

Setting up an Institute of Tourism and Travel Studies (KITTS) in Kerala

7439. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from the Government of Kerala for setting up an Institute of Tourism and Travel Studies (KITTS) as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (c). The Kerala Institute of Tourism and Travel Studies is an Institute functioning under the purview of the State Government

Areas Covered in Orissa by Radio Network

7440. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total area in Orissa covered under Radio Network so far;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to bring the uncovered areas in that State under Radio Network during the Eighth Plan; and

(c) if so, the programme of Government in this regard during the financial year 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) 1,22,600 Sq. Kms. approxi-

mately.

(b) and (c). During the 8th Plan (1990-95), the spill-over schemes of 7th Plan viz. new radio stations at Baripada, Rourkela, Berhampur, Bolangir and Bhawani-Patna are envisaged to be ready for commissioning during the year 1990-91. Besides, the power of 20 KW MW Transmitter at Jeypore is also expected to be upgraded to 100 KW MW. Some more schemes for Orissa State have been included in the draft VIII Plan of All India Radio, which is still in formulation stage. However, the final inclusion of the schemes in the VIII Plan will depend on availability of funds, relative priorities and approval by the Planning Commission.

Export of Betel Leaves

7441. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise earnings of foreign exchange from the export of betel levels during the last three years;

(b) the quantity of betel leaves exported during the above period and airports through which exported along with the names of exporters;

(c) whether Government propose to take/have taken any steps to increase the export of betel leaves to different countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) and (b). As per the latest annual statistics published by the Director General, Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, exports of betel leaves have been as follows: