

[English]

Development of Tourism in Kerala

28. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the programme of Government for development of tourism in Kerala during 1990-91;

(b) the proposed allocation for each of the projects;

(c) whether proposals have been received from the Government of Kerala for the development of specific potential tourist centre in Malabar area of Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details of proposals and the response of Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) to (d). The projects/schemes received from the State Government of Kerala for further development of Tourism in Kerala State would be considered by the Central Department of Tourism after the annual plan of the Department for the year 1990-91 is received.

Modernisation of Radio Station, Calicut, Kerala

29. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the expansion and modernisation of the Radio Station at Calicut, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total allocation for the renovation work on Calicut AIR; and

(d) whether Government propose to open more AIR Stations in Kerala, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). There is a proposal in the 7th Plan of All India Radio to replace the existing 10KW MW transmitter at Calicut by a new 10KW. Subsequently, a decision was taken to replace the 10KW MW transmitter by a 100 KW MW transmitter.

(c) The total requirement for the 100 KW MW transmitter has been projected as Rs. 311.74 lakhs.

(d) Three new Radio Stations with 2x3 KW FW transmitter, multi-purpose studios and staff quarters are proposed to be set up in the 7th Plan at Idukki, Cannanore and Cochin. Out of these, AIR station at Cochin has already been inaugurated on 1.10.89. The other two Radio Stations i.e. Cannanore and Idukki are envisaged to be commissioned in 1990 and 1991 respectively.

Export of Coffee

30. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of coffee exported during 1989; and

(b) whether Government propose to raise the minimum release price of coffee and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) the exports of coffee during April-November, 1989 are provisionally placed at 86,609 tonnes valued at about Rs. 265.59 crores.