

### Minting of 5 paise coins

\*98. SHRI ANANTHA RAMULU MALLU:

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are suffering loss while minting five paise coins;

(b) whether Government mint officials have sought the Centre's permission to stop manufacturing 5 paise coins; and

(c) if so, the reasons in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir. On account of increase in costs in recent years, the average total cost (i.e. metal cost plus manufacturing cost) of a 5 paise coin now is 13 paise.

(b) No, Sir. The Mint authorities have not approached the Government with any proposal for stopping the manufacture of 5 paise coins. Nor is any such proposal under consideration of the Government.

### Development of Mewar Complex

\*99. SHRI DEEN BANDHU VERMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the Tourism Development of Mewar Complex;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with places of tourist interest to be developed by the Central Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (d). The Ministry of Tourism has got a master Plan (land-use plan) prepared of the Mewar Complex covering Haldighati, Chawand, Rakta-Talai, Gogunda and Kumbalgarh by the Town & Country Planning Organisation of the Ministry of Works and Housing a copy of which has been sent to the State Government for approval and notification.

The State Government has been requested to indicate the items which they would take up as envisaged in the Master Plan, such as, the realignment of roads, afforestation, city development, provision of tourist facilities, etc. On receipt of this information, the facilities to be provided in the Central Sector would be determined.

### Permission to Kerala Minister to visit Canada

876. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister for Electricity, Government of Kerala sought the permission of Government of India for visiting Canada;

(b) whether the Finance Ministry has given clearance for it;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether during the last one year, the Finance Ministry has objected to the foreign visit of many Ministers of various States; if so, give the details with names and States?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. The Minister of Electricity, Government of Kerala sought the permission of Government of India for visiting Canada and Japan during August, 1982.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.