

(a) whether the Government have formulated a scheme of orange card for Non-Resident Indians;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with implications and incentives offered;

(c) the response of Non-Resident Indians to the scheme;

(d) whether the Government have received some suggestions regarding modification in the scheme;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the changes proposed to be made in the light of suggestions received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI
RAJESH PILOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) However an Inter-Ministerial Group set up by the Government on 8.4.93, had proposed to issue PIO Card to Persons of Indian Origin which may entitle them for special concessions/facilities. No final decision has been taken by the Government on this.

12.00 hrs.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Yes, Dr. Bhoi, please.

RE: FLOOD SITUATION IN KERALA

PROF. P.J. KURIEN (MAVELIKARA)
: Sir, I would like to submit a very important point. I know that discussion on flood is going on but just now I got a telephonic message from Kerala that the entire State is under floods. The death toll has increased

to 150 and the estimated loss is of the order of 500 crore. This is a very serious matter and since the Minister of Agriculture is present in the House, I would like him to react and immediately announce some relief for the flood affected people of my State.

MR. SPEAKER : We are discussing the same thing in the afternoon. You can raise all your points at that time.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Many people have died in my constituency.

MR. SPEAKER : So, you should take it up in a proper way, that is, when the matter comes up for discussion and when your name is called. At this time I have called Dr. Bhoi to speak.

12.01 hrs.

RE : FIRST HEART TRANSPLANT
OPERATION IN INDIA AT AIIMS

[English]

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI
(SAMBALPUR) : Sir, today is a very happy day for the Indian people because at this hour the first heart transplant has been successfully done by Dr. Venugopal. In 1965, Dr. Christian Bernard started the heart surgery in South Africa for the first time. Due to your efforts, Mr. Speaker, Sir, this august House could pass a legislation with regard to Human Organs Transplantation. For that reason I congratulate you and hon. Members because with the help of that legislation only we could conduct this first heart transplant operation in our country today.

Dr. Venugopal is a Bachelor of international repute of heart surgeons. None other than Dr. Denton Cooley, father of the bypass surgery of Globe, sent a message to