

(a) whether a demand has been made by the organisations of plantation workers in the Idukki district of Kerala for setting up of an office of the Provident Fund Commissioner in the district ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal has to be first considered by the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund. The Board has, however, recently set up a Sub-Committee to lay down revised guidelines for setting up new Sub-Regional Office. Therefore new proposals for setting up Sub-Regional office will be considered after the revised guidelines are formulated and the same are approved by the Board.

Central Assistance to Kerala Housing Project

4178. **PROF. P. J. KURIEN :**
SHRI K. MOHANDAS :

Will the Minister of **URBAN DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state :

(a) whether State Government of Kerala has requested the Union Government for financial assistance for implementing their major housing projects ; and

(b) if so, the response of Union Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Housing is a State subject and the State Govts/U. T. Admns. Implement Social Housing Schemes as per their needs and plan priorities. Central assistance is given in the shape of 'block loans' and 'block grants' without being tied to any particular scheme or head of development. In addition, since its inception the Housing & Urban Development Corporation has sanctioned 217 schemes to various con-

struction agencies in Kerala with a project cost of Rs. 215.90 crores and a loan commitment of Rs. 141.21 crores including a loan of Rs. 10.10 crores during the current year upto 31.10.86.

TV Relay Centre at Jawadhu Hills

4179. **SHRI A. JAYAMOHAN :** Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state :

whether Government have any proposal to establish a T. V. Relay Centre at Jawadhu hills under the Tribals Development Scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : No, Sir.

Documentary Film on V. K. Krishna Menon

4181. **SHRI T. BASHEER :** Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken decision on the proposal to make a documentary film on V. K. Krishna Menon; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The film is in the research/scripting stage.

Second Channel in Bangalore Doordarshan

4182. **SARIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI :** Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Karnataka Government have requested the Union Government to introduce a second T. V. channel in Bangalore ; and