

Visit of Foreign Tourists to Kerala

5671. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign tourists who visited Kerala during the years 1986 and 1987 ; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase the flow of foreign tourists to the State of Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) As per the statistics available from the State Government, the foreign tourists visiting some of the centres in Kerala during 1986 and 1987 are as given below :

Centre	1986	1987
Kovalam	44,626	39,526
Cochin	34,488	26,813
Trivandrum	6,215	12,287
Thakkady	10,238	10,213

The State Government has not yet started the collection of statistics in other centres.

(b) The steps taken by the Union Government to increase the flow of foreign tourists to Kerala include wide publicity of places of tourist interest in that State and strengthening of tourism infrastructure.

Relief Work in Kerala

5672. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of the districts of Kerala, affected by drought, where relief programmes are being run ; and

(b) the details of expenditure incurred on providing financial assistance for various items viz. irrigation drinking water, agriculture, food grains etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) The Government of Kerala reported that 14 districts were affected by drought in 1987. The State

Government decides the nature and volume of relief programmes in various districts keeping in view the severity of drought in each district.

(b) The expenditure reported by the State Government as on 15th January, 1988 in respect of various items is given below :—

Item	(Rs. in crores) Expenditure
1. Employment generation works (including irrigation works)	3.16
2. Drinking water	12.25
3. Special nutrition programme	1.50
4. Cattle conservation	0.73
5. Gratuitous relief	1.05
6. Agriculture input subsidy	3.90

Proposed Master Plan For Pepper Productivity

5673. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a master plan is being prepared to set up production and productivity of pepper ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Milk Products

5674. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to State :

(a) whether milk products imported as gifts or on commercial basis by NDDDB are supplied to State Governments as is done to Mother Dairies operated by NDDDB ;

(b) if so, the quantity of milk products imported as gifts or on commercial basis by National Dairy Development Corporation, during the last three years, year-wise ;

(c) the quantity of milk products supplied to the States in the above period, year-wise, and State-wise; and

(d) the price charged and the purpose for which these product were supplied to the States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

International Conference on Tourism

5675. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether any international Conferences on tourism in which India participated have been arranged during 1987-88 ;

(b) if so, the venue of the international conferences and the names of the countries who participated ; and

(c) the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

U. K. Assistance for Drinking Water Schemes in Urban Areas

5676. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state ;

(a) whether U. K. Government have agreed to provide assistance for drinking water scheme in the Urban areas ;

(b) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has been signed ;

(c) the amount of aid that will be provided ; and

(d) the schemes that are proposed to be undertaken with this aid ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Setting up of Ammonia and Urea Projects at Paradeep in Orissa

5677. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Orissa Government had recommended to the Industrial Development for issue of Letter of Intent to an Industrial unit to establish a 900 TPD ammonia and 1,500 TPD Urea project at Paradeep in Orissa, if so, the details thereof ;

(b) whether the proposed project has the facilities of the raw material and finished product being transported by sea thereby reducing the burden on the rail transport ;

(c) whether the report of the Expert Group has been received and is under consideration ; and

(d) if so, the decision taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) to (d) A statement is given below.

Statement

An application for issue of a Letter of Intent to M/s. Century Spinning & Manufacturing Company Limited for setting up of a 500 mtpd Ammonia plant and 1500 mtpd Urea plant at Paradeep in the State of Orissa was forwarded to the Department of Fertilizers by the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Development) on 12-5-1986. The Government of Orissa has also recommended to the Department of Fertilizers for issue of Letter of Intent to the Company.

The cost of the project is estimated to be around Rs. 600 crores. The project envisages transportation of feedstock (naphtha) by sea as also despatch of urea by coastal shipping to Vishakhapatnam and Calcutta.

With regard to the setting up of new projects during VIII plan the Government of India constituted a Study Group in June 1986 to indicate suitable locations, num-