

Scheduled Tribe families targetted for economic assistance and actually assisted under family-beneficiary oriented Pro-

grammes in 19 Tribal Sub Plan States/U.Ts during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 are as follows:

Year	No. of ST families assisted	
	Target	Achievement
1987-88	8,05,791	11,99,659
1988-89	8,32,736	11,61,483
1989-90	8,48,125	7,54,901
		(upto Feb., 90)

The date on the number of families actually brought above the poverty line is not available.

concurrence of the World Bank, the credit closing date of the project has now been extended upto 31st March, 1992.

India Population Project in Kerala

(b) Yes, Sir.

*422. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(c) to (e). The expansion proposals forwarded by the State Government envisaged implementation of India Population Project to cover the entire State at an estimated project cost of Rs. 50 crores to be implemented over a period of three years. Due to resource constraints it has not been possible to approve the expansion project proposal submitted by the Kerala Government.

(a) whether Government are aware that "India Population Project", a World Bank assisted project is being implemented in four districts of Kerala and will be completed by March, 1990:

(b) whether Kerala Government has submitted expansion proposals of the project for the next three years:

Units for utilisation of Cashew Apple

*423. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken by Union Government in this regard; and

(a) whether Government have received any reports on the findings of the Agricultural Research Institute, Kerala regarding the beneficial utilisation of cashew apple;

(e) the quantum of financial assistance from Union Government to the State in this regard?

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether Government have any pro-

cashew apple for producing jam, pickles or any other consumable products: and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries have not received any such reports.

(b) Does not arise

(c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries do not have any proposal to set up any unit for processing of cashew apple in the central public sector in Kerala.

(d) Does not arise.

Supply of Chloroquine by IDPL

*424. DR. ASIMBALA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government placed an order with the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited for supply of Chloroquine.

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether they drug was supplied directly by the IDPL or was supplied by a middleman; and

(c) if the drug was supplied by the IDPL through a middleman, the details thereof indicating the name of middleman and the commission paid?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUFRAY): (a) to (c). An order was placed by the Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme on February 9, 1990 on I.D.P.L., a public sector undertaking, for the supply of 200 million tablets of chloroquine phosphate at the rate of Rs. 251.20 per 1000 tablets. The terms and conditions of the

order stipulated *inter alia* that M/s I.D.P.L. would supply to the M.S.D. Depots at Hyderabad, Madras and Bombay. N.M.E.P. receives drugs directly from I.D.P.L and makes payment directly to I.D.P.L.

The Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals have stated that I.D.P.L. have paid a sum of Rs. 9.02 lakh to M/s. Neel Madhav Consultants Private Limited, New Delhi for following up the business, in accordance with the agreement entered into in November, 1989 between I.D.P.L. and the agent. However, we have requested the Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals to look into this matter.

Rise in Price of Hank Yarn

*425. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of hank yarn have recently gone up causing much hardship to the weavers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to bring down the prices of hank yarn within the reach of the weavers;

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) As against the price rise over the last two years, hank yarn prices in the last six months have been more or less stable.

(b) The price fluctuations in yarn prices are relatable to increase in some input costs, and demand-supply position for the particular count.

(c) The steps Government have taken from time to time in this context are:—