

**World Bank Project for Coconut and
Pepper Development**

7360. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a World Bank assisted Project for the development of coconut and pepper is in operation in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent of benefit accrued to the growers of Kerala under this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

(a) No, Sir

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

[*Translation*]

**Recruitments in Indian Telephone
Industries Limited**

7361. SHRIKALPNATH SONKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons recruited on various posts in Indian Telephone Industries Limited during the last two years and the criteria thereof;

(b) the percentage of persons among them belonging to Scheduled Castes and Schedules Tribes; and

(c) the recruitments likely to be made in the next one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Number of persons recruited to various groups of posts during the last two (Calendar) years are as follows —

<i>Group</i>	1988	1989
1	2	3
A	9	20
B	126	89
C	209	301
D	13	197
(Excluding Sanitary Personnel)		
Sanitary Personnel	—	19

Recruitments were made through open advertisements in respect of Groups 'A' and 'B' and through employment exchanges in respect of Groups 'C' and 'D'. Selection of

candidates possessing prescribed qualifications and experience were made by duly constituted Staff Selection Committees.

(b) Number of persons belonging to SC/

ST amongst the above and their percentages are indicated below:

Group	1988				1989			
	SC	%	ST	%	SC	%	ST	%
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A	—	—	—	—	1	5.0	—	—
B	10	7.9	1	0.8	19	21.3	1	1.1
C	23	11.0	—	—	59	19.6	—	—
D	2	15.4	—	—	18	9.1	—	—
(Excluding Sanitary Personnel)								
Sanitary Personnel								
	—	—	—	—	19	100	—	—

(c) There will be no recruitment for Groups 'C' and 'D' posts in the next one year, except in Mankapur unit and in exceptional cases in other units due to surplus manpower available in the organisation who are to be redeployed. Recruitments to entry level of officers under Group 'R' and to certain Higher level grades in Group 'A' will be made depending upon vacancies and actual requirements in the different units.

[English]

Equipment for Extraction of Palm Oil

7362. SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether crushing machines/equipment for the extraction of palm oil from palm fibre are imported or these are available indigenously;

(b) the names of indigenous manufactures and foreign suppliers of the equipment;

(c) whether Government have undertaken any study to estimate the requirements of crushing equipment over the next five years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

(a) Palm Oil crushing/pressing equipments are at present imported from European countries mainly from Netherlands. These are not manufactured indigenously at present. However, Regional Research Laboratory, Trivandrum has fabricated a small hydraulic press of capacity 0.7 tonnes fresh fruit bunches per hour, but cannot be used for large scale extraction.