

(b) and (c). The Administrator expects to finalise the list of members within a few months. When the final list of members is cleared and the demarcation-cum-setback plan of the land allotted to the society approved, developed plots will be allotted to the eligible members.

Amount allotted to Kerala for flood relief

2440. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allotted for the State of Kerala for Flood Relief as well as anti-Sea-erosion works during the year 1977-78; and

(b) the nature of works proposed to be undertaken during this period?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Consequent upon the acceptance of the recommendations of the Sixth Finance Commission the State Governments are required to finance the relief expenditure from their own resources and the enhanced margin money allowed to them. The margin money allowed to Kerala is Rs. 30 lakhs. Rs. 2 crores have been provided in the Central Budget for 1977-78 for assistance to the State of Kerala for anti-Sea-erosion works. The State Government has made the following allocations in their current year's budget for these purposes:

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| 1. Flood (included under famine Relief) Relief works. | a) Rs. 20 lakhs under gratuitous relief. b) Rs. 9 lakhs for relief works. |
| 2. Flood damage works | Rs. 45 lakhs. |
| 3. Anti-Sea-Erosion Works | Rs. 286.93 lakhs (including Rs.200 lakhs central assistance). |

lood control works . Rs. 49.80 lakhs.

(b) The State Government proposes to take up the following works:

Anti-Sea-Erosion Works:

Construction of Sea Walls of standard design on 12 kilometers of sea coast.

Flood Control Works:

Protection of about 750 hectares of land through retaining walls, flood banks, etc.

Flood Relief Works:

Repairs of roads and minor irrigation works etc.

Tamil Medium Higher/High School at Port Blair

2441. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a demand for Tamil Medium Higher/High School at Port Blair; if so, what action has been taken;

(b) whether upto Senior Basic, Tamil medium has been provided in Haddo Senior Basic School and sufficient number of Tamil students are suffering for want of Tamil medium upto Higher/High School; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not providing Tamil Medium as medium of instruction to the Tamil speaking children?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Sanction has since been issued for opening a Tamil Medium Section in the Haddo Higher Secondary School. Port Blair.

(c) Question does not arise.