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**Crash of I.A.F. Plane**

4622. SHRI MANIK REDDY :  
SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA  
RAO :  
SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY:  
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH  
MALIK :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether an I. A. F. Plane crashed somewhere in Western Sector on 17 October, 1985;

(b) if so, the causes of the incident;

(c) the estimated loss as a result thereof; and

(d) whether any inquiry has been made, and if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to investigate into the accident. The cause of the accident and the estimated loss will only be known after the Court of Inquiry's report is finalised.

**Exotic and butterflies in Sikkim**

4623. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Sikkim has a large number of exotic and other butterflies;

(b) whether any Central museum has been set up for display of this type of nature's gift;

(c) if so, details thereof and if not whether one would be set up soon; and

(d) whether ICAR/Science and Technology Department would bring out an illustrated monograph on the subject ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Sikkim has 423 species of indigenous and a large number of exotic butterflies.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise. There is no such proposal.

(d) There is no such proposal.

**Report on the plight of scheduled tribes areas in Agali and Attappady of Palghat**

4624. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :  
SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister had called for a report on the plight of Scheduled Tribes in Agali and Attappady in district Palghat after his recent visit to Kerala ;

(b) whether consequent to the report on this any special Assistance has been sanctioned to them; and

(c) whether Government are aware that there are thousands of Scheduled Tribes living in pitiable conditions there ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No additional allocation has been made by the Central Government.

(c) The Government is aware of the backward conditions of the Scheduled Tribes. Programmes under Tribal sub-Plan are being implemented in Attappady ITDP. In addition, special developmental programmes are being implemented in Attappady block for Kurumbas, a tribal