

for expansion of oil palm cultivation in Kerala; and

(c) whether the Oil Palm India Limited, a public sector company will be given top priority in allotment of land in Andaman and Nicobar Islands for oil palm cultivation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In Kerala, 3705 hectares have already been planted. Another 455 hectares are proposed to be further planted in Kerala to complete a total area of 4160 hectares.

(c) The Andaman Administration has constituted a Committee for identifying land for red oil palm plantations. The Department of Environment has also formed an Expert Committee to carry out ecological impact assessment study on red oil palm plantations. The reports of these Committees are awaited. The question of giving top priority to any party in allotting land, if any, does not arise at present.

Closure of Publications 'Yojna' and 'Aajkal'

4031. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA :
DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA
RAO :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to close down several publications like "Yojna" and "Aajkal" as reported in Times of India dated 28 July, 1985; and

(b) if so, reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Measures to Increase Food Production in Seventh Plan

4032. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a working group set up by the Planning Commission has recommended certain measures to augment food production in the Seventh Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by his Ministry to Implement those measures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) and (b). For increasing foodgrain production during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period, the Working Group of Agricultural Production set up by the Planning Commission for formulation of the Seventh Plan has identified certain key issues like development of rainfed farming increasing production and productivity in eastern region, increasing productivity of wheat particularly in the central region, increasing cropping intensity, improving irrigation efficiency, etc.

(c) The Seventh Plan is yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission and, keeping in view the above broad framework of key issues, details of actual programme are being formulated.

Change in the Timings of News Bulletins in Hindi and English

4033. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a change in the timings of the News bulletins in Hindi and English in Doordarshan;