during VII plan period and programme production facilities are envisaged to be provided at the remaining State/Union Territory Capitals except those of Lakshdweep and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

(c) and (d) Programmes in regional languages are being produced and telecast at present in the States of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, J&K, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and Union Territory of Delhi. Similar facilities are expected to be available in the remaining States/Union Territories except Lakshdweep and Dadar and Nagar Haveli, at the end fo VII Plan.

Financial Assistance to Kerala for Drinking Water

130. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Kerala have sought financial assistance for its scheme for providing drinking water in Scheduled Caste and other backward colonies ;

(b) whether the Central Government have released any amount ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government assists the states in providing safe drinking water in the rural areas under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARP). Under this programme, Kerala received Rs. 4557.41 lakhs as Central assistance in the Sixth Plan. For the current year 1985-86 the tentative allocation to Kerala is Rs. 1010 lakhs out of which Rs. 707 lakhs has already been released. The State Governments have been advised to earmark a percentage of funds under the ARP for the Special Component Plan for the Scheduled Castes and for the Tribal Sub-Plan for the Scheduled Tribes : the percentage being equal to