

**Assistance to Kerala for Flood and
Sea Erosion**

1299. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA :
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state :

(a) the assistance sought by Kerala
Government and Central assistance
provided to the State during the past five
years to meet the problems of floods and
sea erosion ; and

(b) whether Government propose to
chalk out a permanent programme and
increase the Central assistance to Kerala
in view of usual floods and sea erosion in
the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA
MAKWANA) : (a) The amount sought by
and sanctioned to the Government of
Kerala as central assistance during the
past five years for tackling the problem of
floods and sea erosion is as follows :—

YEAR	AMOUNT SOUGHT	AMOUNT SANCTIONED
	(Rs. in crores)	
1981-82	40.10	8.43
1282-83	34.55	0.11
1983-84	—	—
1984-85	195.15	21.33
1985-86	743.36	134.79

(b) The primary responsibility for
planning and implementation of schemes
under flood control sector rests with the
concerned State Government who under-
take these schemes through the State Plans.
However, in view of the acute problem of
sea erosion and its magnitude in the State
of Kerala Government of India have been
providing central loan assistance to Kerala
only for undertaking these works since
1972-73. Till March, 1986, an assistance
of Rs. 37.12 crores has been provided to
Kerala.

In view of the constraint in resources,
there is no proposal of a hike in the Central
assistance to Kerala.

Accidents in Mines

1300. SHRI A. CHARLES : Will the
Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of accidents that took
place in mines in 1985-86 resulting in
death and injuries to mine workers and the
number of victims of such accidents ; and

(b) the remedial measures, if any, taken
to ensure safety of mine workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A.
SANGMA) : (a) The number of fatal and
serious accidents that took place in mines
during 1985-86 resulting in death and
injuries are given below :—

	FATAL			SERIOUS	
	No. of accidents	No. of Persons		No. of accidents	No. of persons seriously injured
		Killed	Seriously injured		
Coal	185	217	26	1034	1053
Non-Coal	77	90	3	421	434

Figures are Provisional.

(b) The mines are regularly inspected by the officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety. During inspections, if any breach of safety standards are observed, suitable steps under various provisions of law are taken by way of (i) issue of warning letters/notices to bring to the notice of mine managements the unsafe conditions/practices observed during inspections, (ii) imposition of prohibitory orders, (iii) prosecution of persons responsible, (iv) withdrawal of statutory permissions, (v) suspension of certificates of competence issued to supervisory personnel; Mine Managements also on their part suspend/dismiss delinquent persons.

The concept of workers' participation in safety management has been incorporated in the statute. There is also a system of holding bilateral and tripartite meetings with mine managements to review status of safety in mines.

Release of Newsprint to Malayalam Dailies

1301. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the names of Malayalam dailies to whom newsprint was released in the years 1984 and 1985 ;

(b) the quantum of newsprint released to each of these Malayalam dailies, year-wise ; and

(c) the quantum of newsprint released to medium and small newspapers newspaper-wise and year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) to (c) : The requisite information is given in the statement given below.

Statement

Small Newspapers

(Circulation upto 15,000 copies)

Sl. No.	Name of the daily	Newsprint allotted in tonnes	
		1984-85	1985-86
1.	Calicut Times, Calicut	14.28	25.85
2.	Dinavartha, Palghat	48.53	30.41
3.	Elite, Trichur	13.14	9.85
4.	Indian Powran, Alwaye	9.00	15.42
5.	Jayakkody, Sbertallai	29.85	Unestablished
6.	Jai Hind, Cochin	5.57	4.17
7.	Janmabhoomi, Cochin	21.28	56.02
8.	Keralacyan, Cochin	48.13	36.19
9.	Keralanadam, Cochin	17.57	13.17
10.	Kala Premi, Trivandrum	10.43	7.82
11.	Kerala Dhvani, Kottayam	3.76	3.79
12.	Kerala Sree, Alleppey	14.00	10.05
13.	League Times, Calicut	53.12	39.84
14.	Malabar Mail, Cochin	2.45	2.33