

TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b). With a view to developing tourist infrastructure in Kerala, the Central Department of Tourism has sanctioned financial assistance to the State Government for various projects, during the last three years. These include Yatri Niwases, Beach Resorts, Forest Lodges, Luxury Cruises, Way-

side amenities, Equipments for water sports, Floating Restaurant, etc. These projects are at various stages of implementation.

(c) The statistics of tourist inflow to Kerala as reported by the State Government during the last three years and first 8 months of 1989 are given as under:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>Foreign</i>	<i>Total</i>
1986	10,46,568	95,567	11,42,135
1987	10,66,445	88,842	11,55,287
1988	12,03,198	95,611	12,98,809
1989 (Upto Aug.)	8,69,572	75,010	9,44,582

MPEDA Assistance for Fish Farming and Exports

372. **PROF. K.V. THOMAS:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance given by Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) for fish farming, processing and export; and

(b) the foreign exchange earned during the last five years by the export of fish products?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) The assistance given by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) for fish farming, processing and export include subsidy assistance for new prawn farm development, establishment of seed banks, prawn hatcheries, seed re-

sources survey, micro level survey, subsidy assistance for upgrading the cold storages/freezing units and upgrading of processing plants and grant of cash compensatory support to exporters for specified items of export of marine products.

(b) The foreign exchange earned during the last five years by the export of marine products were as indicated below:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Export Value (in Rs. Crores)</i>
1984-85	584.29
1985-86	398.00
1986-87	460.67
1987-88	531.20
1988-89	597.85

(Source : MPEDA, Cochin)