

**STATEMENT***Kerala - Annual Plan 1990-91**Western Ghats Development Programme - Approved Outlays*

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Sector/Sub-Sector</i>	<i>Approved Outlay</i>
1.	Agriculture	131.00
2.	Dairy Development	27.00
3.	Fisheries	8.00
4.	Forestry and Wild life	160.00*
5.	Minor Irrigation	77.00
6.	Western Ghats Cell	5.00
7.	Roads and Bridges	78.00
8.	Sericulture/other Agriculture Programmes	44.00
9.	Science & Technology	6.00
10.	Misc.	32.00*
<i>Total</i>		<i>568.00</i>

\*Subject to re-allocation of funds for schemes under this sector providing funds for stall feeding out of Rs. 40 lakhs intended for stone wall fencing etc.

**Medical Check up of Scientists going to Antarctica**

6974. SHRI D. PANDIAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the practice of medical check up by Army doctors for the members to be selected to the Antarctica Expedition had been liberalised or terminated, which had led to the death of four scientists due to heart attack and also led to other losses in 1989; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to take necessary steps to rectify the lapses and ensure proper safeguards for the scientific personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) The death of four persons in Antarctica, who were members of the 9th Expedition, has been attributed to accidental poisoning by carbon monoxide. All members of an expedition are medically examined by doctors of the Armed forces or by a government civil hospital before leaving on the Expedition.

(b) Government provides for proper safeguards for members joining Antarctic expeditions.

[Translation]

**Development and Preservation of Temple at Bodh Gaya and Adjoining**