

has submitted a proposal to develop Elaveezha Poonchira a tourist centre in Kottayam district of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the allocation made by the Union Government for the same?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

**Food Processing Industry in Muvattupuzha, Kerala with FEC Financial Assistance.**

3212. SHRI P. C. THOMES: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal to set up a food processing industry in Muvattupuzha taluk in the State;

(b) whether the European Economic Community has offered financial assistance for this project;

(c) whether the Government have entered into a contract with the European Economic Community in this;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the said unit is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHARI GOMANGO):

(a) The Government of Kerala's proposal for financial assistance from EEC for the Kerala Horticultural Development Programme envisages, inter alia, the setting up of one pilot

project for fruit processing products to supply fruits in the area of Muvattupuzha Sub-district in the State.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The EEC will provide assistance in the form of grant to the extent of ECU 28.7 million for this project which will be located in the State of Kerala. The programme will be designed to give the State farmers supplementary income by increasing the production of high value horticultural crops and to develop modern processing industry for the processing of these fruits & vegetables. The programme envisages setting up of 8 pilot projects extended over 110 to 160 sites within Kerala. The programme inter alia envisages an R&D component, extension services, marketing support, the setting up of an agro processing plant and extension of credit to farmers subject to certain conditions.

(e) The programme is expected to be implemented over a period of 6 year from the date of the Commission's approval of the first annual work programme.

**Deposits of Graphite in Kerala**

3213. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is large deposits of Graphite in Vadavukode and Nagapuzha areas in Muvattupuzha taluk in Kerala;

(b) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted proposals for setting up a factory; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereof?