

Export of coir goods from Kerala

168. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the export of coir goods from Kerala has declined over the years;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the decline;

(c) whether any special efforts have been made by Government to explore new markets for these goods; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the achievement so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b) There has been no decline in exports of coir goods from Kerala in value terms. But in quantitative terms, there has been a declining trend due mainly to shortage of raw material, shift in demand patterns and emergence of cheaper substitutes.

(c) and (d) Various steps undertaken to explore new markets include sending trade delegations, conducting market studies and market research, releasing of advertisements in foreign trade magazines, distribution of publicity material and participation in fairs abroad.

Development of Guruvayoor as tourist centre in Kerala

169. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop Guruvayoor in Kerala as a major tourist centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : (a) and (b). Guruvayoor is a well-known pilgrim centre in Kerala State. The Department of Tourism has included Guruvayoor in the list of important tourist centres in the country.

The State Department of Tourism has a proposal to construct a Yatrika at Guruvayoor with Central assistance in the 7th Five Year Plan.

Foodgrain stocks

170. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether stocks of foodgrains with Government have reached 34 million tonnes; and

(b) what was the procurement of rice and wheat from different states in 1984-85 and in 1985-86, respectively ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) No, Sir. The total stock of foodgrains with the public agencies as on 1.1.1986 was estimated at 24.18 million tonnes.

(b) A statement showing State-wise procurement of rice and wheat in 1984-5 and 1985-86 (as on 17.2.1986) is attached.

Statement

Statement showing procurement of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) and wheat in 1984-85 and 1985-86 (as on 17.2.86)

(In thousand tonnes)

State	RICE		WHEAT	
	1984-85 (P) Marketing Season.	1985-86* Marketing Season.	1984-85 Marketing Season.	1985-86* Marketing Season.
Andhra Pradesh	1783	814	—	—
Assam	20	22	—	—
Bihar	31	3	43	4
Gujarat	30	5	1	—
Haryana	977	971	1774	1960
Jammu & Kashmir	55	43	7	5
Karnataka	101	61	—	—
Kerala	Neg	—	—	—
Madhya Pradesh	357	354	90	14
Maharashtra	1	Neg	—	—
Orissa	105	84	—	—
Punjab	4277	4137	5012	6147
Rajasthan	46	25	217	37
Tamil Nadu	807	408	—	—
Uttar Pradesh	1116	674	2152	2174
West Bengal	96	33	Neg	2
A & N Islands	Neg	—	—	—
Arunachal Pradesh	3	1	—	—
Chandigarh	5	7	—	—
Delhi	—	—	3	Neg
Pondicherry	12	4	—	—
ALL-INDIA	9822	7645	9300	10345

(Neg) Below 500 tonnes.

(*) Position as on 17.2.1986.

(P) Provisional, subject to revision.