

Government of Kerala has identified Thenmala for development as one of the Eco-Tourism projects for which Central financial assistance of Rs. 25.00 lakhs has been prioritised during 1998-99.

(c) and (d) Government is not aware of any such protest nor has any formal protest been received by the Ministry of Tourism.

(e) and (f) The Ministry of Tourism have formulated a Policy and Guidelines for Eco-Tourism. These have been prepared in consultation with Tourism Experts and the Ministry of Environment & Forests. These Guidelines have been accepted by the State Governments/Union Territories who have agreed to adopt and implement the same.

*[Translation]*

#### **Military Exercise Conducted by India**

1328. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the military exercise conducted by the Indian Armed Forces last year was the biggest military exercise of this decade;

(b) whether all the three wings of the Armed Forces participated in these exercises simultaneously; and

(c) if so, the number of army personnel, aircraft carrier and vessels etc. took part in that exercise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The exercise code named 'TRIUMPH' 98 was a tri-service exercise. In the exercise code named 'SHIVSHAKTI', only Army and Air Force participated.

(c) In 'TRIUMPH' 98, Six hundred Army personnel, thirty two ships and submarines including the Aircraft Carrier Viraat of the Navy and 4 Helicopters and 10 Fighters of the Air Force participated.

*[English]*

#### **T.V./AIR Station in Tribal Areas**

1329. SHRI UPENDRA NATH NAYAK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of T.V. centres and Radio stations set-up during 1998-99 in Tribal areas;

(b) whether the Government are planning to Broadcast/Telecast the programme in regional/local languages in Tribal areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) 4 Radio Stations, 3 TV Studios, 1 High Power TV Transmitter, 18 Low Power TV Transmitters and 10 Very Low Power TV Transmitters have been set up in the tribal areas during 1998-99.

(b) to (d) AIR Stations located in tribal areas are already broadcasting programmes in regional language/tribal dialects. Doordarshan telecasts programmes in regional language during the allotted time slots from regional kendras and on its regional channels obtainable directly from satellite by using appropriate dish antenna system or through cable network. Some programmes based on folk songs/dances of various tribes are also telecast in tribal dialects. But due to constraints of logistics and resources it is not practicable to have regular telecast in languages other than English, Hindi and State's Scheduled language.

#### **Loss Due to Cancelled Flights from Hyderabad**

1330. SHRI S.S. OWAISI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of flights cancelled by Air India and Indian Airlines from Hyderabad Airport due to different reasons during the last one year; and

(b) the total loss suffered by Government as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Air India cancelled 5 flights and Indian Airlines cancelled 18 flights from Hyderabad during the last one year. The total estimated resultant loss suffered by Air India and Indian Airlines was Rs. 26.53 lakhs and Rs. 33.30 lakhs respectively.