

[English]

Development of Beach Resorts in Kerala

4456. SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop any beach resorts in Kerala ;

(b) if so, the names of the places identified so far ;

(c) the details of tourist facilities proposed to be provided and the area to be brought under each project ; and

(d) the time by which these beach resorts are expected to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Central Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 46.69 lakhs to the Government of Kerala for construction of a Beach Resort at Kappad. The proposed Resort will comprise beach Cottages, health club, cafeteria, etc. A proposal for setting up a Beach Resort at Varkala is under consideration of the Ministry.

In addition, the Ministry has sanctioned Rs. 17.31 lakhs to the Government of Kerala for provision of water sports equipment at Kovalam Beach Resort. The equipment will comprise pedal boats, country catamaran boats, rowing boats, water scooters, wind sailing dinghies and equipment for water skiing, wind surfing, para sailing etc.

(d) These projects are likely to be completed by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Consumer Price Index

4457. SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the discussion on the revised consumer price index with the trade unions, and their organisations has been completed ;

(b) whether Government have finally approved application of new CPI (Base 1982=100) ;

(c) whether it is a fact that trade unions have been demanding a revision of the 1960 series ;

(d) whether the proposal of the trade unions for the new index based on the family budget survey of 1970 has been considered ; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) to (e). The present series of Consumer Price Index for industrial workers with base 1960=100 was introduced with effect from August, 1968. There have been demands for the revision of 1960 series. The Labour Bureau conducted Family Budget Survey in 1971 but the 1971 base series could not be released. A fresh Family Income and Expenditure Survey was conducted by the Labour Bureau in 1980-81. The new series of Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers with base 1982=100 has been compiled on the basis of this survey. To discuss this series, a national level tripartite meeting was held in Delhi on 8-1-87. This was followed by five regional tripartite meetings held during February to July, 1987. A National workshop was held in Delhi on 30-10-1987. This will be discussed further with the trade unions, employers and State Governments in a National meeting.

Optimum Utilization of Land to Support Growing Population

4458. SHRI R.M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated a time bound programme for optimum use of land to support the needs of growing population ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the acreage of land available to be put to optimum use ; and

(d) the total land in the country which is subject to soil erosion and degradation ?