

Dried fish export in 1989 recorded a steep fall which was mainly due to poor landings of commercial species of fish and unsteady market conditions prevailing in Sri Lanka, which is the single largest market for this item.

(d) The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has no proposal at present to set up drying yards. It has set up a dry fish storage at Tuticorin.

[*Translation*]

Development of Tourist Centres in Madhya Pradesh

8323. SHRI CHHABIRAM ARGAL Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any scheme under consideration of Union Government for the development of tourist centres in Madhya Pradesh during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(b) if so, the details thereof.

(c) the extent of amount proposed to be spent thereon, and

(d) the time by which development works of these tourist-centres are likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (d) the Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been formulated. However, the Ministry of Tourism extends financial assistance to the State Governments for strengthening of tourist infrastructure based on specific proposals, their merits, availability of funds and inter-se priorities

[*English*]

Doordarshan Programmes in Palghat, Trichur, Malappuram, Calicut and Kasaragode

8324. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Trivandrum Doordarshan does not give any importance to programmes of Palghat, Trichur, Malappuram, Calicut, Cananore, and Kasaragode districts as compared to programme from Ernakulam to Trivandrum,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the steps taken by Government to give equal importance to programmes of Southern part of Kerala in Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c). It has always been endeavour of Doordarshan Kendra, Trivandrum to cover all the districts of Kerala without any discrimination, keeping in view the availability of equipment and manpower. During 1st and 15th April, 1990, for example, as many as 20 events were covered in the districts of Palghat, Trichur, Calicut, Wynad, etc.

[*Translation*]

Amount Incurred on Development of Tourist Spots in Bihar

8325. SHRIRAMESHWAR PRASAD: SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: SHRI JORAWAR RAM:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state: