

creation of drainage and irrigation facilities in about 37,000 hectares alongwith adoption of improved cultural practices and improvement of manufacturing facilities and other activities including construction of labour houses during the 7th Plan period. It is estimated that with the adoption of above developmental measures, the tea crop in West Bengal should increase by about 28 M. Kgs, at the end of the Plan period and the average productivity should increase from 1,372 Kgs per hectare to 1,700 Kgs. per hectare. A sum of Rs 174.07 crores has been estimated towards the cost of the above developmental activities in West Bengal. Total production of black and green tea in West Bengal in 1983 was 145.57 M. Kgs. Of this green tea production is estimated to be four M. Kgs.

Presently tea estates in West Bengal are free to avail of loans and subsidies under the various schemes of the Tea Board. A special scheme for rehabilitation of Darjeeling tea gardens is also under implementation. To facilitate rehabilitation, excise duty on Darjeeling tea has been reduced to only 20 paise per kg.

#### Development of Tourist Infrastructure in Tamil Nadu

\*393 SHRI K T KOSAIRAM : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the amount that has been spent by the Centre during the past three years in developing the infrastructure facilities in tourist centres of Tamil Nadu ; and

(b) the reasons for delay in approving the master plan submitted by Kanyakumari Township Committee ?

Central Department of Tourism in the State of Tamil Nadu in the last three years as per the following details :

#### Department of Tourism

1981-82	3,000.00	(towards ground rent Janta hotel)
1982-83	3,000.00	(towards ground rent for Janta Hotel)
	50,000.00	Promotion of fairs and festivals
1983-84	3,000.00	(towards ground rent for Janta Hotel)
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#### India Tourism Development Corporation

1981-82	38,000.00	Mahabalipuram Beach Resort
	1,42,000.00	Hotel at Madurai
	7,85,000.00	Augmentation of transport fleet at Madras
1982-83	1,000.00	Mahabalipuram Beach Resort
	38,72,000.00	Augmentation of transport fleet, Madras
1983-84	4,00,000.00	Augmentation of transport fleet at Madras
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	52,38,000.00	
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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 5347,000.00 has been incurred by the

The Master Plan for Kanya Kumari has been prepared by the State Government, and it does not require the approval of the Central Department of Tourism.