

with their offers but the terms offered by the above mentioned firm were the most favourable.

(c) The International Airports Authority of India do not have the figures of earnings of M/s. Cambatas from portorage services at Bombay

#### Mango Export

787 SHRI G Y KRISHNAN. Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries which are importing Mangoes,

(b) whether the demand for Indian Mangoes is increasing,

(c) if so the amount of foreign exchange earned yearly during last three years, and

(d) the incentives extended by Government for production of more Mangoes in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI A C GEORGE). (a) Bahrain Island, Dubai, France, Malaysia, Muscat, Nepal, Qatar German Fed Rep, Singapore, UK, Kuwait, S Yemen, Saudi Arabia and others

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) Years	FMR value (Rs lakh)
1971-72	26 08
1972-73	50 01
1973-74	51 25
upto Jan 74)	

(d) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Package Programme on mango during 5th Plan has been approved. This has an outlay of about 75 lacs for programmes in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

#### Shortage of Small Coins

788. SHRI G Y. KRISHNAN;

SHRI GAJADHAR MAJHI.

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether there is acute shortage of small coins in the rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard, and

(c) the progress made regarding the production of coins of all denominations by the three mints at Alipore (Calcutta), Bombay and Hyderabad during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI K R GANESH).

(a) No reports of shortage of small coins in the rural areas in the country have been received in recent months

(b) Does not arise

(c) The production of small coins during the years 1972-73 and 1973-74 is as under —

Denomination	No of pieces (000's omitted)	
	1972-73	1973-74
50-Paise	14,16,16	15,33,70
25-Paise	38,72,82	43,08,88
10-Paise	76,08,00	80,94,62
5-Paise	48,22,80	47,44,50
3-Paise	18,85	..
2-Paise	26,12,10	23,26,60
1-Paise	4,91,40	..

**Value of Rupee**

(c) The monthly calculations as desired are as follows :

**789. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the value of rupee is steadily falling since 1960;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and what was the value of rupee at the end of each year since 1960; and

(c) at what point the value of rupees stood every month in 1973 and 1974?

Value of Rupee (In 1949 paise)

Months	1973	1974
January	39.2	31.2
February	38.6	30.8
March	38.0	29.9
April	37.2	29.1
May	36.1	28.0
June	35.3	
July	33.9	
August	33.3	
September	33.2	
October	32.4	
November	31.7	
December	31.6	

**THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN):**

(a) The value of the rupee as measured by the annual average of the All-India Industrial Workers' Consumer Price Index (base 1949=100) has fallen since 1960 excepting in 1969 when it increased slightly compared to the preceding year

(b) The fall in the value of the rupee reflects the rise in the consumer price index. The desired calculations for the end of each year (December) since 1960 in terms of the All-India Industrial workers' consumer Price Index (base 1949=100) are as follows:

	Value of rupee (In 1949 Paise)
December 1960	80.6
December 1961	78.1
December 1962	75.2
December 1963	71.4
December 1964	61.0
December 1965	57.8
December 1966	50.8
December 1967	46.7
December 1968	48.1
December 1969	46.5
December 1970	44.2
December 1971	42.2
December 1972	39.2
December 1973	31.6

**Decision on construction of an Airport at Mayithura**

**790. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN:**

**SHRI N. SREEKANTAN NAIR:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on constructing an airport at Mayithura, Veli, between Alleppy and Cochin, based on a report submitted by the Civil aviation officials who visited the spot;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(c) when a final decision is likely to be taken; and

(d) what are the main points of the officials report?