

[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.

(b) The minimum release price for coffee was last revised in October, 1988. Any further revision would depend on the justification as well as the recommendation of the Coffee Board and the Cost Accounts Branch of the Ministry of Finance.

[*Translation*]

#### **Modernisation of Doordarshan and All India Radio**

32. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise Doordarshan and All India Radio during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Details in this regard can be known only after the 8th Five Year Plan Schemes of Doordarshan and All India Radio are approved.

#### **Setting up of Steel Plant in Bihar**

33. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government propose to set up another steel plant like Bokaro in Bihar during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

#### **Setting up of Currency Note Printing Presses by RBI**

34. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the Reserve Bank of India to undertake the responsibility of setting up two new currency note printing presses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is departure from the existing practice of running the presses by his Ministry itself; and

(d) if so, the advantages and reasons for changing the practice?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (d). Setting up of the two new currency note printing presses involves a large financial outlay of Rs. 844 crores. In course of exploration of various alternative sources of funding Govt. found that the Reserve Bank of India was willing to set up the two presses. In view of this, RBI has been entrusted with the execution of these projects.

#### **Improvement in Programmes of T.V. Station at Nagercoil**

35. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the area of coverage and make improvements in the programmes of the T.V. station at Nagercoil; and