

STATEMENT*Kerala - Annual Plan 1990-91**Western Ghats Development Programme - Approved Outlays*

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Sector/Sub-Sector</i>	<i>Approved Outlay</i>
1.	Agriculture	131.00
2.	Dairy Development	27.00
3.	Fisheries	8.00
4.	Forestry and Wild life	160.00*
5.	Minor Irrigation	77.00
6.	Western Ghats Cell	5.00
7.	Roads and Bridges	78.00
8.	Sericulture/other Agriculture Programmes	44.00
9.	Science & Technology	6.00
10.	Misc.	32.00*
<i>Total</i>		<i>568.00</i>

*Subject to re-allocation of funds for schemes under this sector providing funds for stall feeding out of Rs. 40 lakhs intended for stone wall fencing etc.

Medical Check up of Scientists going to Antarctica

6974. SHRI D. PANDIAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the practice of medical check up by Army doctors for the members to be selected to the Antarctica Expedition had been liberalised or terminated, which had led to the death of four scientists due to heart attack and also led to other losses in 1989; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to take necessary steps to rectify the lapses and ensure proper safeguards for the scientific personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) The death of four persons in Antarctica, who were members of the 9th Expedition, has been attributed to accidental poisoning by carbon monoxide. All members of an expedition are medically examined by doctors of the Armed forces or by a government civil hospital before leaving on the Expedition.

(b) Government provides for proper safeguards for members joining Antarctic expeditions.

[Translation]

Development and Preservation of Temple at Bodh Gaya and Adjoining

Places

[English]

6975. PROF. SHAILENDRANATH SRIVASTAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare Mahabodhi Temple at Bodh Gaya as a monument of national importance;

(b) whether any scheme has been chalked out during the last three years for the maintenance and repairs of the said temple and if so, the year-wise details thereof; and

(c) the details of schemes drawn up during 1990-91 for the development of Bodh Gaya and adjoining historical-cultural places and the total amount to be spent thereon and the names of agencies through which it is likely to be spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As the temple is not under Central protection no scheme has been chalked out by the Central Government for its maintenance and repairs. These are being attended to by the State Government.

(c) No scheme has been drawn by the Archaeological Survey of India during 1990-91 for the development of Bodh Gaya and adjoining historical-cultural places under its charge.

Pay Scales of Scientists vis-a-vis IAS and IPS Officers

6976. SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether pay scales of various grades of scientists in Government establishments are not attractive as compared to the pay scales of IAS and IPS officers; if so, the reasons thereof; and

(b) the comparative structure of pay of scientists vis-a-vis IAS and IPS personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) and (b). Taking into account the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission and certain improvements made thereafter by Government, some of the pay scales for scientists and technologists were revised and notified for various Group 'A' posts. A comparative statement given below, indicates pay scales for IAS and IPS officers and those for scientists; it will be noted that there are disparities. However, a flexible complementing scheme of promotion has been adopted by a number of scientific departments/organisations for career management of Science and Technology personnel and promotion opportunities based on merit and performance.