

Tribal Living in Hills of Wynad in Kerala

705 SHRI CHANDRAPPAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRI) be pleased to state -

(n) whether Government are aware that the tribal population living in the hills of Wynad in Kerala is under conditions of extreme poverty and backwardness ;

(b) whether the facilities for health-care and education in that area are hardly sufficient ; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government for improving their living conditions ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY) (a) to (c). The information is being collected from the State Government and it will be laid on the Table of the Sabha, when received.

**Proposal to Develop Azhikkal Port
in Kerala**

706. SHRI CHANDRAPPAN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (NAUWAHAN AUR PARIWAHAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to develop Azhikkal Port in Kerala ,

(b) if so, the detail thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING & TRANSPORT (SANSADIYA KARYA TATHA NAUWAHAN AUR PARIWAHAN MANTRI) (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) :

DUR) : (a) and (b). Azhikkal is not a major port. The executive responsibility for development of ports other than major ports vests in the concerned State Government. The Government of Kerala have intimated that the following schemes have been provided under the Fourth Five Year Plan for Azhikkal Port .—

Name of the Scheme	Provision (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Providing a lighted fairway buoy for entrance channel	0.50
2. Two sets of mooring buoys inside the river basin for coastal steamers	6.00
3. Two mooring boats	0.40
4. One Pilot Launch	3.00
5. One Light House	2.50
(c) Does not arise.	

**Utilization of Central Grants by States
Sports Councils for Construction
of Sports Stadia and Organisa-
tion of Coaching Camps**

707. SHRI CHANDRAPPAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether only 31% of the funds earmarked by Central Government for grants to the State Sports Councils for the construction of Stadia and organisation of coaching camps could be spent in the last financial year ;

(b) if so, the reasons for the shortfall in utilisation of the funds ; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure full utilization of the funds allotted for the purpose.