

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Under Operation Flood, a Central Sector Scheme, Ernakulam dairy has been panded and the dairy at Trivandrum is proposed to be expanded. Besides, four new dairies are under construction at Quilon, Alleppey, Ernakulam and Trichur.

(b) The combined average daily throughput of Trivandrum and Ernakulam dairies for the last three years, as reported, is as under :

	Liters per day
i) 1982-83	16,000
ii) 1983-84	47,000
iii) 1984-85	82,000

(c) Sufficiency of milk is related to income and demand. The per capita availability of milk based on estimated indigenous production in the State of Kerala for the year 1982-83 has been 112grams per day as against 220 grams recommended by the Nutritional Advisory Committee of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

(d) Besides Operation Flood, Government of Kerala have taken up an ambitious programme of increasing milk production in the State through cross-breeding of non-descript low producing indigenous cattle and improvement of buffaloes. Breed improvement programme is being taken up through a network of about 1402 field A.I. Centres. The work of cattle development has also been supported through Indo Swiss Collaboration for cattle and fodder production, programme for production of cross-bred bulls and Central Sector Scheme for cross-breeding of cattle with exotic dairy breeds and improvement of buffaloes using frozen semen technique.

Allocation of Funds to Kerala for Urban Development

4526. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:-

(a) the allocation of funds for the State of Kerala for integrated Development of

Small and Medium Towns during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) whether Calicut, Cannanore, Wynad, Malappuram, Kasargod and Palghat are proposed to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Kerala has been allocated three towns under the Scheme of Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns during the Seventh Five Year Plan. These towns, along with the spillover work of the Sixth Plan towns, are eligible for a total Central assistance of Rs. 2.46 crores during the 7th Plan. In addition, the three towns allocated in the Seventh Plan are also eligible for Central assistance of Rs. 8.00 lakhs each, on matching basis, for Low Cost Sanitation work, Actual release of funds by Central Government would, however, depend on the submission of progress reports by State Govt. showing the expenditure of more than 70% of the Central assistance and State Govt.'s equal matching share taken together.

(b) Mallapuram town was sanctioned during the Sixth Plan period. Inclusion of Palghat during the 7th Plan is under consideration. There is no proposal to cover rest of the towns.

TV Transmitters in Kerala

4527. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the location and respective power of each T. V. transmitter in Kerala;

(b) whether the present transmitters are sufficient to cover the entire area/population of Kerala; and

(c) the number of microwave stations in Kerala and in what way do they help in T. V. transmission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Two high power (10 KW) TV transmitters one each at Trivandrum and Cochin

and, 3 low power (100 W) TV transmitters one each at Calicut, Cannanore, Palghat are at present functioning in Kerala.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There does not exist at present any dedicated microwave link in the State of Kerala for transmission of TV signals. However, firm demand for providing a microwave link between Trivandrum and Calicut via Cochin (along with an end-link at Cochin) has been placed with the Department of Telecommunications as a part of VI Plan schemes. This would enable the TV transmitter at Cochin to relay programmes produced at Doordarshan Kendra Trivandrum after the link is executed by the Department of Telecommunications. Provision of an end-link facility at Calicut to enable relay of programmes from Trivandrum by the transmitter at Calicut will depend upon availability of resources in the VII Plan.

Distribution of Minikits to Small and Marginal Farmers in Kerala

4578. SHRI SURESH KURUP: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken during the Sixth Plan period under the Centrally sponsored scheme for distribution of minikits of seeds and fertilisers to small and marginal farmers in Kerala to increase production;

(b) the actual achievement as compared to the target fixed for the Sixth Plan;

(c) the reasons for the shortfall, if any;

(d) the target fixed for the Seventh Plan; and

(e) the funds allotted for the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) In 1983-84, a programme of free distribution of minikits of seeds and fertilisers for oilseeds and pulses production to the small and marginal farmers was launched under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers for increasing Agricultural Production in all the States including Kerala.

(b) Against the target of 1.18 lakh minikits the actual achievement as reported by the Kerala Government was 1.78 lakh during the Sixth Plan period.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) The proposed annual target under this scheme for distribution of minikits of seeds of oilseeds, pulses and coarse-grains is 400 in each block during the Seventh Plan.

(e) Under this scheme an annual outlay of Rs. 0.50 lakh per block has been earmarked for distribution of minikits of seeds of oilseeds, pulses and coarse-grains. This will be equally shared between the State Government and the Government of India.

Foodgrains Supplied to Kerala under RLEGP

4529. SHRI SURESH KURUP: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains supplied to Kerala under Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme in the year 1985; and

(b) the actual quantity utilised by Kerala in 1985?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b). A quantity of 29250 MTs of foodgrains was allocated to Kerala for the year 1985-86. The reports of utilisation are available upto the month of February, 1986. According to these, 8196.99 MTs of foodgrains have been utilised by the State in the year 1985-86 upto the month of February, 1986.

Decline in Percentage Share of Employment in Kerala

4530. SHRI SURESH KURUP :

SHRI K. MOHANDAS :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage share of Kerala in India's total employment has declined during the period 1980 to 1985; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the main reasons for the decline?