

Cost of Cultivation in Rs. per Hectare

	Big/Medium Estates	Private Estates	Small Estates
(A) Arabica			
Karnataka	6347	6986	6661
Tamil Nadu	5604	4541	5004
Kerala	2202	—	—
(B) Robusta			
Karnataka	4118	5207	5211
Tamil Nadu	2999	—	—
Kerala	4049	4294	4663

The yields projected on the basis of samole survey were as under :—

(Yield in kgs./Hect.)

	Big/Medium Estates	Private Estates	Small Estates
(A) Arabica			
Karnataka	2267	1022	1002
Tamil Nadu	664	512	690
Kerala	659	—	—
(B) Robusta			
Karnataka	1283	1071	906
Tamil Nadu	674	—	—
Kerala	884	909	708

Action has been initiated for conducting a fresh cost study.

(d) Besides implementing schemes for the benefit of all the coffee growers, viz. project for soil testing/pest surveillance, seed multiplication, opening of coffee demonstration farms, strengthening of research/extension facilities, replanting/crop hypothecation/hire purchase loans, expansion subsidy etc., the Coffee Board has been implementing the following schemes specially for the benefit of small coffee growers :

(i) Intensive cultivation/extension/special purpose loans.

(ii) Replanting subsidy.

(iii) Interest subsidy.

The small growers schemes are of particular importance for Kerala which has the highest percentage area of land with small coffee growers.

Expansion of Banking Facilities to Backward Areas

5116. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the expansion of banking facilities to backward areas, particularly in the State of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). The branch licensing policy for the period April 1982—March 1985 did envisage priority for expansion of banking facility in relatively backward and under banked areas. The branch expansion policy for the Seventh Plan period is yet to be finalised.

[Translation]

Unsold Cotton Stocks with Cotton Corporation

5117. SHRI SATYANARAYAN PAWAR : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether large stocks of unsold cotton have been lying with the Cotton Corporation for a long time; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Central Public Sector Projects in Visakhapatnam

5118. SHRI S. M. BHATTAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the investments so far made in the