

(a) whether a serial on Bible is ready for telecast;

(b) if so, the time by which it will be shown on Doordarshan; and

(c) whether it is proposed to telecast this serial on Saturday night for the convenience of Church goers on Sunday?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c). The producer of the serial has submitted the 'pilot' episode for approval by Doordarshan. The Pilot will be considered by the Committee constituted by the Government recently to review all approved serials etc. Once this Committee approves the 'pilot', the producer will be asked to submit four episodes initially. The date and time of telecast would be decided only after receipt of the four episodes.

Central Assistance for Developing Tourist Centres of Kerala

885. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has sent any request for central assistance to develop important tourist and pilgrimage centres as Erumely in Kottayam district, Sabarimala in Pathanamthitta district and Malayattoor in Ernakulam district in Kerala and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to give central assistance to the State Government for any tourist or pilgrimage centre in Kottayam, Idukki or Ernakulam districts in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) The Central Department of Tourism has not received any proposals for central assis-

tance to develop tourist/pilgrimage centres at these places.

(b) Does not arise.

Clearance of Kala Gramam Tourism Project in Kerala

886. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a Tourism Project with focus on Indian culture known as 'Kala Gramam' proposed by District Tourism Council to be implemented in Kumarakom in Kottayam District in Kerala; and

(b) the time by which this project is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b). The project profile on 'Kala Gramam' has recently been received in the Ministry from the District Tourism Promotion Council. The Council has been advised to submit the proposal through the State Government as the Central Department of Tourism do not provide assistance to Councils directly.

Staff Pattern in Banks

887. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ratio of staff pattern in comparison to expansion of business allows more employment uniformly in all categories of posts in the State Bank of India, the State Bank of Travancore, the Union Bank of India, and the Canara Bank; and

(b) if not, the action proposed to be taken to extend the facility to all posts in the above banks?