

Establishment of National Research Centre for Oil Palm at Palode (Kerala)

5583. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the development of a farm under the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute's Research Centre, Palode in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed to establish a National Research Centre for oil palm at Palode; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIDEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Additional land measuring about 4.54 ha: has been acquired for the Centre at Palode.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No decision regarding its location etc. has been taken.

Commemorative Postal Stamp in Honour of Shri A.K. Gopalan

5584. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue a commemorative postal stamp in honour of Shri A.K. Gopalan a well known freedom fighter; and

(b) if so, when the decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The stamp is proposed to be issued during 1990.

Expansion of Telephone Exchange in Adoor

5585. SHRI SURESH KODIKKUNNIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received for expansion of telephone exchanges in Adoor Parliamentary Constituency of Kerala; if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(b) the plan of Government for providing STD facility to Anchal, Ayoor, Kadampnad, Chandanappally Ezhankulam, Kulathoppuzha, Pooyappally and Putboor telephone exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir. There are 32 exchanges in Adoor Parliamentary Constituency of Kerala. Six exchanges have been planned for expansion during first half of 8th Plan and the remaining 26 are planned for expansion during the 2nd half of 8th Plan period subject to availability of the equipment.

(b) STD facility has been planned to be provided for all these exchanges during 8th Plan subject to availability of equipment and reliable transmission media.

Assistance to Andhra Pradesh under special Foodgrains Production Programme

5586. SHRI BASAVAPUNNAIAH SINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central assistance granted to Andhra Pradesh under Special Foodgrains Production Programme during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the targets fixed and achieved during the above period, year-wise;

(c) whether any target has been fixed for 1990-91 for Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the funds earmarked as Central assistance for 1990-91 under the Spe-

cial Foodgrains Production Programme?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Special Foodgrains Production Programme was launched from Kharif, 1988 for the focus crops viz., wheat, rice, maize and pulses (gram and arhar). Andhra Pradesh is covered under SFPP (Rice) and SFPP-Pulses (Arhar only). The amount of Central assistance granted to Andhra Pradesh during the last two years has been as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Programme	1988-89	1989-90
1	2	3	4
1.	Special Foodgrains Production Programme	351.80	336.00*
2.	Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Pulses (Arhar)	17.00	12.00

*From 1989-90, SFPP (Rice) and SRPP have been merged.

(b) and (c). Targets and achievements during the last two years and the target fixed

for 1990-91 for Andhra Pradesh under the programme are given below:—

(in lakh tonnes)

Sl. No.	Crop	1988-89		1989-90		Target for 1990-91
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Rice	83.6	105.5	93.0	Target is likely to be exceeded	110.0
2.	Pulses	6.00	6.72	6.50	7.17	6.70 (anticipated)

(d) Central assistance of Rs. 559.0 lakhs has been tentatively earmarked for Special Foodgrains Production Programme—Rice, including Special Rice Production Programme. An amount of Rs. 28.00 lakhs has been earmarked tentatively under Special Foodgrains Production Programme—Pulses.

Supply of Drinking Water to Fluoride Affected Villages of Andhra Pradesh

5587. SHRI BASAVAPUNNAIAH SINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a project report relating to supply of drinking water to fluoride affected villages in Nalgonda, Krishna and Ananthapur district of Andhra Pradesh has been submitted to Union Government for clearance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Union Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIDEVI LAL): (a) Revised Project Reports for supply of drinking water to fluoride affected villages in Nalgonda and Ananthapur districts of Andhra Pradesh have been submitted by the State Government to Union Government for clearance. The revised project for Krishna district is yet to be sent by the State Government.

(b) The above two projects costing Rs. 4440 lakhs and Rs. 2255 lakhs cover 172 villages and 281 hamlets, and 166 villages and 198 hamlets having population of 2.92 lakhs and 3.11 lakhs respectively. Both the projects are under technical scrutiny.

Naxalism in the Country

5588. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:
SHRI VASANT SATHE:

**SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA-
CHANDRAN:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Naxalism has again erupted as a big threat to the country's security and integrity;

(b) if so, the details of Naxalite activities during the past four months; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to effectively deal with the menace?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c). Andhra Pradesh and Bihar have witnessed a spurt of naxalite activities in recent years. While the extremists belonging to the people's War Group have been active in Andhra Pradesh and bordering districts of adjoining States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa, in Bihar activities of the naxalite groups are concentrated mainly in the districts of Palamu, Gaya, Jehanabad, Patna, Nalanda and Hazaribagh. A total of 303 incidents of violence involving left wing extremists were reported between December 1989 and March, 1990 from the four most affected States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, in which 96 people were killed.

2. Public order and police, being State subjects, are primarily the concern of the State Governments. However, the Central Governments has also been rendering all possible assistance to the State Governments in the form of additional para-military forces, provision of training facilities for State Police personnel, improved communication facilities etc. The policy of the Government is to deal firmly with the various extremist elements in the country and simultaneously step up socio-economic development in the affected areas to redress the genuine griev-