

already been allowed with reputed foreign machinery manufacturers. Items not available/not yet manufactured indigenously are being allowed to be imported for the benefit/modernisation of Textile Industry.

**Impact of Price on Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers**

8595. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the recent increases in the issue prices of rice, wheat, coal, fertilizer and petroleum products has an impact on consumer price index for industrial workers;

(b) if so, the consumer price index for the month March 1986 as against consumer price index of March, 1985; and

(c) the percentage increase of consumer price index during the last one year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers is available upto the month of February 1986 and stands at 633 (1960=100). The index was 629 in January 1986 and 586 in March 1985. It has gone up by 8.2 per cent during the last one year.

**Development of Kumarakom and Pathiramanal, in Kerala as Tourist Centres**

8597. SHRI P. A. ANTONY : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop Kumarakom and Pathiramanal in Kerala as tourists centres; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b). The Central Department of Tourism has sanctioned the following boats for Kumarakom.

|  | Amount sanctioned |
|--|-------------------|
| (1) One Luxury boat wito 45 seats to ferry between Kumarakom and Cochin. | Rs. 10.44 lakhs   |
| (2) One 20 seater in-board engine boat.                                  | Rs. 0.87 „        |

The Department has not received any proposal for the development of Pathiramanal.

**Monitoring of Activities of Nationalised Banks in West Bengal**

8598. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Chief Minister of West Bengal has urged the Union Government to empower his Government to monitor the activities of the nationalised banks in West Bengal so that the socio-economic benefits reached all the people of the State;

(b) whether he has further stressed that unless the State Government were actively associated with the powers of monitoring the performance of banks, even the rural development programme envisaged in the Seventh Five Year Plan would not succeed; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (c). The Chief Minister of West Bengal has written to the Union Government about the organisation of credit camps and suggested that the peoples representatives of the area where the credit camp is held, as well as State Government officials, should be invariably associated with the organisation of credit camps. Credit camps are organised by public sector banks at the initiative of field functionaries, as a part of the overall measures taken to increase the flow of credit to the priority sector/weaker sections'—in order to achieve the targets laid down