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(The Assembly convened on Tuesday, September 4 at 8.30 am in the Assembly Hall under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Speaker Shri K. Radhakrishnan.)

I Questionnaires

(The number in the list of questions allowed for this session is shown in brackets.)

(i) Oral answers

Mr.Speaker : order....order....order..... [question no 1]

Price control measures

*1 [1] Mrs. K. K.LATHIKA:

MR. SAJU PAUL:

PROF. C RAVEENDRANAD:

MR. S. RAJENDRAN:

MR K.C. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Can you elaborate on the steps taken to curb price hike during Onam;
- (b) As a result, how much you are able to decrease the price of daily necessities;

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- (c) Whether People's Bazaars have been started in all the districts. How do people like it? Does it intend to be a permanent system;
- (d) How many crores of rupees did the Civil Supplies Corporation aim to sell during Onam?
- (e) Whether it intends to expand the operations of Maveli stores; If so, will the details be revealed?

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry (Mr.C. Divakaran): Sir,

- (a) The government has taken a number of precautionary measures to curb the rise in prices of daily necessities during Onam due to the monsoon, epidemic and the entry of monopolies. To curb inflation during Onam, 145 outlets were set up across Kerala, including 5 Metro People's Bazaars in City Corporations, 11 Town People's Bazaars in district headquarters and 129 Onam Markets in all Assembly constituencies. In addition, all the sales outlets of the Civil Supplies Corporation functioned as mini Onam bazaars. Through these outlets, daily necessities including vegetables, greens and various condiments were distributed at a lower rate than in the general market. In addition to the Supplyco stalls in the Metro / Town People's Bazaar, there were also stalls of government agencies such as MPI, Milma, Poultry Development Corporation Carefed and Coir Board. Supplyco stores were open on Sundays 19-08-2007 and 26-08-2007. During the Onam days from 22-08-2007 to 26-08-2007, all Maveli stores were open without interruption. The State Level Stock Monitoring Cell and Special Inspection Squads under the supervision of the Vigilance Officer were working to ensure the

availability of goods during Onam. During Onam, all card holders were given 1.5 kg of sugar in ration price.

Vigilance squad led by the District Collector conducted 3520 raids during Onam to check prices. 550 irregularities were detected and legal actions was taken against the culprits.

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(b) As a result, inflation in consumer goods has been kept under control. Supplyco sells goods at 30 to 50 percent cheaper than in the general market. The following is the general market price of Onam and the price of Civil Supplies Corporation:

serial no	item	Supplyco rate	general market price
1	Chickpeas	33.00	43.00
2	Urad	35.50	49.00
3	Urad (pieces)	34.00	45.00
4	Bbengal gram (long)	27.00	35.00
5	Piegeon dal	29.00	38.00
6	Azuki beans	26.50	34.00
7	Piece dal	18.00	24.00
8	Chilly	48.00	60.00
9	Coriander	34.00	44.00
10	Cumins	96.00	140.00
11	Mustard	22.00	29.00

12	Fenugreek	28.00	36.00
13	Sugar	14.00	15.50

(c) People's Bazaars were functioning in all the districts of Kerala from 5-08-2007 to 26-08-2007 in connection with Onam. The response from the people was positive. The Government is considering steps to be taken to ensure that this becomes a permanent system.

(d) The Civil Supplies Corporation had set a sales target of Rs 100 crore during the Onam season

(e) Steps are being taken to start new Maveli stores in the panchayats where we do not have Maveli stores. Steps are being taken to expand Maveli stores by increasing the space of Maveli stores and adding more items. The Civil Supplies Corporation is also looking into the expansion of the self-service system.

Mrs K.K. Lathika: Sir, every time the Left Democratic Front government comes to power, there are mechanisms to control price hike. This Onam season, the Civil Supplies Corporation and the co-operatives have come up with a special mechanism to control price. Will the government take steps to continue this system?

Mr.C.Divakaran: Sir, Of course, this Onam experience was welcomed by the people. This kind of continuous market intervention has become inevitable due to the entry of monopolies. The new experiment called People's Bazaar was welcomed by the people. Of course, the government intends to start People's Bazaars in all district centers so that all daily necessities are available under one roof.

Mrs K.K. Lathika: Sir, What steps have been taken to strengthen the operations of Maveli stores since the coming of this Government and whether new Maveli stores have been sanctioned?

Mr.C.Divakaran: sir, Maveli stores have been newly allotted. Intends to allow more. The government also intends to strengthen the public distribution network.

MR. SAJU PAUL: Sir, The Hon'ble Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and the Hon'ble Minister of Co-operation are the proud recipients of the most prosperous Onam days in the history of Kerala. Even when the prices of various condiments and vegetables can be controlled, the prices of fish and meat are going up. So will immediate steps be taken to control the price of fish and meat consumed by the vast majority of people in Kerala?

Mr.C.Divakaran: Sir, to control the rate of fish and meat government is taking measures to strengthen the activities of meat products of India. Hopefully with that the price of meat can be controlled. We have consulted with Malsyafed about the price of fish, it is hoped that it can be clubbed with public distribution system and will be able to supply fish at a reasonable price.

MR. SAJU PAUL : Sir, Not only the price was kept low, but the events organized by the Department of Tourism, as well as the distribution of pension by the finance department also were very effective. But even this Onam season, there was a severe shortage of cooking gas. It still continues. Will the government be prepared to take effective steps to address the misuse and shortage of cooking gas?

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Mr.C.Divakaran: sir, Respected Saju paul raised a very serious issue. The oil companies are not taking steps to distribute the LPG cylinders as per the requirements of Kerala. They are taking steps to increase the shortage level of cylinders. As per them the reason that a cylinder is distributed in Kerala at a subsidized rate of Rs. 307, and it results huge losses to them. They think of ways to reduce their loss. The government has convened a high-level conference of oil companies twice. According to them, there is a shortage of 67000 cylinders now. But when compared to demand, that figure is incorrect. Once again, the government will take steps to ensure that LPG cylinders are available to users in a timely and transparent manner.

Prof. N. Ravindranad: sir, Along with the problems posed by these monopolies, a serious problem today is that the dollar is depreciating and the rupee is appreciating. So there will be import gains and export losses. As a result, when there was an opportunity for a sharp rise in imports and the collapse of the domestic market, did the government intervene in this public market considering this also?

Mr.C.Divakaran: Sir, Of course, that economic crisis has also affected the markets of our country. Therefore, there is an unprecedented level of intervention in this market that can control the prices of daily necessities. The government is also gearing up to compete with the multinational company's entry into the retail sector. Other legal action can also be taken

Prof. N. Ravindranad: Sir, the Kudumbasree units are producing so many products and the prices are low also. But they do not have a proper marketing network now. Will you create a marketing network in which the products of these Kudubasree units can allow an outlet through units of Civil Supplies Corporation?

Mr. C. Divakaran: Sir, Of course, the proposal of the esteemed member is already being implemented by Supplyco. We will try to expand it more.

Mr. S Rajendran: Sir, the performance of INSAT (C) 6, which has been described in the news papers as 'proudly this adventurous leap', is comforting at this point. We came to know from the news paper that the Central is in the process of raising petrol and diesel prices. Are the Government planning to control the price hike in Kerala as part of the hike in petrol and diesel prices by the central government?

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Mr. C. Divakaran: Sir, expanding the Supplyco outlets by streamlining the existing public distribution system. There is no new way for the government to stop the price hike other than this.

Mr. S Rajendran: Sir, in my constituency, areas like Adimali, Munnar, Marayoor, Kanthalloor and Mankulam are completely plantation and the area is inhabited by tribals. There is still unemployment due to the monsoon. Will the government decide to help the labham stores or Sabari stores in that area as per the panchayat?

Mr. Divakaran: Sir, This is a government institution. If you want to start an outlet of a government agency, there are lot of government administrative procedures. You need to get the staff, need to advise the Public Service Commission. After confirming all the necessary thing for it we will start sufficient Maveli Store and Labham Market in your constituency.

Mr. K C Rajagopal: Sir, it is said here that the shortage of cooking gas will be filled. But now there is an allegation that it is for sale on the black market. With the intervention of the Civil Supplies Corporation, will more agencies be started in this field under the leadership of the Corporation?

Mr. C. Divakaran: Sir, Such a proposal has been submitted to the Central Government and the oil companies.

Mr. K C rajagopal: The sabari store is a more benefited one. Steps need to be taken to expand it to more areas. It is an institution that can be run profitably without the much difficulty of government

Mr.C.Divakaran: Sir, Sabari stores are the conversion of A.R.D shops, some of them are in loss. It is been examined for expansion.

Mr. K Babu: He said there was strong market intervention. Can you tell us how much the government has spent on market intervention this time around? Can you clarify whether there has been an increase in the quantity even though the turnover has increased over the last term?

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Mr.C.Divakaran: sir, the turn over has increased. There has also been an increase in quantity also. It is just after Onam. Only after examining the final figures can the true fact be stated.

Mr, Anathalavattam anadhan: Sir, As a result of the fall in the value of the dollar, there is a tendency to import more goods. Exports also suffer huge losses. So will the government take any action to protect the loss-making institutions or companies?

Mr.C.Divakaran: Sir, it's a financial issue. It should be examined by department of finance.

Mr. C.F.Thomas: Sir, it is said that price hike has controlled. This year, the prices of many groceries are higher than they were during the Onam season last year. I checked directly. Comparing the market price of the last province with the market price of this items, the market price of 8 items is higher at retail prices. So the price was objectively checked. Will honest steps be taken to keep the prices of groceries constant to that of last year?

Mr.C.Divakaran: Sir, the question of the esteemed member is very vague. Because he is talking about the prices of last year's Onam groceries. I have the numbers in my hand. I put it in the House. The prices of 14 items of various condiments have not increased in the last 10 months. It seems to be stable. Chickpeas are priced at Rs 33, much lower than last year. The figures are exhaustive. It is transparent. I mean the figures are 10 months ahead of Onam. What you say is more than 2 months back of it.

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Prices have dropped from Rs 11 to Rs 44 for the last 10 months

Mr. C.K. Sadhasivan: Sir, is it noticeable that the price list of goods is not displayed in the rural areas? Will strong action be taken to publish the price list in such a sector?

Mr.C.Divakaran: Sir, the law says that all traders in this area must display a price list. It is being tested. The raid is being carried out and the culprits are being identified and action is being taken accordingly.

Mr. K.M Mani: Sir, respected C.F. Thomas asked whether there was any difference between last Onam price and this Onam price that is 12 months ago. Is it enough to read 10 months price list for that. This is only a written answer. CF Thomas asked me whether the prices of some items are higher in this Onam season than last Onam. Do you have to answer it now or are you ready to give an answer to this Assembly?

Mr.C.Divakaran: Sir, among the matter of 10 months said, there is only 2 months dispute with me and Mr K.M MANI. Let's check it out.

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Mr. M.Chandran: Sir, Onam was celebrated in Kerala without any complaints about price hike. We could not see a single complaint or statement about inflation, even from the opposition. Now the harvest has started after Onam. Will steps be taken to procure paddy at a fixed price to protect the farmers?

Mr.C.Divakaran: sir, this is a very important question. Notice has been given for paddy procurement. Farmers have now started registration. Procurement of paddy will start once the registration is completed. The government has decided to procure at 8.50 paisa last time as well.

Mr. C.T Ahammedali: Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister state the price of each item of daily necessities including rice last Onam and its value in the open market today?

Mr.C.Divakaran: Sir, there are 18 types of rice. I don't have the price list of these 18 types. Price of rice given through civil supplies or through ration shops are with me. They are Rs. 8.50 Rs.8.30 and Rs, 6.30.

Mr. M.prakashan master: Sir, the biggest drop this time around has been for our opposition. Sabari supermarket is not allotted in Pappinisseri panchayat in my constituency even though the panchayat administration there says that land is available for free of cost. The matter was brought to the attention of the Hon'ble Minister. The Hon'ble Minister has said that

it can be considered. In this situation, would the Hon'ble Minister be willing to allow Sabari supermarket there?

Mr.C. Divakaran: sir, The Honorable Member will be informed that the consideration is very active.

Mr. C.P Muhammad: Sir, in response to a question from CF Thomas, the Minister listed a number of items here. The minister did not mention the price of coconut oil in the land of coconut, Kerala. In the general market, a kilogram of coconut oil sells for Rs 50, while in your Sabari store, 920 grams sell for Rs 55. Now 1 rupee increased. Palm oil is sold outside for Rs 49 and Rs 59. The price of Kuruva rice has gone up to Rs 14.25 in Maveli store and Rs 13.50 outside. In Kerala kera coconut oil is selling for Rs.62.40.

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Therefore, it is disgraceful to increase the price of coconut oil in Kerala. I can say one thing that is important. Ramadan is coming. According to Shri. Saju Paul, local government bodies have issued notices to all slaughterhouses following the Supreme Court ruling that there are no scientific slaughterhouses. How to solve this problem is an issue that it affects thousands of workers. Please give answer for this also.

Mr.C.Divakaran: Sir, the esteemed member said that the difference in the price level of our coconut oil. It is a fact that the price of coconut oil produced by Carafed is slightly higher than that of the open market. The reason for low costs of production in the private sector may include tax evasion, non-payment of wages, fraud and more. So in the open market sometimes some items may be cheaper. However, Supplyco and Carefed supply fully guaranteed products. It is a fact that the price is little higher than that in the open market. But it is unfortunate to ask the price of coconut oil before 2 months without even a single word of respect from the esteemed opposition, even we have controlled price hike strictly as never before. The notice was issued to the slaughter worker as per the judgment of the Supreme Court. The government is taking it seriously and hopes to take some action before Ramadan.

Mr. Ramachandran Kadannapallil: Sir, considering that the Onam markets started during this Onam season were effective in curbing inflation. Will the government be able to keep these markets permanent during Onam, Ramadan and Xmas?

Honorable minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry (Mr. Divakaran): Sir, The Honorable Member said a very good thing. There will be a financial obligation as a result of doing so, but that proposal is welcomed considering the public interest of the people. Efforts will be made to examine it and put it into practice

Mr A.K.Sasidran: Sir, The Hon'ble Minister replied that Maveli stores have been started as part of curbing price hike and are ready to open more. The panchayat has allotted land to Maveli Store, which you allotted four months ago. Did you notice that the Kozhikode district authorities denied permission to the Maveli Store on the basis of an anticipatory conclusion that there would be no sale of Rs 11,000? Would you be prepared to take drastic action if you understand why such unwarranted obstruction by local officials can lead to unavailability of the benefit of such activities?

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Mr. C Divakaran: Sir, of course, on the recommendation of the esteemed member, steps will be taken to set up that institution there.

Mr K.P. Mohanan: Sir, I have to say the same thing that Sir Hon'ble Member Shashindran said. In my constituency, Maveli Store Panchayat has allotted places with good facilities. Is on the side of the road. A lot of people come, and that's all. The mokeri gram panchayat is pushing for very few technical reasons to start new Maveli stores. Will action be taken to start newly allotted Maveli stores in Mokeri Grama Panchayat?

Mr. C.Divakaran: Sir, Steps will be taken to implement the suggestion of Hon'ble Mohanan immediately.

Mr. M.Murali: Sir, The most attractive variety in the Onam market is the banana. The corporation gave through these Onam bazaars as native fruit was brought from all over Tamil Nadu? I myself complained to you over the phone after the inauguration of the Onam bazaar in Mavelikkara. It was given for 18 rupees and the next day it was reduced by 1 rupees in a few places, and the last thing that happened there was that the bananas brought there were boycotted by the public. You get the same price or less in the public market. Eventually the whole berry had to be loaded into trucks and returned as it was brought by the corporation. There has been manipulation in this regard. It should be investigated. You need to check the distribution of non-native Tamil Nadu nuts as native nuts and no action has been taken to reduce the price.

Mr. C Divakaran: Sir, An order will be issued to look into the complaint of the esteemed member

Mr. Babu Paul: Sir, the provision of free food parcels to HBPL AI RK and its occupants in the colonies affected by the epidemic is highly commendable. The Hon'ble Minister is to be commended in this regard. But this was put on hold in the meantime without making it available to all the deserving people. The disease is still going on. For people in such families, it may be impossible to go to work for weeks or months. So will steps be taken to distribute this food explosion to all the people who deserve it?

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Mr. C. Divakaran: The esteemed member pointed out that it was true that three lakh kits were decided to be distributed. Three lakh kits were distributed. When it happened, the people who deserved in this list could not get in full. We have taken its figures. More than two lakh applications are pending. A special cabinet also allotted cash to the panchayat to be given to all those who completed the list till 16- 8- 2007. With that, the government has decided to end this system.

Mr. A.P Anilkumar: Sir, your reply indicated that the influx of monopolies has created a major problem in controlling the Onam price hike. It is paradoxical to say that the government is trying to overcome the challenges posed by monopolies when it provides all the facilities to enter the small business sector. It is said that licenses have been issued to such monopolies in about 160 centers in Kerala. My question is how the influx of such monopolies has affected the Maveli stores, Sabari stores, profit market and other such establishments under the Civil Supplies Corporation. If so, will there be strong action on the part of the government to overcome it?

Mr. C. Divakaran: The esteemed member asked a very serious question. It is also a national issue. The Central Government has accepted that all facilities should be provided to these monopolies and as a result have started in many states and the people there are being beaten down. The government has noticed that some licenses have been issued in Kerala. It has been suggested that those licenses should no longer be issued to survive this

Mr. Babu: Will the given license be revoked?

Mr. C .Divakaran: Will everything given by the Central Government be cancelled? Are you sure? You can ask there, you ask there too. Here are some of them. It is up to the concerned panchayats to look into the matter and the Civil Supplies Corporation is ready to compete with them in case of any monopoly.

Mr. K.V. Abdul Khader: sir, The People's Bazaar has created a huge backlash against the influx of monopolies. Will the government be willing to expand the People's Bazaars to the taluks also?

Mr. C. Divakaran: Of course, the comments of Shri KV Abdul Khader are welcome. Let's take action.

Mr. K. T. Jaleel: sir, Ramadan is coming and the shortage of raw rice in ration shops has already been reported. Will action be taken to make the required raw rice available in ration shops before Ramadan arrives?

Mr. C Divakaran: We will definitely contact the Central Government before Ramadan to get the raw rice we need (Biryani rice).

Mr. varkala kahaar: Sir, Market intervention did not materialize. It is not correct to say that market intervention took place substantially. The goods were bought from the open market. 20% subsidy was given for that item .This is what happened. Even then the minister said the calculation of sugar as Rs 14.50. If you want sugar for Rs 14 you can buy it from the market? Do you want sugar for Rs 14? How many bags of sugar do you need. That is one thing and the second thing is coconut oil. Then let's talk about the glory of chili. The chili I bought from the department store had no burning sensation. Another thing to say is that what the minister said was a big push in the bazaars of Tata and Reliance. The prices in the Big bazaars inaugurated by Left leaders in Thiruvananthapuram and Ernakulam were cheaper. Be careful not to repeat this in the next Onam.

Mr. C Divakaran: What Honorable Kahar said was misleading the assembly. I was told that sugar sells for 14 rupees. Sometimes Kahar has sugar and various condiments available at even lower prices. I do not have that much experience. In view of all this, the people of Kerala have welcomed the sale of all subsidies. This time all the goods are cheaper.

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Mr.M.M Yusuf: Sir, this time it was an Onam without any price hike in Kerala. Even our Mahabali has gone by congratulating the VS Government and the Minister of the Department. Will steps be taken to make this system available everywhere through the mobile Maveli store?

Mr. C Divakaran: There are 7 mobile Maveli stores. It is considered in remote areas, tribal colonies and Harijan colonies. The government is planning to expand it.

Mr.V.D. Satheeshan: Sir, in fact, in Kerala, which is plagued by pandemic flu, not even 50 per cent of the people actually celebrated Onam this time. Demand was less than 50 per cent in both the Civil Supplies Corporation market and the general market. Many markets were not even crowded. So loads with the products coming from other states also were low. Most of the markets were not crowded. You said not to give licenses to the people. But have you noticed that the government is taking the initiative, including providing land and facilities for the establishment of extensive shopping complexes in various parts of the state and towns?

Mr. C Divakaran: I deny the allegation. The government has not taken any initiative in this regard.

Sri. M.M. Hamsa: Sir, to control the price hike, this government has been able to intervene in the market in an exemplary model for the whole India and control the hike during Onam. Similarly, in case of outbreak of contagious diseases, will a system be set up to dispense medicines with special subsidy at Maveli Medical Stores?

Honourable Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry (Mr. Divakaran): Few medical stores are offering discounts of up to 50 percent on flu medications. There are sixty medical maveli stores. It is being examined whether it is possible to give extensively in all the sixties

Mr. Aryadan muhammed: Sir, inflation has been around 6 percent for the past eight months. It has been gradually declining and is now below four per cent. Inflation and price are related

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Can you explain why the prices of daily necessities in Kerala go up even when inflation is low? This government has imposed a 4 per cent tax on medicines in the budget. What was in Schedule One was brought to Schedule Three. As a result, the government imposed a four per cent price hike from April 1. Will the government take action to avoid it?

Mr. C Divakaran: The esteemed member pointed out that reflection should come in the market as inflation corresponding. But inflation is not stable. It will be more or less. It is natural for prices to go up and down in the market when they are low. Secondly, the government's finance ministry should look into the rise in prices as a result of the four per cent tax hike on drugs.

Mr. Murali Perunneli: Sir, Ration shops play a crucial role in controlling prices. Rice and wheat are supplied to our ration shops from wholesale outlets. It is both government-owned and private. Will action be taken to bring all the distribution centers under the control of the Civil Supplies Corporation?

Mr. C Divakaran: The honorable member raised a policy issue. The government has now taken notice of the widespread diversion of these public distribution wholesalers. The government has taken action. If this is to be completely avoided, it should be examined whether it can be transferred to a public sector entity such as the Civil Supplies Corporation. A pilot project is being considered for implementation in Ernakulam district.

Mr. Abdurahiman randathaani: As a part of the price controlling, it was learned that a tie-up was coming up in which Supplyco's products could be distributed through ration shops. So is there a government decision? At the same time, it makes Supplyco more efficient, that is why Maveli stores are open. In my constituency, the Maveli store allotted in Kodinji has not been opened for 4 months as no vacancy has been created so far. Will there be a decision from the Government regarding the Maveli Stores side as soon as possible?

Mr. C Divakaran: The reason why the maveli store is not open in his constituency is the same as the esteemed member said. The reality is that there is a shortage of staff. It will be fixed immediately and the institution will be started. The program of distribution through ration

shops was planned. Now giving little . After analyzing the result and if it is successful it will definitely be implemented.

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Mr. V. Surendrapillai: Sir, The Hon'ble Minister said that in order to control prices during this Onam season, Civil Supplies went to the manufacturing centers of daily necessities and buy at a lower price and distributed in the market at a cheaper price. In reply to a question by Mr Ramachandran Kadannapally, he said that the government was not prepared to maintain it. It would be to the great benefit of the people if the government were able to maintain this kind of system even in the metropolitan cities without financial hardship. Will the government be willing to maintain this system permanently, even in metropolitan cities?

Mr. C Divakaran: The Government intends to start Metro People's Bazaar atleast one in every district as the model mentioned by Hon'ble Mr. Surendran Pillai.

Mr. Joseph M. Puthusserry: Sir, Here the Hon'ble Minister mentioned about the distribution of kits. It was said to be given to people suffering from fever before Onam. The kit has not been given even to those who have been suffering from fever for months and are unable to go to work due to hunger, i.e. even those with op tickets and doctor certificates. There are panchayats in Kerala where not even one person is given a kit. There was a very serious fall in this regard. So will action be taken to address this? At the same time, the Hon'ble Minister pointed out that there was no increase in prices during the Onam season. During the last Onam season, many items were sold in this onam market at high prices than in the open market. I have the list. Will you clarify that what was those items?

Mr. C Divakaran: Your second question will be investigated; Action will be taken to give onam kit to all in the lists till 16-8-2007 without any complaint.

M.O.P Secretariat manual revision and delay in file completion

2 [2] Mr.P.Vishwan:

Mr. V.J.Thankappan:

Mrs. K.K.Sailaja Teacher:

Mr. Simon Brito Rodrigez:

Mr. P.T.A.Raheem: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions?

- (a) Have you noticed that there are delays in processing the existing office procedures files?

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- (b) If so do you intend to take any action to address this
- (c) Whether action will be taken to update the MOP Secretariat Manual in a timely manner
- (d) Instead of concentrating the decision-making power in each department on the head of the department, will action be taken to give the power to decide on the lower levels and to re-determine the powers?

Chief minister (mr.V.S.Achudhanandan):

- (a) Has been noticed.
- (b) The necessary instructions are given at the monthly staff meeting held for this purpose to decide the files as a matter of urgency. In addition, the monthly performance of the departments is reviewed at the Chief Secretary's meeting. The government has made it clear that delaying decisions without properly examining the files and taking action against officials is causing delays. In addition, the secretaries are required to inspect the sections of their department at least once a month and report to the Chief Secretary. The circular dated 3-8-2007 also directed that a team authorized by the Chief Secretary should conduct lightning inspections in the departments as part of ensuring the attendance of the employees. It also directed the Chief Secretary to submit to the Chief Minister a quarterly report on the steps to be taken in this regard at the Secretary level.
- (c) Its been investigating.
- (d) Steps have been taken to consider decentralization of decision-making power in certain departments to lower levels.

Mr.P.Vishwan: sir, This Government's intervention for urgent disposal of files is of particular interest to you. Kerala society is watching. If the clerk of a section is on leave, the information about the file in that seat is not known. If you are on vacation for a long time, you will not be able to know the information till then. In this case, will the Government take steps to ensure that the Section Head himself can inform the complainant of the information in the file?

Mr. V.S.Achudhanandan: What the esteemed member said will be seriously examined and necessary action will be taken.

Mr.P.Vishwan: sir, when referring to a file, you often see a situation where the file is returned saying it is missing. The reason for this is that the movement of the file is not recorded in the PR register. Will steps be taken to keep the PR register accurate?

Mr. V.S.Achudhanandan: As the esteemed member said, if all these are brought to the notice of the Government by pointing out clear facts, it will be very helpful to resolve it immediately.

Mr. V.J. Thankappan: sir, Things are now being scrutinized in each section to let people know about the movement of files here. In order to avoid this, the report of the Third Administrative Reforms Committee had recommended the establishment of inquiry counters in the Secretariat and other offices. Will you take action to implement it?

Mr. V.S.Achudhanandan: It will be examined and necessary steps will be taken.

Mr. V. J. Thankappan: Similarly, the report of the Third Administrative Reform Committee had recommended the implementation of a computerized file monitoring system for the Secretariat. Will the government take steps to implement it?

Mr. V.S.Achudhanandan: The Honorable Member will look into the matter and take necessary action

Mrs. K.K.Sailaja Teacher: It was earlier decided that the posts should be redeployed as a result of decentralization. However, the necessary rules and regulations in this regard have not yet been fully implemented. In this context, will the Secretariat Manual as well as the Manual of Office Procedures be revised and steps be taken to ensure proper division of labor by completing this redeployment?

Mr. V.S.Achudhanandan: If decentralized file management is now as effective as the Honorable Member intended, it will be necessary to scrutinize it and take immediate action.

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Mrs. K.K.Sailaja Teacher: There is a situation where some files that need to be handled jointly by the two departments have to go to the section clerk three or four times even if both the ministers have agreed to do so. Will there be a situation where only one or two secretaries can decide, as decided earlier, by ending this unnecessary file movement?

Mr. V.S.Achudhanandan: It is true that the Secretariat exists the elements of delaying the files and confronting the complainant and the claimant. In order to avoid this, the Chief Secretary and the Secretaries of Departments have been informed and steps are being taken to ensure that the complainants are not harassed.

Mr. Simon Brito Rodrigez: sir, there are two types of file: normal file and important file. Will you take steps to get the Monthly Statement in such a way that it gets numbered and the oldest file is specified?

Mr. V.S.Achudhanandan: It will be seriously examined and necessary steps will be taken.

Mr. Simon Brito Rodrigez: The procedures to be followed when a clerk or assistant moves are in the MOP and the Secretariat Manual. According to P r, the seat file and the list file should be communicated to the head. This system is often not followed. Will action be taken against such people?

Mr. V.S.Achudhanandan: If the esteemed member points it out on the basis of such experience, the necessary action will be taken immediately.

Mr.P.T.A.Raheem: sir, it is not uncommon for officials to go on rallies and demonstrations of their organizations without taking leave during office hours. Will the government take any action to control it

Mr. V.S.Achudhanandan: They have been informed that they have to go to the procession and meeting after fulfilling their duties. Not everyone seems to follow it. That is why there are some incidents like this. It is strictly advised not to repeat it anymore

Mr.P.T.A.Raheem: Is it possible to make a decision that a file in a section should not be viewed by more than two officers?

Mr. V.S.Achudhanandan: We need to think about whether it is wise to give such instructions. Sometimes both groups want to see the same. All these will be examined and necessary steps will be taken.

Mr. G. Karthikeyan: sir, The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala has said that the majority of the employees in the service sector in Kerala, especially in the Secretariat, are unemployed and not responsible. Though your opinion is the opinion of the Cabinet, a Minister held a press conference across the state respecting your views. Is the delay in the movement and monitoring of these files due to the absence of these officers in the chair? Is it because ministers are not ready to monitor it? Why such a delay? As the Chief Minister, have you and the government taken any action after your comment that the officials are not working?

Mr. V.S.Achudhanandan: They have said things in public with the intention that public criticism is good for them to work enthusiastically. It is not enough to call the leaders of their organization and go to this level, they are telling the leaders not to fail in the task at hand while doing everything to get all the benefits and rights. Now it shows that it should be done together. The government is thinking of doing it together.

Mr. A. M. Arif: Sir, The current red tape regarding the movement of files in the Secretariat cannot be untied, as many lives are shrinking in the red tape. It has a serious problem with reducing the number of floors, as everyone has asked before. When it comes to a section officer vacation, there are a lot of things I experienced firsthand last month. There should be a system for conducting a file disposal campaign every three months.

Mr. V.S.Achudhanandan: We intend to think about it and see the interest and enthusiasm of all these Chief Secretaries and Secretaries in dealing with their periodic discussions in a way that satisfies all the complainants and the people who raise the issues so that they can speed up and shorten it from time to time. It will continue in the future.

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Mr. k. c. joseph: sir, As you said, employees of many government offices do not show up on time, regardless of whether they are publicly or secretly criticized. Not seen in the seat. That is the reality. Will action be taken to resolve it, even if the letters given by the MLAs are given to the Chief Minister, they will not get a reply. In the office of such ministers whose advice is to be

accepted. So at the request of the MLAs, will the ministers take action to order and make follow-up action in a timely manner?

Mr. V.S.Achudhanandan: No matter how long the dog's tail is stuck in the pipe, we do not see the officials as it will bend again if it is taken out of the pipe. The current efforts are aimed at bringing them closer together so that they can do things energetically, with the intention that they will understand and be corrected if things are told to them strictly. Let us examine what the esteemed member said. If you notice that you have not received any reply to any letter specifically, if those mistakes have been made, they can be corrected.

Mrs. E. S. Bijimol: Although we have been receiving letters from the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Scheme for months, we have not received any assistance even after the death of the beneficiaries. Will action be taken to get help from the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund before people die?

Chief Minister (Mr. V.S.Achudhanandan): He often stays in the relief fund when he has no money at all. Urgent requests have been made to the Central Government and various sections of the people here have been requested to contribute funds to the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund. There is a welcome response to the request as well as a good one. Once all these are accepted and the required funds reach the Disaster Relief Fund, all necessary steps will be taken to expedite the delivery of these aids as stated by the esteemed members.

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Mr. K. C. Venugopal: sir, the main reason for file delay is that the money is pointed out here. The file itself is viewed by the Deputy Secretary, Joint Secretary, Additional Secretary, Government Secretary and others. There is no need for this. We often make the decision that if a relevant secretary is appointed, he should be seen, but it has not yet been effective. That is why, as mentioned here, even if the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund asks you to allow it, it will take three to four months for the allotted pass. Then people are dying. Will action be taken to simplify the procedure by assigning an officer to handle a file in order to change this.

Mr. V.S.Achudhanandan: All suggestions and criticisms made by the esteemed members in this regard will be seriously scrutinized and the necessary steps will be taken to avoid such a stalemate in the file.

Mrs. P. Ayisha Potti: sir, the backlog of these files is a constant complaint. Similarly, will the government take the initiative to provide good capacity building training to all sections of the staff in our state to increase their sense of responsibility and use their skills to the fullest,

realizing that the officials in our state are really good at avoiding complaints about delays in obtaining certificates?

Mr. v.s.Achudhanandan: Of course we will explore what technicalities are available for capacity building training and make an effort to apply for them.

Mr. K. K. Shaju: Sir, You are talking about what you are doing with the files. After our MGP came all the way, he spent crores of rupees and bought computers for many officials in the Secretariat. AC and many other facilities were provided. Based on all this, has there been any progress in settling the file differently than before? Has the government conducted any inspection in this regard?

Mr. V.s.achudhanandan: Although there has been some progress, there has been optimism. There has been no improvement in the level. Efforts are being made for that.

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Mr. p. j. joseph: Sir, If the department heads send the proposal to this secretariat, for example the proposals sent by the Director of Agriculture or the Chief Engineer may be examined by the Secretary or someone here. As a result, the proposal to be implemented in the budget will not move to the Secretariat even if it is now August-September. I know many particular works. Wayanad Pass Road. It has been seven months since the Chief Engineer sent the proposal. Still its in the Secretariat. Announced by the Minister of Finance in the Budget. My MLA Road, that proposal has been lying in the Idukki Collectorate for six months. Will not move. Should action be taken against such people? Is hostilely held. Delay is the cause of such corruption. Will strict action be taken against delays?

Mr. V.s.achudhanandan: If you try to inform all the people concerned about all the similar things in a specific way, then strictly all of this..... (Noise) As we are told now, if you inform us all in advance (Noise) let's check.

Mr. T. N. prathapan: sir, you are talking about resolving these files. During the last government, Rs 18 crore was passed from the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund for 52,000 people. 52000 files are pending in your office. Are poor patients. The ruling party in Kerala has to provide 52,000 medical aid in all constituencies. Will those files be settled and action be taken to provide medical assistance to 52000 people?

Mr. V.s.achudhanandan: do not know where my friend got these facts from. All this is pure nonsense. There are no such facts.

Mr. Jose Thettiyil : Everyone was talking about the difficulties in the procedure. Will steps be taken to revise the Manual of Office to introduce helpdesk as well as single window system to avoid inconvenience in government offices including Secretariat?

Mr. V. S. Achudhanandan: lets check.

Prof. K. V. Thomas: sir, since the time of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in Parliament, members have been complaining to ministers, not acting behind them. There is a notice board at the entrance to Parliament. If a complaint is lodged with the notice board, it will be dismissed. V. I. P. The Minister will give its first reply on file. It will tell you how far it has come in 30 days. The minister himself will give the final reply within six months. Similarly, if a system can be set up in Kerala, it will be very effective. The reply we get now cannot be given to the applicant. That's the way we get answers. So is it possible to create a system that responds in a timely manner with clarity without going after ministers?

Mr. V. S. Achudhanandan: The issue pointed out by the Hon'ble K.V. Thomas will be seriously examined and a decision will be taken on it

Mr. P. C. George: Sir, Living with justice is tantamount to denying justice. The government is failing in many cases by not being able to appear when the case comes up in the esteemed high court. An awkward source where officials go with the file to Ernakulam and Thiruvananthapuram which causes a lot of delay. The government is losing crores of rupees more than accommodation. Ernakulam has about 58 players. If the services of 2 Pleaders are permanently deployed in this Secretariat, the delay in getting this affidavit will also be avoided. As well as the difficulty of writing T-A and D-A for Secretariat staff will also be avoided. Surely the government will try to make a decision by appointing 2 government pleaders here?

Mr. V. S. Achudhanandan: If two government players go around here to look at all the problems in different departments, we can see whether it is possible or not. In any case, matters relating to the case in the respective department are being handled by the Advocate General and Government Pleaders. Some cases have failed as a result of not being able to handle cases on time. The losing case is immediately appealed and steps are taken to win. Some cases have been dismissed as a continuation of what has been handled in the past. After examining all that and dealing with it in a way that does not tire the government, it is time to file an appeal. So is the government taking steps to address this?

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Salem railway division

*3 [3] Mrs. K. S. Salikha:

Mr. M. Chandran:

“ M. Hamsa:

“ V. Chenthamaraakshan:

“ Babu M. Paaliseri: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Can you clarify what is the latest situation regarding the formation of the proposed Salem Railway Division?
- (b) Has the Railway Minister given any assurance to the Chief Minister on this matter?
- (c) Whether a date has been fixed for the discussion on the basis of the decision to hold discussions with the Chief Ministers of Tamil Nadu and Kerala in the presence of the Prime Minister
- (d) Will the Government take strong action against the formation of the Salem Division by annexing most of the areas from the Palakkad Division?

Honorable chief minister (Mr. V. S. Achudhanandan): sir,

(a) As soon as the Cabinet noticed the move to split the Palakkad Railway Division and start a new division based in Salem, the Cabinet discussed the matter and informed the Railway Ministry of the state's strong protest. A delegation of MPs and party leaders, led by the Chief Minister and the Minister in charge of Railways, then met the Prime Minister and the Railway Minister. Subsequently, a meeting of all the MPs of the State was convened on 30 6 2007 and it was decided to hold a strong protest inside and outside the Parliament to divide the Palakkad division and form a new division based at Salem. Following this, an assurance was received at the House level that the final decision in this regard would be taken only in consultation with the Chief Ministers of Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The Chief Minister of Kerala met the Hon'ble Minister of Railways and the Hon'ble Prime Minister in person and strongly demanded that a zone be allotted to Kerala. The response from the Central Government in this regard has been quite welcome.

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(b) No written assurance has been received in this regard.

(c) No notification has been received regarding the date for the discussion

(D) As soon as the decision to split the Palakkad Railway Division and start a new Railway Division based at Salem came to notice, the State Government informed the Ministry of Railways of strong protest. The Kerala Legislative Assembly passed and unanimously passed a resolution against this. The delegation, led by the Chief Minister, the Minister in charge of

Railways in the state and MPs from Kerala, also met the Prime Minister to discuss the matter. The state government has taken strong steps in this regard

The State Government is not opposed to the formation of the Salem Division but to the formation of a new division by dividing the boundaries only from the Palakkad Division.

Plan to revive traditional industries

*4 [4] Mr. K. V. Abdul Khader:

Mr. K. K. Jayachandran:

Mrs. P. Ayisha potti:

Mr. C. K. Sadhasivan:

Mr. B. Raghavan: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions?

(a) Can you explain if the government has implemented any scheme to help and revive traditional industries?

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(b) As a result, is relief has been provided to the coir handloom sector?

(c) Can you elaborate on the steps taken by the Government to curb the exploitation of middlemen in the handloom sector?

Minister of industries (Mr. Elamaram kareem): sir,

(a) The steps taken to help and revive the major traditional industries such as coir, handloom, khadi cashew, handicraft, reed, bamboo and beedi are as follows.

- Coir sector :

can be found Appendix one

- Handloom sector :

A site has been identified for setting up a new Fashion Technology Institute in Kannur District and an amount of `1 crore has been sanctioned for this purpose.

Factory type

In 2006-07, `60 lakh was provided to 31 primary groups for setting up of mini pre-loom processing centers for handloom co-operative societies. Innovative designs are being implemented by TPDC through selected teams in

Thiruvananthapuram district to develop new value based products. School children in the state are required to wear handloom / khadi uniforms one day a week. State government officials have been asked to wear handloom / khadi clothing on Saturday. Pipeline subsidy of Rs.2 crore was disbursed last year to the members of Thiruvananthapuram district as arrears of Rs.122 lakh in 2001-02 and rebate arrears of Rs.1.78 lakh in 2004-05 for handloom and Hantex sector. In addition, 433 groups in the state were audited as per the directions of the Central Government. The details have been provided by the Central Government for assistance through NABARD. The major schemes for the year 2007-2008 and their allocations are given in Appendix 2.

- Khadi Sector:

An amount of Rs.490 lakh has been set apart for the development of Khadi village industries under the State Plan this financial year. The rebate allowed for the retail sale of khadi fabrics has since been extended.

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An amount of Rs.473 lakh has been sanctioned for the current financial year to continue the rebate. We will provide financial assistance to the workers in this sector to start units at the rate of 10 per gram during the 11th Plan period. Margin money of 30% to 50% of the project cost will be provided for bank loans. Projects up to a maximum of Rs. 50,000 / - will be assisted under this scheme. An amount of Rs.1 crore has been set apart for this purpose this financial year.

- Cashew nut sector:

During the financial year 2006-07, an annual installment of Rs. An amount of Rs.30 crore has been set apart in the budget for the payment of bank loan installments for the financial year 2007-08. An amount of Rs.8 crore has been set apart for the development of cashew industry and cashew cultivation. Since this government came to power at various levels of the Cashew Development Corporation, 1400 new appointments have been made. The minimum wage for

workers has been revised with effect from January 1, 2007. A cashew special officer has been appointed for the smooth functioning of the region and steps are being taken to increase cashew production and expand cashew cultivation. As part of the drive to expand the domestic market for cashew nuts, the Corporation has opened outlets in various districts to market cashew nuts through Consumerfed and Triveni. The Kerala State Agency for Expansion of Cashew Cultivation has been set up in Kollam under the control of the Cashew Special Officer for the expansion of cashew cultivation.

- **Craft and bamboo areas :**

An amount of Rs.104 lakh has been set apart in the budget for the current financial year for the implementation of the following schemes for the development and revival of the handicraft sector including bamboo / bamboo development.

Ensuring Government equity participation for primary handicrafts groups, old age pension, development and implementation of schemes through leading institutions in the handicraft sector, implementation of loan scheme in collaboration with National Backward Finance Development Corporation, opening of common facility service centers and renovation of existing, promotion of new designs are the new schemes.

- + On 18-9-2007 the Minister of Industries put the corrected answer on the table

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The Handicrafts Development Corporation is implementing the use of modern technology in the handicrafts sector. The Corporation is providing the necessary training and assistance for this. Steps are being taken to set up Common Facility Service Centers in clusters of artisans. Surabhi provides training to workers in the manufacture of innovative products. In addition, various welfare schemes are being implemented.

In the Etta bamboo sector, the State Bamboo Corporation, with the financial assistance of the State Government and the National Bamboo Mission, has set up community palm weaving centers in various areas to increase the working days and income of the weaving workers. The Corporation is taking steps to implement a project of Rs.370 lakh for the modernization and diversification of the Bamboo Board Factory.

- **Beedi :**

Following the crisis in the beedi industry, an amount of Rs.4 crore was sanctioned to the Kerala Dinesh Beedi Co-operative Society in 2006-07 for a similar understanding and rehabilitation of beedi workers. Dinesh Beedi is being diversified with this fund

(b) The following are the relief measures taken to reach the coir and handloom sectors.

- Coir:

During the last financial year, Shamna disbursed Rs.1982.70 lakh to 430 members for strengthening coir co-operative feed societies. A total of Rs.187.58 lakh has been provided to 7 groups to solve the coir shortage. An amount of R.50 lakh was provided for the construction work of NCRMI last year and Rs.151 lakh for the current financial year. In addition, Rs 50 lakh has been provided to NCRMI for the coir geo textile project. Funding for MDA and PMI projects. An amount of `25 lakh has been provided for the CFSC scheme during the last financial year. An amount of `300 lakh has been sanctioned for this purpose by procuring stagnant coir and coir products worth` 860.51 lakh through distress scheme last year. Last year, a

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grant of Rs 1 lakh was given for participating in trade fairs and advertising coir products. So far this year, Rs 2,11,301 has been spent on this item. 47.965 crore during 2006-07 and `18.60 crore has been spent so far in 2007-08 for assisting and reviving the coir industry including the above.

- Handloom :

As said in the section (a), As a result of the measures taken in the handloom sector ,relief has been brought to this sector. It is also looking into the possibility of writing off the losses of handloom groups and apex group and making one time settlement of loans to handloom groups and apex group from co-operative banks.

(c) Steps are being taken to strengthen hantex and hand weave to prevent the exploitation of middlemen in the handloom sector.]

Renovation of keltron

*5 [5] Mr. R. Selvaraj:

Mr. Anathalavettam Anandhan:

Mr. P. Sivankutty:

Mrs. K. Arundhathi: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions?

- (a) Can you elaborate on the steps taken to improve Keltron's performance?
- (b) What new projects are under consideration for Keltron's development?
- (c) Whether Keltron intends to expand its operations in the IT sector
- (d) Will Keltron take action to get more orders from inside and outside the country?
- (e) Will special assistance be considered to upgrade all of Keltron's units?

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Industries Minister (Sri. Elamaram Kareem): Sir,

- a) Various projects are being implemented to improve the performance of Keltron. NPOL has been set up to build canals for the Indian Navy. Signed a technology transfer with and initiated infrastructure development at Keltron Controls in Aroor. DURAG has signed the MOU with Germany for pollution control and environmental monitoring and is taking steps to implement it in all public sector institutions. e.r.p package development expert s.a.p. A. G. Keltron enters into an agreement with Yu and is taking steps to implement the sap.

In T.E.U. Moodady, SMT, a key component of modern technology, has been established. entered into an agreement and established a test setup to increase participation in the activities of ISRO. Technology transfer for construction of area traffic systems was signed with C-dac and the possibility of participating in tenders was sought. Developed an innovative "high voltage high frequency transformer" in the field of transformers. A warning system was developed at the unguarded level crossing. Implemented a one-time settlement scheme of `57.85 crore for payment to banks as part of the revival of Keltron and its subsidiaries and sanctioned two installment

- (b) Initial talks are underway with defense giants such as Bell to build a defense electronics system. Cochin Shipyard intends to launch a "Marine System Group" at

Keltron Controls to ensure cooperation in the required areas. It has begun the process of developing a gis application for infinite possibilities. The IT education sector has decided to open branches inside and outside India. The space electronics industry has entered into an agreement with ISRO to increase the number of orders available. Keltron's work experience in the field of traffic signals Keltron has acquired advanced area traffic control system technology from C - dac.

(c) Yes

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(d) Steps are being taken

(e) An amount of Rs.1 crore has been sanctioned for the modernization of Keltron's subsidiaries as per Government Order (MS) No. 30/07 / dated 12-3-2007

New Ration Cards

*6 [6] Mr. B. D. Devasi:

Mr. K. Kunjiraman:

Mr. T. P. Kunjunni:

Mr. S. Rajendran: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

(a) Whether the process of renewing ration cards has been completed

(b) What is the reason for the delay in issuing new cards?

(c) Will you let me know when the card distribution starts?

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry (Mr. Divakaran): Sir,

(a) Not completed

(b & c) The photo shoot for the ration card renewal is in progress. Local Self Government Department has completed the apl and bpl survey. Outbreaks of pandemic and monsoon rains in Kerala have affected the speed of ration card renewal process.

Ration commodities in black market

*7 [7] Mr. Mons Joseph:

„ Mr. v. Surendra Pillai: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Whether there have been incidents of ration items being sold dead on the black market; If so, will you reveal the details?
- (b) Whether the culprits in such incidents have been identified;
- (c) Apart from confiscating food items to the government, are any other follow-up measures taken in such cases or will it provide depressing information?

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- (d) What steps have been taken to investigate the source of food grains and the role of officials in black market cases?
- (e) Whether action will be taken to find the culprits by checking the trip sheet of the lorries leaving with ration from FCI.
- (f) Will the Crime Branch be tasked with prosecuting black market cases?

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry (Mr.C. Divakaran): Sir,

- (a) Has been noted. 165 cases have been registered and steps are being taken to detect such irregularities. The details are attached herewith.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) With the confiscation of food grains to the government,. Action is taken under the E.P. Act and the police file a case for serious irregularities and take action through the courts.
- (d) n the case of black market cases, the source of the food grains, the situation of the officials and the departmental level and the Department of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption are taking appropriate action. Police officers are also tasked with investigating the source of these food grains.
- (e) In such cases, if the trip sheet is found, it is taken as evidence and action is taken.
- (f) Consideration will be given to the seriousness of the cases.

Operation of Public Sector Undertakings

*8 [8] Mr. K. K Divakaran:

Mr. M. M Yusuf:

Mr. Anathalavattom Anandhan;

Mr. C.M. Dinesh Mani:

Mr. P. Jayarajan: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions?

- (a) Can you please clarify the steps taken by this Government to improve the functioning of Public Sector Undertakings in the State?
 - (b) If the companies that were operating at a loss as a result have been able to turn a profit, then which companies have made a profit;
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- (c) How many companies are still operating at a loss. Are there any plans under consideration to improve their performance:
- (d) Whether it intends to merge smaller companies of similar nature. If so, will you reveal the details?

Minister of industries (Mr. Elamaram Kareem): sir,

- (a) The Government is taking steps to strengthen the functioning of the public sector undertakings through restructuring of loans, upgrading of much needed technology, manpower retraining / redeployment and consolidation of similar institutions.

Awarding prizes to companies and managing directors who have been instrumental in improving the performance of organizations, comparing them with national level organizations in the same field, selecting and appointing experts in the respective fields as web-enabled performance monitoring companies, and implementing the best performing institutions and managing directors.

In addition, steps have been taken to make the co-operation of the Central Government and the Central Public Sector Undertakings available for the activities of the Public Sector Undertakings. The government is also taking steps to conserve energy in public sector undertakings.

The Government seeks to empower PSUs based on a comprehensive industrial policy based on operational contract structure, mutual cooperation of PSUs, enhanced efficiency, transparent and improved corporate governance.

- (b) Yes Kerala State Electronics Development Corporation Limited, United Electrical Industries Limited, Kerala Electrical and Allied Engineering Company Limited, Kerala Ceramic Limited , Kerala State Textiles Corporation Limited, Handicraft Development Corporation Limited, Kerala Ceramic limited and Traco Cable Co. Ltd. have made profits.
 - (c) The names of the companies operating at a loss as per the 2006-2007 performance review report are appended to the information. Answer (a) outlines the steps being taken by the Government to improve performance
 - (d) The government is also looking into the possibility of merging similar PSUs
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The function of 'Incal'

*9 [9] Mr. Alphonse Kannathanam :

Mr. P. Krishnaprasad:

Mr. C. H. Kunjambu:

Mr. C. Sivankutty:

Mr. A. Pradeep Kumar: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions?

- (a) Has 'INKEL' a new company formed with private participation for infrastructure development, started operations?
- (b) Have big businessmen and expatriate Indians come forward to invest in the company?
- (c) Will 'INKEL' disclose details if it intends to undertake any major projects?

Minister of industries (Mr. Elamaram Kareem): sir,

- (a) Yes
- (b) Yes
- (c) Discussions are underway on various projects to be undertaken by INKEL.

Industrial park for the manufacture of military equipment

*10 [10] Mr. P.M.A Salaam:

Mr. A. K. Sasindran: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions?

- (a) Whether it intends to start a state industrial park for the construction of military equipment
- (b) Has the site for the industrial park been identified? If so, will you reveal where it is?
- (c) How many acres of land are required for this purpose?
- (d) Can you clarify how much it will cost to start an industrial park?

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Minister of industries (Mr. Elamaram Kareem): sir,

- (a) Yes
- (b) Attempts are ongoing to find land.
- (c) The number of acres can be decided only when the project is ready
- (d) The amount has not been determined

Performance Review of Public Sector Undertakings

*11 [11] „Mr. C.K.P. padmanabhan:

„Mr. A. C. Moideen:

„Mr. K.C. Kunjuraman:

„Mr. K. Kunjammath master:

„Mr. Manjalamkuzhi Ali: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions?

- (a) Is there a mechanism in place to review the performance of public sector undertakings?
- (b) Will it consider setting up a standing committee to scrutinize and guide the activities of public sector undertakings and to rectify the deficiencies immediately?

Minister of industries (Mr. Elamaram Kareem): sir,

(a & b) The monthly performance review system of PSUs has now been strengthened to monitor and evaluate the performance of PSUs under the Department of Industries. Based on this, the monthly activity report of the companies is to be submitted to the Public Sector Restructuring and Internal Board (RIAB) before the 10th of next month and the RIAB review report on the same is to be submitted to the Minister of Industries before the 14th. After reviewing these reports, the activities of each institution are reviewed at the ministerial level and the secretary level and necessary guidelines are issued. In addition, an annual review of the companies' performance is conducted. A permanent formulation to provide guidance is not currently under consideration

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Assistance scheme for amnesty recipients in uae

*12 [12] Mr. K. T. Jaleel:

Mr. C. H. Kunjaambu:

Mr. babu M. Paliseri:

Mr. V. Sasikumar: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions?

- (a) How many Keralites have returned based on the amnesty granted to those staying in the UAE illegally?
- (b) Is there any arrangement for their return, other necessary documents and guidance?
- (c) Whether action will be taken to avail of amnesty and to formulate any assistance schemes for returnees.

Honorable chief minister (Mr. V. S. Achudhanadhan): sir,

- (a) It is estimated that about two thousand Keralites have returned
- (b) Yes
- (c) The government does not intend to introduce welfare schemes only for those returning home after availing amnesty. But the government intends to implement a special welfare scheme for expatriate Keralites

Black market and hoarding

*13 [13] Mr.M. K. Purushothaman:

Mr. Murali Perunnelli:

Mr. K. C. Kunjuraman;

Mr. K. C. Rajagopalan:

Mr. T. P. Kunjunni: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Explain if there is any mechanism in place to prevent black market and hoarding
- (b) How many godowns were inspected to prevent hoarding aimed at the Onam season?
- (c) in this basis How many cases got registered ?

(d) Whether action has been taken to curb those who smuggle ration grains to the blackmarket. If so, how many cases has this government registered in this regard?

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry (Mr.C. Divakaran): Sir,

- (a) Measures are being taken under the existing Essential Commodity Act to prevent black market and hoarding. In addition, district / taluk level squads of the Civil Supplies, Health, Legal Metrology, Sales Tax and Police Departments under the District Collector are conducting raids on hotels, grocery stores and grocery stores in the public market and taking stern action against the culprits. District / Taluk level Price Monitoring Cells and Food Advisory Vigilance Committees. And are assisting the government in carrying out effective activities. Such matters are discussed at the District Level Food Advisory Vigilance Committee meeting and action is taken as per the decision of the meeting.

- (b) Inspected 1892 godowns.
- (c) 165 cases has been registered.
- (d) District Supply Officers and Taluk Supply Officers regularly inspect ration wholesale outlets and retail outlets and take strict action against the culprits for smuggling ration food grains into the black market. In addition, various squads inspect and take action in public markets. Since this government came to power, 1976 cases have been registered in this regard.

Construction work at Thiruvananthapuram Airport

*14 [14] Mr. V. Surendrapillai:

Mr. Mons joseph: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Can you elaborate on the construction of the new terminal at Thiruvananthapuram Airport?
- (b) When it is intended to complete work of new terminal?
- (c) Can you clarify when the construction of Air India Aircraft's maintenance unit will begin?
- (d) Which agency intends to hand over the construction of the new bypass road and flyover to the airport? Can you give details?

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Honorable chief minister (Mr. V. S. Achudhanandan): sir,

- (a) The first phase of construction of the new International Terminal at Thiruvananthapuram Airport was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India on November 1, 2006. Its construction is in progress on Rs.27.56 acres of land acquired by the government for this purpose. The terminal complex piling work will be completed by September 2007. About 250 workers are working for this. The Airport Authority has handed over the construction of the 24,000 sq m terminal complex to the Chennai-based construction consortium. Construction is going on here 24 hours a day. Now the work is going on as per the schedule.
- (b) The terminal is expected to be operational by December 2008
- (c) The government had allotted 5.8879 hectares of land to Air India for setting up the hangar unit, but the transfer of land was delayed due to settlement of some issues of the Trivandrum Rubber Works at that site. The issues of the Trivandrum Rubber Works

have been decided. This land can be transferred immediately. Once the land is acquired, Air India intends to complete the work within a year and a half.

- (d) It has been handed over to the public sector undertaking Kitco. The Trivandrum Airport Development Society has appointed Kitco, a public sector undertaking, as the project management consultancy / implementing agency for the construction of the new approach road to the airport at an estimated cost of Rs.15 crore. The target is to complete the work within a year

Smart city Agreement

*15 [15] Prof. N. Jayaraj:

Mr. C.F. Thomas:

Mr. Thomas Unniyadan: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) What stage is the Smart City deal in now?
(b) Whether land acquisition proceedings have been initiated on the basis of the said agreement

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Honorable chief minister (Mr. V. S. Achudhanandan): sir,

- (a) Steps have been taken to bring the infrastructure such as roads, electricity and water, which the government is obliged to provide under the Smart City project, to the project area. This has been discussed twice with TECOM. Of the 246 acres to be leased, 222 acres are in the process of being acquired. The lease deed to this and the M.o.A and .A.O.A. Has already been approved. The government has nominated a nominee chairman and director to the company. TECOM has started the process of preparing the master plan and is expected to lay the foundation stone by September itself.
- (b) Yes, Of the 246 acres, 222 acres have been acquired and rehabilitation work is being completed to acquire the remaining 24 acres.

Smart City Contract-Land Acquisition

*16 [16] Mr. M.M.Yusuf:

Mr. C.M. Dineshmani:

Mr. M.M Monai:

Mr. K. K. Jayachandhran:

Mr. A. K. Jacob: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Can you clarify the steps already taken to start the project after the signing of the Smart City agreement?
- (b) What all steps are left to complete?
- (c) Whether the land acquisition process has been completed
- (d) Can you clarify the steps taken to intensify the work?

Honorable chief minister (Mr. V. S. Achudhanandan): sir,

- (a) Steps have been taken to bring the infrastructure such as roads, electricity and water, which the government is obliged to provide under the Smart City project, to the project area. This has been discussed twice with TECOM. Of the 246 acres to be leased, 222 acres are in the process of being acquired. The lease deed to this and the M.O.A. and O. A. has already been approved. The government has nominated a nominee chairman and director to the company. TECOM has started the process of preparing the master plan and is expected to lay the foundation stone by September itself.

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(b & c) Of the 246 acres, 222 acres have been acquired and rehabilitation work is being completed to acquire the remaining 24 acres. There is a contract to lease from TECOM / SPV side. M. O. A and .A. O. A. also has to register. Steps are being taken to supply water and electricity to the project site as per the master plan prepared by Road and TECOM.

(D) A High Level Committee comprising of Secretaries and other officials of various departments chaired by the Chief Secretary has been constituted to organize and monitor the work to be done by the Government. This committee meets from time to time and takes necessary steps

Report on 'Creamy layer' delimitation

*17 [17] Mr. C. T ahammed ali:

Mr. Abdurahaman randathani:

Mr. P. K. Abdurab: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Whether the government has received the report of the Justice Rajendra Babu Commission appointed by the Supreme Court to determine the creamier limit; If so received; Will reveal its contents.
- (b) What action has the government taken on this?

(c) If no action is taken, please explain the reason.

(d) When the action against report will be taken.

Honorable chief minister (Mr. V. S. Achudhanandan): sir,

(a) The Commission submitted its interim report on 7-8-2007. According to the Central Government's Criteria 6, the annual income of the State Government has been fixed at Rs. 2.50 lakhs as per the criteria list 6 of the Central Government.

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(b) (d) 36/00 / SCSTD. It has been clarified that the income earned from cleaning should not be added to the salary when the cream layer is determined. S.U. on 25-05-2007. (P) 46/2007 /SCSTD . As per the Timber Commission I have issued an order implementing my interim recommendations

Small scale industries

*18 [18] Mr. B. Raghavan:

Mr. V. N. Vasavan:

Mr. raju Abraham:

Mr. M. M. Monai:

Mr. P.T.A Raheem: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions?

(a) Is there any plan to promote and help small scale industries? If so, will the details be disclosed?

(b) Will the steps to start industries be simplified?

(c) Whether it intends to amend the law to make the single window system more efficient

(d) The project aims to attract women entrepreneurs in the small business sector

(e) Will it disclose how many small entrepreneurs were registered last year?

Minister of industries (Mr. Elamaram kareem): sir,

(a) Small business promoters have been organizing seminars, trainings and investor meetings to discuss with investors and provide the necessary assistance to obtain

eligible loans and investments from financial institutions. In addition, the following schemes are being implemented to promote small scale industries.

1. State Capital Investor Subsidy
2. Margin money loan
3. Affected Industrial Rehabilitation Project
4. Assistance to Industrial Co-operative Societies
5. Comprehensive Industrialization Program

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6. Technology and innovation program
7. Marketing Development Plan
8. Assistance to agro-based food processing industries
9. Promotion of production of products
10. Assistance to the handicraft industry

And CIDCO, SSI. Assists in the supply and marketing of raw materials required for the units. Government Semi-Government Institutions make the required orders available to the units registered with CIDCO. In addition, sheds and land in 17 industrial estates, 36 mini industrial estates and 7 industrial parks under CIDCO will be leased to industrial entrepreneurs. Provided on condition and long term lease.

- (b) Intends to simplify the proceedings. In addition, a committee has been set up to submit proposals for simplification of licensing procedures.
- (c) "Kerala Single Window Clearance Act 1999", Steps are being taken to amend.
- (d) During the year 2006-2007, 2,659 small scale industrial units were registered. 1759 Industrial Enterprises have filed Memorandum under Part-ii as on 31-3-2007 under MSMED Act.

Construction of canal from Mullaperiyar Dam to Tamil Nadu

*19 [19] Mr. K. Sivadasan nair:

Mr. C. P. muhammed;

Mr. M. Murali: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Is the Tamil Nadu building canal from the Mullaperiyar Dam through Bodinayakannur? If so, did the knowledge and permission of Kerala have been made available in this regard?
- (b) Is it legal to carry water from Mullaperiyar Dam through the said canal?
- (c) Has Kerala given permission to Tamil Nadu to carry water to more places than stated in the original agreement?

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- (d) Can you explain why the Central Government, which did not allow the construction of dams or other works for the benefit of Kerala in the forests within Kerala, allowed Tamil Nadu to cut down the forest through the forests of Kerala without questioning in court?

Honorable chief minister (Mr. V. S. Achudhanandan): sir,

- (a) Tamil Nadu does not dig canals to carry water directly from Mullaperiyar Dam to Bodinayakannur. The water carried by the bridge from Mullaperiyar, Tamil Nadu, is conveyed to the lower camp in Tamil Nadu and then returned to Bodinayakannur. The canal dug for this purpose is entirely in Tamil Nadu. It does not require the permission of Kerala
- (b) Tamilnadu carries water only through the existing tunnel from mullaperiyar.
- (c) As per the terms of the Periyar Lease Agreement, Tamil Nadu is entitled to all the water flowing into or below the leased area up to 155 feet contour in the lower reaches of the river. The agreement does not stipulate how Tamil Nadu should store this water in which area.
- (d) The question does not arise on the basis of the answer of 'a'

State civil service formation

*20 [20] Mr. G. karthikeyan:

Prof. K. V. Thomas:

Mr. K. Achuthan: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Whether the State intends to form a civil service. If so, will it reveal its current status?
- (b) How it intend to make an appointment to the said service?
- (c) Does the formation of the said service reduce the promotion chances of those in the state service?

(d) Are there any factors that could adversely affect existing employees; Will the details be revealed

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Honorable chief minister (Mr. V. S. Achudhanandan): sir,

(a) – (d) The Ninth Report of the Kerala Administrative Reforms Committee, which was set up to submit recommendations for the smooth and efficient functioning of the existing administration, contains recommendations on the formation of the Kerala Civil Service. But after detailed discussions and deliberations, it was decided that a detailed implementation plan would suffice. Initial discussions with various organizations in this regard during the previous government were held at various levels but no consensus was reached. Many practical difficulties were thus noted. After considering the complaints of the organizations that this would adversely affect the various existing services to some extent, it was decided that this matter needs detailed discussion and scrutiny after coming to power.

Food Advisory Vigilance Committees

*21 [21] Mr. K. raju:

Mr. N. Anirudhan

Mr. Pallapram balan:

Mrs. E. S. Bijimol:

Mr. A. A. chandran: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Whether food advisory vigilance committees have been formed in the state; If so, please clarify the structure and objectives of these committees
- (b) Will it be revealed in which districts and taluks in the state such committees have been formed?
- (c) Can you explain the functioning of the monitoring cells set up to prevent inflation and review prices?

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry (Mr. C. Divakaran): Sir,

- (a) Yes, The State Level Food Advisory Council, which has been reconstituted with the Hon'ble Minister of State for Food as the Chairman and the Secretary Convener of the Department of Food, consists of representatives of various political parties, trade union representatives, members of NGOs working in the consumer sector and heads of relevant departments. At the district level, District Food Advisory Vigilance Committees are formed consisting of representatives of each of the political parties represented in the Legislative Assembly, representatives of the District Trade Awakening Organization, all MPs and MLAs in the district, representatives of consumer organizations, the District Panchayat President, the Municipal Secretary / Chairman and the Leader of the Opposition in the District Panchayat.

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The objectives of the Food Advisory Vigilance Committee are to make the public distribution system smooth, transparent and efficient, and to ensure that rations are delivered to consumers in the quantities, quality, weight and price permitted. The Food Advisory Councils have been directed to bring to the notice of the Heads of Departments any irregularities or corruption in the Public Distribution System and to take action in their presence.

- (b) Food Advisory Committees are being reorganized in all the districts. Steps are being taken to reorganize the panchayat level committees and convene meetings.
- (c) The Price Monitoring Cell has been set up at the district level to review the prices and conduct raids in the public market as per the government directive to curb inflation. Special squads have been formed in all the taluks for inspection in the public market. The squad includes officials from the Legal Metrology, Food Inspector and Police departments. These squads inspect the public market every month and take legal disciplinary action against the culprits.

Ceiling limit

*22 [22] Mr. K. Achuthan:

Mr. N. Shakthan:

Mr. N. P. Anilkumar: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Whether the Rajendra Babu Commission appointed by the government to determine the ceiling has submitted its interim report

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- (b) how much It suggests to be the ceiling should be?
- (c) Whether the amount recommended for fixing the ceiling in the interim report is equal to the amount fixed by the Central Government
- (d) Whether the Central Government has exempted certain communities from the income limit for determining the ceiling? If not, please explain why?

Honorable chief minister (Mr. V. S. Achudhanandan): sir,

- (a) The Interim Report has been submitted on 7-8-2007
- (b) Rs.2.50 lakh till the final report get received
- (c) Yes
- (d) No
- (e) The state government has exempted communities engaged in traditional occupations from the income limit.

Self sufficiency in milk production

*23 [23] Mr. varkala kuhaar: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) How much milk is required per day in the state?
- (b) How much milk does the state produce in it?
- (c) In the case of milk, when it is intended to achieve self-sufficiency.
- (d) Can you explain what steps have been taken for that?

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry (Mr. C. Divakaran): Sir,

(a) It is estimated that Rs.80 lakh liters of milk is required for daily distribution in the state

(b) As on 2006-07, it is estimated that Rs.55.91 lakh liters of milk is produced in the State per day.

(c & d) Cattle village, milk shed development, extensive fodder cultivation, quality fodder moderate availability, intensive livestock development, special calf management scheme, veterinary control, control and control of diseases, aimed at achieving self-sufficiency in milk production. Projects such as import of bullock bullocks, infertility prevention camps for testing and treatment of infertile cows and cadres, Dairy Development and Animal Husbandry Departments, k. L. D. The board is also jointly planning and implementing.

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The Quality of Milk

24 [24] Mrs.P.Ayisha potti:

Mr. P. P.Abdullakutty:

Mr. B. D.Devassy:

Mr. M.J.Jacob:

Mr. K. kunjamath master: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Has it been noticed that many of the milks marketed in the state under different brands are of poor quality?
- (b) What is the current system for checking the quality of milk?
- (c) Which brands have been prosecuted over the past year for lack of quality?
- (d) Will action be taken to strengthen the supply of Milma milk?

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry (Mr. C. Divakaran): Sir,

(a) Yes

(b) Food inspectors under the Department of Health are collecting and testing samples under the Prevention of Food Alteration Act (PFA) to ensure the quality of milk and dairy

products marketed in the State. In addition, Dairy Development Department officials collect and inspect samples in accordance with the Milk and Milk Product Order (MMPO) of the Commodity Control Act and check the diary to ensure that the milk and dairy products are clean and safe.

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He is also the Director of the Dairy Development Department of the State Registering Authority, which registers diaries that process and market milk and dairy products, as per the Milk and Milk Product Order. Therefore, the District Quality Control Officers of the Dairy Development Department have the power to collect and test milk samples from the market. Statutory testing of milk and dairy products is also being done at the Alampur Laboratory of the Dairy Development Department approved by the MMPO.

- (c) As many as 3,364 market milk samples were tested till February last financial year and departmental action was taken against the manufacturers of 237 substandard samples to curb low quality and adulterated marketing. In addition, the Milk Vigilance Squad has registered a case against 4 companies during the inspection. In addition, the processing capacity of Nirmal Vanitha Society has been reduced from 33,000 liters to 24,000 liters as per the MMPO Act. The marketing of Kamadhenu Priyanka and other brands in Kerala was banned
- (d) Milma is implementing various schemes to maximize production to make milk supply more efficient. Milma has its own system for milk distribution.

Chief Minister Relief Fund.

*25 [25] Mr. V. sasikumar:

Mr. C. K. P. padmanaban:

Mr. P. vishwan:

Mr. George M Thomas:

Mr. P. Krishnaprasad: : will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) For those who are suffering due to the monsoon, will you disclose how much money has been spent so far this year from the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund?
- (b) Can you elaborate on the steps taken to receive donations to the Disaster Relief Fund?

(c) What is the amount allocated by the Central Government for the relief of monsoon and pandemic flu?

(d) To get the relief you deserve from the center. Can you elaborate on the steps taken by the government?

Honorable chief minister (Mr. V. S. Achudhanandan): sir,

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(a) Rs. 9,07,78,500 has been disbursed to various districts from the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund from 2007 to 31 8 2007. Out of this Rs.5 crore has been provided for kit distribution in Chikungunya affected areas, Rs. 47.78 lakh for free ration distribution and `20 lakh for financial assistance to the dependents of those who died due to pandemic in Pathanamthitta and Malappuram districts. No special allocation is made from the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund for monsoon relief alone. There is a Natural Disaster Relief Fund for this purpose Rs.9,07,78,500 has been disbursed to various districts from the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund from 2007 to 31 8 2007. Out of this Rs.5 crore has been provided for kit distribution in Chikungunya affected areas, Rs.47.78 lakh for free ration distribution and `20 lakh for financial assistance to the dependents of those who died due to pandemic in Pathanamthitta and Malappuram districts. No special allocation is made from the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund for monsoon relief alone. There is a Natural Disaster Relief Fund for this purpose.

(a) Circular No. 67240 / D.D.N / 07 / PO issued on 9-8-2007 to receive donations from Government / Semi-Government / Public / Co-operative Employees including teachers to the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund. The Hon'ble Chief Minister issued a request to the public on 31-7-2007 for donations to the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund and convened a meeting of Banks, Public Sector Undertakings, IT Institutions, Residence Associations, Recognized Service Organizations, Trade Unions, Private Institutions and Trade and Industry Representatives on 16-8-2007. They have requested their help and they have offered their cooperation. Steps have been taken to accept donations on this basis.

(b) The Central Government has sanctioned Rs.50 crore to the State Government for assistance and other relief activities to those affected by the monsoon in June-July 2007. In addition, this year's central share of Rs.70.70 crore from the State Disaster Relief Fund has already been sanctioned in 2 installments.

Information will be provided on the amount received from the Central Government for the relief of pandemic flu.

(c) The monsoon damage was assessed by representatives of various departments. A delegation led by the Chief Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, including various party leaders and MPs, met the Prime Minister and submitted a petition. The Chief

Minister submitted a petition to the Union Home Minister requesting that maximum relief be provided to Kerala as it deserves. Damage estimates were prepared and submitted to the Central Government. A memorandum was initially submitted to the Central Government estimating the damage at Rs 1432.32 crore. An inter-ministerial team of the Central Government also visited the state and assessed the damage. Based on the additional damages collected during this period, the total damage is estimated at `1532.34 crore and out of which` 541.29 crore as per the Calamity Relief Criteria with a supplementary memorandum a request has been submitted to the Central Government.

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IT Finishing Schools

*26 [26] Mr. M.V. shreyams kumar;

Mr. A. K. Premnadh;

Mr. Jose Thettiyl;

Mr. K.P. Mohanan: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the

following questions:

- (a) Are there IT Finishing Schools currently functioning in the state? If so, please clarify the details
- (b) Can you elaborate on the state IT policy on starting IT finishing schools?
- (c) Can you clarify the government's position on starting new IT finishing schools?
- (d) Will action be taken to utilize the services of public sector entities like Keltron to start new IT finishing schools?

Honorable chief minister (Mr. V. S. Achudhanandan): sir,

(a) At the government level, IT finishing schools are not functioning at present

(b&c) Establishing finishing schools with industry participation is part of the IT policy. Steps have been taken by IT Mission, IHD and other agencies to set up finishing schools. The government will provide the necessary incentives to experienced private entrepreneurs to come forward to start a finishing school.

(d) An agreement has been reached with the public sector IHRD to start new IT finishing schools. Action will be taken on receipt of other proposals.

Backyard Home Delivery Scheme

*27 [27] Mr. Mangodu Radhakrishnan:

Mr. P. Thilothaman:

Mr. Pallipram balan:

Mr. Rajaji mathew Thomas:

Mr.E.S. Bijimol : Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Whether a plan has been drawn up for the delivery of daily necessities to the backyard

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- (b) What are the steps taken so far to implement this project?
(c) Can you clarify whether it is proposed to give priority to Kudumbasree and mail co-operative society for the implementation of the scheme?

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry (Mr. C. Divakaran): Sir,

- (a) Supplyco has developed a scheme called e-retailing to deliver daily necessities to the backyard. Through the existing seven mobile maveli, essentials are being delivered to each residential area and traded. In addition, there is a scheme for door delivery to each panchayat area and home through the stretch retailing scheme.
(b) Construction of a computer website for the e-retailing project is in progress. Although women under the age of 35 with autorickshaw driving licenses affiliated through Kudumbasree have been canvassed for stretch retailing, no one other than an agent has come forward to take over the agency as the current margin rate is low. Therefore, steps are being taken to revamp the existing scheme.
(c) The purpose of this stretch retailing scheme is to recruit deserving young women who are members of Kudumbasree in connection with the Kudumbasree District Centers. In their absence, consideration will be given to including male support groups who are willing to cooperate with the project.

Thiruvananthapuram - Kasargod National Waterway

*28 [28] Mr. K. Kunjraman:

Mr.V.N.Vasavan:

Mr. M.M .Arif:

Mr. M. K. purushothaman:

Mr. K.V. Abdul Khader: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions;

- (a) Can you elaborate on the progress of construction work of Thiruvananthapuram- Kasaragod National Waterway?
- (b) Which part of the work has been completed.

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- (c) When will the work for the development of the waterway from Kollam to Kovalam be completed?
- (d) When is it expected to complete the Construction of the national waterway ?

Honorable chief minister (Mr. V. S. Achudhanandan): sir,

- (a) Various works to make the National Waterway traffic-friendly are nearing completion this year. Land acquisition for Punnamada Lake Cargo Terminal is nearing completion. Steps are also being taken to remove Chinese nets from the canals.
- (b) Information on the constructed sections of National Waterway III will be collected from IWAI. Reconstruction of parts of the State Waterway under the 12th Finance Award has already begun.
- (c) Renovation of Kollam to Kovalam waterway is targeted to be completed by 2010.
- (d) During the review meeting chaired by the Chief Minister on 22-5-2007 on the development of waterways in Kerala, the IWAI authorities assured that the entire work of making the National Waterways-III fully navigable would be completed by November 2007. The work is expected to be completed by October.

Basic upgrade of KMML

*29 [29] Mr. K. Babu:

Mr. G. Kaarthikeyan:

Prof.K.V.Thomas: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions?

- (a) Can you clarify what steps were taken during the previous UDF government for the basic modernization process of KMML?
- (b) How much has been spent on the renovation project so far?
- (c) Has the reform process been halted since this government came to power?
- (d) If so, can you explain why these projects were delayed from being implemented on time?

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Minister of Industries (Mr. Elamaram Kareem) sir,

(a) Approved for development works worth Rs.760 crore as per Government Order GO (MS) No. 46/2004 / ID No. dated 23-4-2004. The main projects were to set up a plant, a 1.35 lakh tonne synthetic retail plant and a 10 mld annual capacity de-salination plant. As per this, orders worth Rs.431 crore were given to various agencies. Tender procedures for the remaining equipment required for the project have started.

(b) An amount of Rs.56 crore has been spent.

(c and d) he Board of Directors of the Company has informed the Government that it has decided to reconsider the said plans in the wake of numerous complaints regarding the awarding of contracts contrary to the GO (MS) 46/04 ID Order dated 23-4-2004 and the granting of power of attorney to the consultancy Mecon to execute the said contract. It is being examined by the government.

Defects in the first mass planning

*30 [30] Mr. A.P.Anilkumar:

Mr. N. shakthan:

Mr. B. Babu Prasad: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Whether Mr.M.O. Oommen was appointed as the Commissioner to submit a report on the shortcomings in the implementation of the First People's Plan. If so, can you clarify what it is?
- (b) Does the commission submitted the report.
- (c) What are its main recommendations?

(d) If the report of the Commission is not received, will it be clarified at what stage it is functioning?

Honorable chief minister (Mr. V. S. Achudhanandan): sir,

- (a) Has been appointed. Appointed as per Order No. SO (Ordinary) NO.326 / 07 / TSVB dated 30-1-2007.
- (b) No
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Preliminary discussions and detailed studies have begun.

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(2) Answers to unstarred questions.

Expenditure on various items for Ministers and Personal Staff.

1 [1] Mr. Varkala kuhaar: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) How much have all the ministers in the current cabinet received so far in salaries, allowances, TA, DA and medical reimbursement?
- (b) How much has been spent so far on the phone and mobile phone provided to all the present ministers in their office, official residence and residence in the constituency?
- (c) How much money have the current ministers spent so far on hospitality for all?
- (d) How much has been spent so far on the meetings of the current cabinet?
- (e) What is the total amount so far in the allowances, TA, DA and medical reimbursement of all the personal staff of the present Ministers?
- (f) How much has been spent so far on the telephones and mobile phones provided to the personal staff of all the existing ministers in their offices and residences?
- (g) Can you elaborate on the total expenditure incurred on all the above items for the present Ministers and their personal staff?

Answers

(a) --- (g) 'Information is being collected'

Amounts Spent on Salaries and Allowances of Ministers

2 [2] Mr.P.C.Vishnunadh: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Since this Government coming to power , how much has each Minister received in the form of Salaries and Allowances?
- (b) How much has each Minister purchased in the form of Medical Reimbursement during this period?

Answers

(a & b) The information is appended to Appendix I&II

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3 [3] Mr. G. Karthikeyan: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(a) How much TAs and DAs have each minister received so far since this government came to power?

(b) Can you please clarify the amount of TA and DA due to these Ministers till 31st August 2007?

Answers

(a) The amount received by each Minister in TA / DA after coming to power of this Government can be seen in Appendix 'A'.

(b)The period for which each Minister has claimed TA / DA is given in Appendix 'A'. As this will be commensurate with the official travel of the TA / DA Ministers who were due by August 31, 2007, the relevant details will be available only after the TA / DA claim.

Accommodation Exp. of Ministers in New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai

*4 [4] Mr.M.Murali: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(a) How many days has each minister stayed in New Delhi since this government came to power?

(b) How many days did each minister stay in Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai during this period?

Answers

(a & b) Information is being collected

Phone costs of ministers

5 [5] Mr. K.Babu: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Since this government came to power, how much money has been spent on the phone in the office, phone at the official residence and the phone at the residence in the constituency of each minister?

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- (b) Can you please clarify how much has been spent on phone purchase and charge items for each minister during this period?
- (c) Has the PABX system been introduced in the office of any Minister? If so, which all Ministers office?

Answers

- (a) Included in appendix 'a'
- (b) Included in appendix 'b'
- (c) Included in appendix 'c'

The amount spent by the ministers for hospitality

6 [6] Mr. K. C. Venugopal: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

Can you explain how much each minister has spent on hospitality since this cabinet came to power?

Answers

Since this Cabinet coming to power, the amount expended by each Minister for hospitality is added as appendix:

Airfare fot the Minister of PWD

7 [7] Mr. P.C. George: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Can you elaborate on the air fares paid by the Minister of Maintenance from 1st January 2007 to 22nd August 2007. Out of following how much is the fare paid in Kerala for air fares?

- (b) Has a special cabinet decision been taken on behalf of the concerned minister to allow such air travel within the state?

Answers

- (a) From January 1, 2007 to August 22, 2007, the Minister of Maintenance spent Rs. 7,781 (only seven thousand seven hundred and eighty one rupees) from the Department of Public Administration (accounts a) .This amount is the only airfare paid in Kerala.
- (b) No.
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Number and rank of personal staff of Ministers.

8 [8] Mr.C.P.Muhammed: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

How many personal staff members are there for each of these Ministries? What is the rank of each of them?

Answers

The information is appended.

Salaries, allowances, etc. of those on the personal staff of the Ministers

9 [9] Mr.M.A.Vahid: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

- (a) How much of the personal staff of each of the current ministers has so far received in the form of salaries and allowances?
- (b) How much of the TA and DA received by the personal staff of each of the existing ministers so far?
- (c) How much does the personal staff of each Ministers received so far in the form of Medical Reimbursement?

Answers

- (a) Details including salary, allowances and other allowances such as Festival Allowance / Bonus, Assembly Overtime Allowance, Uniform Allowance and End Leave Surrender borrowed by Non-Gazetted Employees in the Personal Staff of each of the present Ministers till 31-8-2007 is added in the appendix 'a'.

Information is collected on the salaries and allowances of self-drawing (guest) officers in the personal staff of ministers.

(b) Details regarding this are given in Appendix 'B'.

(c) Details regarding this are given in Appendix 'C'.

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TA/DA of personal staff of Ministers.

10 [10] Mr. B. Babu Prasad: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

How much of the TA / D.A item has been borrowed by each of the personal staff of the current Ministers? Will they disclose the amount they have borrowed in the form of Medical Reimbursement so far?

Answers

Answer added as appended

Phones allotted to personal staff of ministers

11 [11] Mr. N. Shakthan: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

(a) How many personal staff of present minister have given phones in their office and residence?

(b) How much has been spent so far on phone calls on these telephones?

(c) Who all among the personal staff of ministers are provided telephones in government expense. How much has been spent on this so far.

Answers

(a & b) Personal staff use phones provided in the office for the official use of ministers. The appendix also includes details of phones provided at the personal staff's residences and the cost of telephone calls.

(c) Amount spent on purchase of mobile phone for 6 personal staff by government is Rs..27,870

TA / DA of the Opposition Leader

12 [12] Mr. V.J. Thankappan: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

(a) How much the opposition leader received after this government came to power.

(b) Among this how much have been spent on air travel.

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Answers

(a & b) Since this government coming to power till 31-7-2007, the Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition has received a total of Rs.4, 96,643 in TA / DA and airfares. Rs.3, 55,164 as TA/DA & Rs.1, 41,479 for air travel expense.

Expenditure on tea party reception of opposition leader

13 [13] Mr. Anathalavattom Anandhan: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

Will it be made clear how much have been spent on tea party reception of opposition leader after this government came into power.

Answers

No amount has been spent on tea party reception of opposition leader after this government came to power.

TA/DA of personal staff of opposition leader

14 [14] MR.V.J Thankappan: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

After this government came to power how much was spent on providing TA/DA for personal staff of opposition leader.

Answers

After this government came to power Rs. 48,058 was spent on TA/DA for personal staff of opposition leader.

Expense on opposition leader residence

15 [15] Mr. Anathalavattom Anandhan: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

Can you clarify how much money has been spent on repairing the residence of the Leader of the Opposition and buying furniture since this government came to power?

Answers

Since this government came to power Rs.4,88,457 has already been spent on repairs to the Leader of the Opposition's residence and Rs.10,944 on furniture purchases.

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Telephone bill of opposition leader

16 [16] Mr. V.J Thankappan: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

- (a) How much did the opposition leader spend on telephone charges after this government came to power.
- (b) Can you separate the amount of mobile and landline phones in it?

Answers

- (a) So far, the telephone allotted to the Leader of the Opposition had charged Rs. 2,80,034.
- (b) No amount has been spent on charging of telephone.

Number of files which Ministers took decision

17 [17] Mr. V.D.Satheeshan: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

Can you tell me how many days each minister has spent in the state capital since this government came to power and how many files each minister has taken decision during this period?

Answers

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Cabinet meetings and expenditure

18 [18] Prof: K.V.Thomas: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

- (a) How many cabinet meetings was held after this government came to power.

(b) How much was the expense for food and beverages for this meetings.

Answers

(a) 80 cabinet meeting was held after this government came to power.

(b) Cabinet meetings held after this government came to power had an expense of Rs.1,51,717 in accordance with snacks provided.

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Complaint that the wife of a cabinet member got a job on the basis of a fake certificate

19 [20] Mr. Abdurahiman randathani:

Mr. U.C.Raman: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

- (a) Have you noticed the statement of a student union leader that the wife of a cabinet minister in the state got a job at Peringalam West Muzhikkara L.P School in Kannur district in 1979-80 by producing a fake TCH certificate and got dismissed for this reason?
- (b) Does the government accept the request for vigilance investigation in view of the job they got by fooling the government by giving fake certificates?
- (c) Will the name and details of person asking for investigation revealed
- (d) Has the government taken any action against the person who entered the government service in this manner? If so, what are the steps taken?
- (e) If not, will action be taken immediately to reconsider the matter?

Answers

(a) Not noticed

(b –e) Question not arising

State NGO Institutions

20 [21] Mr. K. Kunjiraman: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

How many non-governmental organizations (NGOs) operating in the state have received foreign funding and how much has they received?

Answers

Bonus increase for government employees

21 [22] Mr. K.Achuthan:

Mr. P.C.Vishnunadh:

Mr. K.C.Venugopal: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

- (a) Can you elaborate on the suggestions received from the organizations regarding the increase in this year's bonus for government employees?
- (b) What were the suggestions made by each service organization in this regard? Did the government consider these suggestions?
- (c) Can you explain which suggestions were accepted in it?

Answers

- (a) (1) Allow one month's salary as a bonus without any salary limit for all government employees
- (2) To increase onam advance for government employees
- (b) The above instructions were given by all the service organizations. These proposals were considered by the government
- (c) (1) Increased salary limit to Rs.6000 for providing bonus
- (2) Increased onam advance to Rs.1000

New Salary Reform

22 [23] Mr. P.C.Vishnunadh: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

- (a) Are some junior officers getting paid more than some senior section officers in the Administrative Secretariat as a result of the new pay revision?
- (b) Has the government received any request to resolve this? If so, from whom
- (c) How many of these have received inspection reports from the Accountant General regarding salary irregularities?
- (d) Has the government issued an order resolving the anomaly in the cases examined by the accountant general?

(e) If not, will action be taken without delay?

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Answers

- (a) Yes
- (b) Yes, Added in the appendix
- (c) Inspection report has been received from accountant general for 71 persons matter
- (d) No
- (e) Steps to fix the anomaly are in progress

Pending files in government offices

23 [24] Mr.K.K.Shaju: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

- (a) Can you explain how many files have been lying dormant in government offices for more than a month?
- (b) Can you clarify what steps will be taken to reduce the number of file movement layers and expand the modern systems including computerization so that a decision can be taken within a week on applications?

Answers

(a & b) information being collecting.

Pending files in secretariat

24 [25] Mr.T.N.Prathapan: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

- (a) As on 31-7-2007, how many files are pending in each department of the Secretariat of Finance and Law?
- (b) Among this how many of them are pending for more than 2 years
- (c) How many files are there which is old than 1 year but less than 2 year.
- (d) Files re-opened after being added to the call book which is more than two years old from the date they were first started to the current date. How many such files are there?

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Answers

- (a) As on 31-7-2007, 130376 files are pending. The figures for each department are appended.
- (b) There are 13172 files which are more than 2 years.
- (c) 17198 files are there which are older From one year to 2 years
- (d) Information being collecting

Files pending in the office of the Head of Department

25 [26] Mr.T.N.Prathapan: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions.

- (a) How many files are pending in the office of head of the department as on 31-7-2007
- (b) How many of these files are there that can only be terminated if the orders at the secret level are received?
- (c) Is there a system of holding monthly conference between the Secretariat Department and the Office of the Head of the concerned Department to expedite the decision on the files which have to be decided at the Secretariat level and the decision of the Heads of Departments is pending due to non-receipt of the final report?
- (d) If so, will you disclose how many such conferences have taken place since this ministry came into existence?

Answers

- (a) — (d) Information is being collected

Efficiency of the Civil Service

26 [27] Mr.C.K.P.padmanabhan: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions

- (a) Can you clarify the steps taken to increase efficiency of civil service.
 - (b) Has a meeting of service organizations been convened for this purpose?
 - (c) What steps have been taken to Minimize and simplify the rules and regulations?
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- (d) Has this government taken any disciplinary action since coming to power on the grounds of inefficiency? If so, against how many?

Answers

- (a) In order to make the functioning of the government offices more efficient, the actions of each department are periodically reviewed and recommendations are given. The five-day rule ensures timely submission of mail and files. During the respective years, the department prepares and submits the report containing the constructive suggestions for the efficiency of the department after conducting inspections by the various departments and the departmental code recommends that necessary steps be taken on the matters mentioned in the report. The respective departments are following these instructions and taking action.

- (b) Yes

(c & d) Information is being collected

Steps taken for efficient civil service

27 [28] Mr.B.Raghavan: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions

- (a) Can you elaborate on the steps taken by this government after coming to power to build an efficient civil service?
- (b) Will action be taken to organize file disposal 'campaign' in all departments?

Answers

- (a) In order to make the functioning of the government offices more efficient, the actions of each department are periodically reviewed and recommendations are given. The five-day rule ensures timely submission of mail and files. During the respective years, the department prepares and submits the report containing the constructive suggestions for the efficiency of the department after conducting inspections by the various departments and the departmental code recommends

that necessary steps be taken on the matters mentioned in the report. The respective departments are following these instructions and taking action.

(b) Will be checked

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Duties of the Planning Board

28 [29] Mr.M.V.Shreyams Kumar: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions

- (a) Can you clarify the functions and powers of the State Planning Board?
- (b) Did the Planning Board prepare the guidelines of the Local Self Government Department for the 10th Five Year Plan?
- (c) Whether it is the Planning Board that has made the guidelines of the Local Self Government Department of the Eleventh Five Year Plan. If not explain the reason
- (d) Whether the guidelines for the Local Self Government Department include guidelines for other departments. If so, please clarify the details
- (e) Will the position be clarified regarding the devolution of powers to the Panchayats and the transfer of powers, relocation and promotion of the employees coming under the Panchayats?

Answers

- (a) Information on the functions and powers of the State Planning Board is attached herewith
- (b) Yes
- (c) No, but the guideline prepared by the Planning Board after detailed discussions with the Vice-Chairman, Member and Secretary and with their approval has been issued by the Local Self Government Department with the approval of the Cabinet.
- (d) No, the guidelines have been issued by the Department of Local Self Government regarding the planning processes being implemented in various sectors.
- (e) This is not currently considered

Second popular planning

29 [30] Mr.M.A.vahid:

Mr. Therambil Ramakrishnan:

Mr.C.P.Muhammed: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions

(a) Can you clarify how many meetings of the State Planning Board have discussed the Second People's Plan?

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(b) Will the Planning Board clarify what decisions will be made regarding its implementation?

(c) Can you elaborate on these decisions?

Answers

(a) --- (d) information being collecting.

Second popular planning project

30 [31] Mr.B.Babu Prasad:

Mr. N.Shakthan:

Mr.A.P.Anilkumar: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions

(a) Whether the Eleventh Plan of the State is intended to be implemented as the Second People's Plan. If so, which all committees have been formed for this purpose?

(b) Will a statement containing the names of the members of this committee be tabled?

Answers

(a) Yes.1 ten people Monitoring Committee has been constituted as per GO (Ordinary) 2366/07 / LSAD No as on.1-9-2007.

(b) Contains a copy of the order

Annual Plan 2006-2007

31 [32] Mr.Varkala Kuhar;

Mr. George Merciyar:

Mr. A.P.Anilkumar: will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions

(a) Can you clarify the amount allocated for 'key sectors' in the annual plan for 2006-2007? Can you please specify the amount spent for each sector?

(b) Can you explain what achievements were intended to be made in the key sectors this year? Can you tell us what achievements each sector has made in it?

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Answers

- (a) In the annual plan for 2006-2007, the Central Planning Commission had approved projects with an outlay of Rs.6210 crore. Details of Allocation and Expenditure for Key Sectors are given in Appendix 1.
- (b) Information on the achievements intended to be achieved in the key sectors during the financial year 2006-2007 is given in Appendix Two. Information on the physical achievements of the 2006-2007 Annual Plan is only available. Only when they are received can the achievements in each sector be made clear

2007-2008 Annual plan

32 [33] Mr.Aryadan Muhammed: the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions

- (a) Can you disclose the amount allocated for the 2006-2007 Annual Plan and how much was spent till March 31, 2007?
- (b) Can you indicate how much has been allocated to the core sectors and how much has been spent?
- (c) What is the budget for the 2007-2008 annual plan?
- (d) How much of this is allocated to the core sectors?
- (e) Has the project activity up to June 30, 2007 been evaluated? Can you give details?

Answers

- (a) The Annual Plan approved by the Planning Commission for the year 2006-2007 was Rs.6210 crore. But the budget allocation was Rs.6680 crore (excluding renewed requests). The project cost up to 31st March 2007 is Rs.4558.64 crore. This is 68 per cent of the plan outlay.
- (b) 888.06 crore has been allotted to the core sectors. Out of this Rs.769.74 crore was spent. This is 87 percent
- (c) The budget of the annual project in 2007-2008 was Rs 6950 crore.

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(D) The amount allocated to the core sectors is as follows:

1. Agriculture and allied services -368.48 crore
2. Irrigation and flood control -215.27 crore
3. Industry and minerals -151.04 crore.

(E) The project activity up to 30th June 2007 has been evaluated. An amount of Rs 395.64 crore has been spent up to June 30, 2007 on the basis of details available with the department. This is 6 percent of the plan outlay.

Eleventh Plan

33 [34] Prof. C. Ravindranath:

Shri. M. Prakashan Master:

Shri P.Jayarajan:

Shri K.V.Kunjhiraman:

Shri Alphonse Kannanthanam: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) What is the plan outlay allotted to the State in the Eleventh Plan?
- (B) Whether the Planning Commission has sanctioned the full amount required by the State Government; If not, in which areas the cuts have been made;
- (C) The increase in the plan outlay as compared to the Tenth Plan;
- (D) The total amount spent during the plan period out of the amount sanctioned under the Tenth Plan;
- (E) In what areas that the goal was not achieved?

Answer

(A&B) In the Eleventh Plan, projects worth Rs 40422 crore have been submitted to the State for approval by the Central Planning Commission. Only after the approval of the that schemes, then can the amount sanctioned and the deductions made be ascertained.

(D) Details of the increase in the plan outlay can be made available only after the approval of the Eleventh Plan.

(E) As per the provisional figures, an amount of Rs 20189.31 crore has been spent in the Tenth Plan till 31-3-2007.

(F) The relevant data can be verified only after the actual figures for the year 2006-07 are available.

Outlay of the Eleventh Five Year Plan

34 [35] Shri. Aryadan Muhammad : Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether calculated the estimated outlay of the State in the Eleventh Five Year Plan; If so, elaborate?

(B) Out of these, explain the amount allocated for the "core sector"?

Answer

(A&B) Projects involving Rs 40822 crore have been submitted for approval to the Central Planning Commission for the implementation of the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

The allocation for various sectors is attached herewith.+

Amount to be received from Central Govt. for the projects in the State

35 [36] Shri. K. Muhammadunni Haji: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) The amount received by the Central Government for various projects in Kerala since this Government came to power;

(B) Explain the amount of money allotted by the Central Government for various purposes without being spent;

(C) whether the Government has taken note of the statement of the Finance Minister of Kerala that there is no other state than Kerala which is so indifferent in spending the money allotted by the Central Government; If so, what action will be taken to ensure that the allotted funds are spent in a timely manner;

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D) Will the Government take steps to coordinate in Delhi like other states for obtaining schemes, benefits, proposals and follow-up from Central?

Answer

(A) Since this Government came to power, a total of Rs 1188.08 crore has been provided as Central Assistance in the form of Additional Assistance Schemes, Central Assistance Schemes and Foreign Assisted Schemes. Out of this Rs 234.69 crore was received in the form of loan and Rs 953.39 crore in the form of grant.

(B) The amount received in this item has not been noticed as lapse. If the amount received is not fully spent in the year in which it is received, it is used the following year with the permission of the Central Government.

(C) Yes. The Chairpersons of the concerned Departments are informed in due course that all the funds sanctioned by the Central Government will be spent in the same year. In order to utilize the entire amount in the same year, the follow-up steps of the project, such as granting administrative clearance and timely submission of utilization certificate to the Center, are being checked in time and necessary directions are being given to the concerned departments. However, there is also case that the amount is not fully utilized. Strong measures are needed to avoid it and to make full use of the allotted amount and to reap its benefits. The government has taken action for that.

(D) Like other states, Kerala has also a Office of Resident Commissioner in Delhi for availing schemes and benefits from Central. The M.P cell is activated at Kerala House in Delhi. It is believed that the M.P's from Kerala can bring the notice of the Central Government to get the information regarding projects and details from other State Governments and help to strengthen the co-ordination between them.

Amount allocated for core sectors

36 [37] shri T.N. Prathapan: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) The amount allocated to the 'Core sectors' in the 2006-07 plan; What was intended to be achieved in each sector at this time?

(B) What was the expenditure incurred on each of the 'Core sectors' for the year;

(C) For the current year, What percentage of the targets have been achieved in the 'Core sector' and what are the reasons for not achieving the full target?

Answer

(A) The amount allotted to 'Core sectors' in the scheme 2006-07 is Rs 888.06 crore. The following are some of the achievements intended to be achieved in each sector.

1. Agriculture & Related Services: Promoting organic farming, achieving targeted growth rates in agriculture, promoting special cattle rearing programs, promoting inland fisheries and aquaculture through integrated approaches, conservation of natural forests and increasing milk production.

2. Irrigation and flood control: Timely completion of large and medium scale irrigation projects under construction, groundwater protection and coastal protection.

3. Industry and Minerals: Revival of Traditional Industries; promotion of handloom, Coir, Silk and Cashew Industries, activities of Kerala State Information Technology Mission, Expansion of Akshaya Project to Other Districts, Mission programs for development and poverty alleviation in Kerala and National e-Governance Action Plan.

(B) The actual figures for 2006-07 have not been published. According to provisional estimates, the expenditure incurred on the core sectors during 2006-07 is as follows:

1. Agriculture and allied services -369.13 crore
2. Irrigation and flood control - 161.56 crore
3. Industry and Minerals-238.65 crore

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(C) Provisional figures show that in 2006-07, 87 percent of the target was achieved in the 'core sector'. Only on the basis of the final figures for 2006-07 can the reasons for the non-achievable areas be clarified.

Price level of daily necessities

37 [38] Shri. K. Babu:

Shri. V.D. Satheesan :

Shri. P.C Vishnunath: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the Department of Economics and Statistics collects the prices of daily necessities and provides housing to the Government;

(B) whether there has been an increase in the prices of daily necessities as per the data collected by the department during the months of June, July and August 2007; If so, provide elaboration?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) There has been a slight increase in the price of some vegetables. The price raised things are from neighboring states and they are rapidly deteriorating. Climate, product availability, demand, transportation, post-harvest storage days, pest infestation, etc. are all factors that can cause price fluctuations. According to the Director of Economics and Statistics, there has been a slight increase in the prices of rice and coconut oil, which are subject to change during the season.

Monsoon damages in the State

38 [39] Shri. V. Surendran Pillai:

Shri Mons Joseph: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether a petition has been filed with the Central Government for assistance for monsoon damages in the State;

(B) Disclose where the Central team visited and what the follow-up action was;

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(c) How much money is demanded as compensation?

(d) Do you know if the Central Government has fixed the amount of compensation?

(e) Can you disclose the details if you have received prior assistance from the Central?

(f) Can you disclose how you intend to spend this amount?

ANSWERS

(a) Provided.

(b) Added in the appendix +. It is learned that the report of the Central Study Group will be submitted to the Central Home, Agriculture Departments.

(c) The government has estimated the damage at Rs 1532 crore, of which Rs 641.29 crore is eligible as per the norms of the Disaster Relief Fund.

(d) Don't know

(e) Yes, we have already received assistance of 50 crore from the National Emergency Relief Fund (N.C.C.F).

(f)Intends to utilize in accordance with existing standards.

STUDY OF TERRESTRIAL PHENOMENA IN WAYANAD

39. [40] Shri.K.C.Kunjiraman: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions?

(a) Whether steps have been taken to conduct a study on the terrestrial phenomena formed during monsoon in Wayanad district?

(b) If so, can the details of the study reports be made available?

ANSWER

(a)Yes.

(b)The landslide occurred in Thondermala-paalaamthodu region of Mananthavady taluk in Wayanad district. There is still a possibility of a rupture. Cracks have been found here in many areas, including tribal colonies.Such phenomena are caused by steep slopes and weak descents.Having a 5000 litre water storage tank in these areas poses a risk.Cracks have been found in Thavinjal Panchayath, Kunnamangalam field, Venmani Chembrapeek estate. In addition, in some places, the piping process, which causes tunnel-like cracks, has been observed.In the Kunnamangalam area, it is seen that about five acres of land has been razed.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE

40 [41] Shri. Joseph M Puthussery:

“ Roshi Augustine:

“ Thomas Chazhikkadan:Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions?:

(a)How many science and technology institutes are there in the state; Can you disclose how many of these are central government-controlled institutions and where they are located; Can you specify the areas of operation for each of these;

(b)What research is being done in these institutions; Whether the research results are being utilized in a way that is useful to the public; If so, can you explain how;

(c)Steps are being taken to hold impeachment by holding review meetings at the state level regarding the activities of the said institutions; If so, can you explain;

ANSWER

(a)There are 8 institutions under the control of the Department of Science and Technology. More information is being gathered. Of these, steps are being taken to bring the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology under the control of the Central Government. The institute is located at Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram. Advanced human capacity development of genetics is the main goal.

(b) 1. R.G.C.B. Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram:-Advanced research in genetics, molecular biology, bioinformatics, infectious diseases, DNA, fingerprinting, paternity.

2.T.B.G.R.I.Palode, Thiruvananthapuram:- Plant taxonomy, Studies in plant chemistry and research in plant protection

3.K.F.R.I. Peechi, Thrissur:- Forest and forest medicine mainly conducts research on forest resources, human encroachment and biodiversity.

4. C.W.R.D.M. Kunnamangalam, Kozhikode:- Studies on availability and utilization of water resources, ground water and surface water and water use quality and aquatic environmental studies.

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5. C.E.S.S. Aakulam, Thiruvananthapuram:-Studies and research on geology, natural disasters, coastal management and the environment.

6. N.A.T.P.A.C. Sasthra Bhavan, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram:-Conducts almost all mass contact events related to the transport sector.

7. S.T.E.D. Project, Kozhikode:-The main objectives are entrepreneurship development and job creation.

8. M.B.G.S. Kozhikode (Malabar Botanical Garden Society):-Aims to raise awareness about the genetic richness of aquatic plants and conservation of endangered aquatic plants.

Steps are being taken to disseminate the research results to the people directly and indirectly through the concerned departments.

(c) Yes, that is, through the Management Committee on Research Institutions, the Research Council and the Council, which is chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, gives clear directions for the organization's activities through its annual meetings and the Executive Committee above.

RAJIV GANDHI INSTITUTE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

41 [42] Shri. Thomas Unniyadan:

Shri.C F.Thomas:

Prof. N.Jayaraj: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(a) Has the decision to hand over the 'Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Biotechnology' to the Central Government been implemented;

(b) Will the state government have any control over the institution after the transfer;

(c) Are there any provisions included in the transfer agreement regarding the implementation of development activities in the said institution; If so, please clarify the details.

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ANSWER

(A,B and C) 'Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology' No Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed for the transfer to the Central Government. Steps have been taken for this.

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42 [43] Shri. Aryadan Muhammad:Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions more?

(a) When 'Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology' has been decided by the Central Government?

(b) Can you clarify when this institution was handed over by the Central Government;

(c) In the 2006-2007 Budget of the Central Government, 40 crore has been earmarked for this centre for today. Has it been able to spend for this institution; if not, can you explain why?

ANSWER

- (a) The Cabinet meeting held in 7-2-2007 took a decision in this regard and issued an order under 8-2-2007 G.O. (Handwritten) 2/2007/.S.T.D.
- (b) It has not been handed over to the Central Government and the necessary steps are being taken.
- (c) No notification has been received regarding the Central Government share for 2006-2007.

PROCEDURE FOR MAKING THE ADMINISTRATIVE LANGUAGE MALAYALAM

43 [44] Shri. M.Hamsa: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) What are the steps taken to make Malayalam the official language;
- (b) What are the recommendations of the commission set up to make Malayalam the official language. Will it reveal what recommendations are left to be implemented in this?
- (c) Are there any obstacles to translate all the orders, notes and government orders of the ministers into Malayalam; if so, will you reveal the details?

ANSWERS

- (a) To date, notifications have been issued in 69 Government Departments, their Administrative Departments in the Secretariat and 36 semi-Government Autonomous Public Sector Undertakings on the basis of official language. It is clear from the figures given by the departments that 50 per cent of the secretariat level and 80 per cent of the departmental level have achieved administrative language change. At the district and taluk levels, language change is almost complete in most departments. The codes of various departments, manuals and forms are scrutinized as they are translated into the respective departments. Tens of thousands of government officials have participated in the official language training program for government employees. Nila, Kaveri, the official Malayalam software developed by the government with the help of C-DIT to facilitate language change, is being used effectively in various offices. Books published by the government to facilitate language change have been provided to the departments in a timely manner. The annual Malayalam Day and Administrative Language Week celebrations have been able to convince officials, media representatives and the general public of the need for a change in the official language and the various steps taken in this regard.
- (b) The government has not set up a commission to make Malayalam the official language. The Government of 1987 received the report of the Committee constituted in 1985

under the chairmanship of Justice K.K. Narendran to study and report on the steps taken to make Malayalam the official language in the courts. On the basis of this report, the Government held several discussions with the esteemed High Court and finally in its deliberations on March 7, 2006 it was decided that there should be a permanent mechanism at the Government level to complete the 7 steps required to make the court language Malayalam before that. The 7 steps are given below.

1. Translate important orders, notifications etc. into Malayalam and print and distribute them free of cost for the use of the court.
2. Publish a law journal containing High Court judgments and Supreme Court notes.
3. Prepare and publish legal glossaries.
4. Create posts for the required Malayalam typists and short writers in the courts.
5. Distribute Malayalam Typewriter as required.

6. Give training to the judges as a part of changing the High Court language to Malayalam.

7. Make legal education in Malayalam

The Government is considering to set up a permanent system of the above-mentioned things to complete the procedures related to change the court language into Malayalam.

(C) No. In the departments where the administrative language has been changed to Malayalam also in their respective administrative departments in the secretariat and institutions, except in matters where it has been lawfully stipulated to use English and other minority languages, it has been directed in to use Malayalam for all official matters. In letter dealings the things in English or other minority languages and in notes and files, has been instructed to be written in Malayalam. It has also been instructed that the files written in Malayalam should not be translated to English in any situation.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF NARENDRAN COMMISSION

44[45] Sri.A.M.Areef: Will the Chief Minister please answer the questions given below:

(A) Could you explain how many of them should be terminated who got into jobs advised by the P.S.C. due to retroactive effect given to the package designed to implement the recommendations by Narendran Commission;

(B) How many of them are belonging to the minority community;

- (C) Has the situation been noticed that the jobs being lost because of not their own reason;
- (D) Could you explain what are the measures intended to be taken to protect their employment;
- (E) Will required actions be taken to avoid the loss of employment of individuals belonging to minority community due to the implementation of the report submitted by the commission formed for the welfare of minorities with retroactive effect?

ANSWER

- (A) 33 people
- (B) 27 people from minority community

(C&D) It has been noticed

(E&F) Actions will be taken after discussing with P.S.C.

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ACTIONS FOR BACKLOG FILLING

[45]46 Sri.K.Muhammadunni Haji: Will the Chief Minister please answer the questions given below:

- (A) Did the government, after coming into power, take any decision regarding filling the 'backlog' for the posts lost by some special minorities communities as found out by the Narendran Commission;
- (B) Has any discussion been conducted regarding this;
- (C) If not, will actions be taken to discuss the matter with the related individuals to fill this backlog;

ANSWER

(A,B & C) The information collected from P.S.C on 1-6-2007 about the 'backlog' due to N.C.A/O.C of minorities communities since June 1979 is attached with this.  Appropriate decision regarding this will be taken discussing the with the related individuals.

BACKWARD CLASS COMMISSION

46[47] Sri.Mankode Radhakrishnan: Will the Chief Minister please answer the questions given below:

- (A) Could you explain, individuals of which all categories are included in the O.B.C list:
- (B) Has any category submitted application to Backward Commission to be included in O.B.C category;
- (C) Please explain what all actions are taken regarding the present application;
- (D) Could you make it clear, the procedure to appoint Backward Commission is at which phase?

ANSWER

- (A) The OBC category as per list III of K.S. & S.S.R Part I.(The list is attached as Annexure).
- (B) & (C) The details about the applications to be include in the O.B.C category received by the Backward Commission and the actions taken regarding these applications is given below.

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The KIRTADS has been asked to conduct a study on the categories Nayidu, Kammara, Konkani, Latin Catholic, Vellala Shetty, Muvvari-Mukhari, Kaikkolan, Yadava and the subcastes Uralinair, Konar, Golla who has submitted the application. The report based on the study about Erumakkar, Marathi, Turkhar, Malavas who had also submitted application has already been received. The Commission will give the recommendations based on these study reports and the evidence collected by the Commission. Other than this the applications from categories like Kulanadii, Padmashaliya, Konkuvellala, Theeyakavutheeya, Shaiva Vellalla, Perumalaikallar, Ahamudayar, Cherpai, Nadar Christian has also been received.


(D) Presently there are three members in the Commission. The Chairman post is vacant. The Commission is working with S.C/S.T Principal Secretary and Member Secretary and Sri.Abdulsalam as member. Procedures are being undertaken to fill the vacant Chairman post.

SACHAR COMMISSION REPORT

47[48] Sri.C.T.Ahmed Ali: Will the Chief Minster please answer the questions given below:

- (A) What are the references about the Kerala state in the Sachar Commission Report; could you produce a copy of it;
- (B) Could you explain what measures are taken by state Government to implement the Sachar Commission Report;
- (C) What all actions the Government is planning to undertake regarding this, please explain?


ANSWER

- (A) The copy of the relevant part is attached as Annexure 1. 
- (B) & (C) The Government is examining the report. An appropriate decision will be taken about what all actions can be taken for the progress of the Muslim community considering the facts in this report. Also the state government will take required decisions also considering the measures undertaken by the Central Government in this matter

SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE CHILDREN OF MIXED MARRIAGE COUPLES

48[49]Sri.K.K.Divakaran: Will the Chief Minister please answer the questions given below:

- (A) Has any benefits been allotted to the children of mixed marriages for the appointments through P.S.C. If yes, what all benefits are being given.

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- (B) What all are the criteria necessary for receiving this benefit;
- (C) Has any changes been made in this criteria's in the near future, if yes please explain the reason for that;
- (D) Could you tell how many appointments have been made from 2001 January till 2007 July based on this?

ANSWER

- (A) No
- (B-D) Not necessary

PROMOTION IN HIGHER POSTS

49[50]Sri.B.Raghavan: Will the Chief Minister please answer the questions given below:

(A) Has it been noticed that the promotions in higher post in several departments are not occurring due to the inability in gathering the D.P.C. timely;

(B) If yes, will necessary instruction be given to solve this?

ANSWER

(A) Yes.

(B) All department heads have been instructed by the circular 11919/R1/_._._._. on 14-3-2007 to gather the D.P.C timely. The copy of the 14-3-2007 circular has been attached.

PROMOTION OF CLASS IV EMPLOYEES

50[51] Sri.B.Raghavan: Will the Chief Minster please answer the questions given below:

(A) Will actions be taken to increase the promotion of Class IV employees from 5 percent to 10 percent;

(B) Had any actions been taken regarding this during the last UD.F. Government;

(C) Could you elaborate the actions taken during the term of this Government regarding this?

ANSWER

(A) This matter is under examination by government.

(B) No

(C) This matter is under examination by government.



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DECISION OF P.S.C. TO ACCEPT APPLICATION ONLY

THROUGH ONLINE MODE

51[52] Sri.Babu.M.Palisseri: Will the Chief Minster please answer the questions given below:

(A) Has the decision of the P.S.C. to accept applications for various posts in the State only through online mode been noticed;

(B) Will actions be taken to instruct P.S.C. to accept the applications in printed form from the common candidates who do have access to internet facility?

ANSWER

(A & B) With the good intention to accelerate the selection procedure, it has been decided to accept the applications only through "online mode" for professional degrees MBBS, B.Tech, Post-Graduation qualifications, posts related to computer in the first phase. For the other post applications can be submitted online or through prescribed format(OMR).

P.S.C APPOINTMENTS

52[53] Sri.C.K.P.Padmanabhan: Will the Chief Minister please answer the questions given below:

- (A) How many of them have been appointed through P.S.C. after this government came into power;
- (B) Could you explain the department wise figures of how many posts have been created in which all departments?

ANSWER

(A & B) Information is being collected.

APPOINTMENTS THROUGH P.S.C

53[54] Sri.A.M.Yusaf: Will the Chief Minister please answer the questions given below:

- (A) Could you make it clear how many individuals got employment through P.S.C. after this government came into power;
- (B) Has the delay in reporting the vacancies to P.S.C. been noticed?

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- (C) Has the prohibition of appointment introduced during the time of previous government completely withdrawn?

ANSWER

- (A) Information is being collected
- (B) Yes
- (C) Yes

APPOINTMENTS THROUGH P.S.C

54[55] Sri.Aryadan Muhammed: Will the Chief Minister please answer the questions given below:

- (A) How many individuals were appointed through P.S.C. in the timespan 1996-2001;
- (B) How many received appointments via P.S.C. in the duration from 2001 to 2006;
- (C) How many were appointed through P.S.C. after this Government came into power till 31 July 2007?

ANSWER

- (A) 110087 individuals
- (B) 140629 individuals
- (C) 27140 individuals

APPOINTMENTS THROUGH P.S.C

55[56] Sri.N.Anirudhan: Will the Chief Minister please answer the questions given below:

- (A) Are there any restrictions for the appointments through P.S.C. in the State;
- (B) Has it been noticed that the vacant post in the government departments are not reported and deliberately made a default;
- (C) Has it been noticed that temporary employees are appointed without reporting the vacant posts;
- (D) If yes, what actions will be taken against those who are responsible for this?

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ANSWER

- (A) No
- (B) It has not been noticed faults are made deliberately.
- (C) No
- (D) Question does not arise

P.S.C. EXAM CENTERS

56[57] Sri.Mankode Radhakrishnan: Will the Chief Minister please answer the questions given below:

- (A) Could you explain what all things are considered while deciding the date for P.S.C. exam;

(B) Has it been noticed that the candidates have to travel far districts for attending the exam for the application submitted for the vacancies in a particular district;

(C) If yes, what actions have been undertaken to solve this?

ANSWER

(A) The exam date are decided, excluding the date of public holidays and special holidays considering the availability of schools as exam centers.

(B) It has been noticed

(C) The commission has decided to make all the educational institutions including all Unaided schools and colleges as exam centers.

P.S.C. EXAM CENTRE IN CHITTOOR

57[58] Sri.V.Chentamarakshan: Will the Chief Minister please answer the questions given below:

(A) Has it been noticed there is an absence of department test exam centers in every taluk of Palakkad district;

(B) Could you explain which all taluks lacks department test centers currently;

(C) Will you consider the matter to allow on center in Chittoor taluk headquarters;

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ANSWER

(A-C) information is being collected

VALIDITY EXTENDED P.S.C. RANK LIST

58[59] Sri.V.Chentamarakshan: Will the Chief Minister please answer the questions given below:

(A) Has the validity of any P.S.C. rank list in the state been extended which would expire in the last 6 months;

(B) If yes, could you explain which all are the rank list and for how much period it has been extended?

ANSWER

- (A) No
- (B) The question does not arise.

APPOINTMENTS IN THE L.D. CLERK POST

59[60] Sri.UC.Raman:

Sri.M.Ummar

Sri.P.K.Abdurabb: Will the Chief Minister please answer the questions given below:

- (A) Could you explain how many candidates from the current rank list have been appointed to the L.D. Clerk post from different districts and provide the figures district wise and category wise;
- (B) Will the condition be investigated that the employees are not available for the related offices because of not advising the reported vacancies timely;
- (C) Has it been noticed that it is not able to make appointments from the present rank list to N.J.D vacancies due to not advising the reported vacancies timely;
- (D) Could you explain how many vacancies of L.D. Clerk are there in Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Palakkad, Kollam, Kannur district;
- (E) Will actions be taken to report these vacancies as a matter of urgency;

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- (F) How many people are advised in the reported vacancies;
- (G) Could you explain the reason for the delay in advising?

ANSWER

(A-G) Information is being collected.

LAST GRADE SERVANTS RANK LIST OF ERNAKULAM DISTRICT

60[61] Sri.K.K.Shaju: Will the Chief Minister please answer the questions given below:

- (A) What actions have been taken regarding the application given by the candidates of Ernakulam district following the court order related to not receiving appointment due to delay in reporting the vacancies;
- (B) Could you explain how many vacancies have been reported following the court order from the currently expired rank list?

ANSWER

(A&B) Information is being collected.

RANK LIST OF POST OF ELETRICITY WORKER/MASTHUR IN PALAKKAD DISTRICT

61[62] Sri.K.K.Divakaran: Will the Chief Minster please answer the questions given below:

- (A) How many vacancies are there in the post of electricity worker/masthur in Palakkad district;
- (B) Is written examination conducted for the appointment in these posts; if yes, how many were appointed as per the present list;
- (C) What is the reason if the rank list has not been published yet;
- (D) What all are taken to eliminate the hindrance in publishing this rank list;
- (E) Will actions be taken to publish the final rank list and make the appointments as a matter of urgency?

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ANSWER

- (A) 216 vacancies presently.
- (B) Yes. The final rank list has not yet been published.
- (C) The physical test and cycling test of the candidates have to be conducted before publishing the final rank list. The procedures related to this are under progress.
- (D) No such hinderances.
- (E) Procedures to carry out the appointment will be initiated as soon as the Advice List from P.S.C. is obtained.

BOUNDARY REDETERMINATION OF PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLY

CONSTITUENCY

62[63] Srimati. Ayeesha Potty: Will the Chief Minster please answer the questions given below:

- (A) At which is phase is the procedures for the redetermination of boundaries the parliament assembly constituency in the state;
- (B) Could you make it clear from when the re-determined assembly constituency will come into force?

ANSWER

- (A) As a part of the boundary redetermination of parliament assembly constituency, the notification 282/K.L/05 of 31-5-2005 by the Delimitation Commission was re-advertised by the State government as notification 1822/E.L.3/2002/ELEC on 31-5-2005 itself.
- (B) The redetermination as per the notification of the Delimitation Commission will come into force from the date of getting approval from the respected President of India.

PARTICIPANTS OF MAHE, GOA LIBERATION STRUGGLE

63[64] Sri.M.K.Premnath: Will the Chief Minister please answer the questions given below:

- (A) Could you explain what all are the benefits given to the participants of Mahe. Goa Liberation Struggle;

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- (B) Can you explain what steps have been taken to ensure that the participants in these struggles get a central pension?

ANSWER

- (A) The following benefits are being provided by the State Government to those who participated in the Mahe and Goa liberation struggles and are eligible under the Kerala State Freedom Fighters Pension Rules:
1. 3000 per month pension and 30% D.A.
 2. Rs. 3000 for posthumous expenses of freedom fighter.
 3. Free travel for soldiers and their dependents on transport buses.
 4. Free treatment facility in government hospitals and medical reimbursement benefits.
 5. Priority for power connection.
 6. Priority for telephone connection.
 7. One seat reservation for BVSC/AH course (dependants) in Wayanad Veterinary college under Kerala Agricultural University.
- (B) The State Government has recommended Central Government to provide the Central Pension, the Freedom Military Pension to the freedom fighters from Kerala who participated in the Goa Liberation Struggle.

INCIDENT OF WEARING A RED NECKLACE ON THE STATUE OF THE FATHER OF THE NATION

64[65] Sri.V.K.Ibrahim Kunju:

“.U.C.Raman:

“.Abdurahiman Randathani: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Are there any general instructions regarding the garlanding of the statue of the Father of the Nation;
- (B) Has there been any conflict in Arimpoor panchayat over the wearing of red garland on the statue of the Father of the Nation; has a complaint been investigated in this regard;
- (C) Has the district collector received a report in this regard; if so ,will you reveal the details;

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(D) Who are the culprits; can you explain what action was taken against them?

ANSWER

(A-D)Information is being collected.

WATER SERVICE CENTERS

65 [66] Sri. B. D. Devassi: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

Whether steps will be taken to start public service centres in all panchayats for the convenience of the public?

ANSWER

There are plans to extend the services available at Friends Public Service Centres at Taluk level and Panchayat level. The Public Accounts Committee has also recommended this. These services are already available to the public to Akshaya Kendra.

SECRETARIATE WIDE AREA NETWORK PROJECT

66[67] Sri.M.Prakashan Master: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Can you clarify what is meant by the Secretariat Wide Area Network project;
- (B) Will you clarify the details of this project;
- (C) Can you explain what decisions have been taken so far in relations to this project;

(D) Can you tell which of these decisions have been implemented?

ANSWER

(A) The Secretariat Wide Area Network aims to fully computerise the functions of the Secretariat, Secretariat Annex, Vikas Bhavan and public office by connecting each office through a network.

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(B) As a first step, the Secretariat Network intends to implement the project first in the Secretariat. Details of this project are appended.

(C) The Empowered Committee headed by the Chief Secretary has met from time to time to implement the projects and review the progress of the projects and approve various proposals to increase the efficiency of the project. The main decisions in these were related to the implementation of ancillary projects. The decision to link the Secretariat Wide Area Network with the Collectorate Computerisation Project D. C Suit was one of the key decisions.

(D) Power augmentation on key decisions in the Secretariat is almost fully implemented.

Network wiring has been completed in the main building. Initial steps are being taken to implement network backbone. The decision to provide the computer is being implemented step by step.

The D.C is receiving reports from the collectorate on the current situation as part of the process of connecting the Secretariat Wide Area Network to the D.C suit.

E-GOVERNANCE PROJECT

67[68] Sri. Mankodu Radhakrishnan: Will the chief minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can u please clarify which departments are included in the E-Governance scheme in the state;

(B) Will steps be taken to include all departments in the scheme?

ANSWER

- (A) The project proposals of 16 departments have been submitted to the Central Government for financial assistance as part of the National E-Governance scheme directed by the Central Government.

Departments:

- 1) Agriculture
- 2) Trade Tax
- 3) Employment and Training
- 4) Panchayat
- 5) Municipality
- 6) Survey & Land Records
- 7) Police
- 8) Registration
- 9) Health
- 10) Motor Vehicles
- 11) Social Welfare
- 12) Treasury
- 13) Public Distribution of food
- 14) General Education
- 15) Industry
- 16) Scheduled Caste –Scheduled Category

(B) Steps are being taken.

SOFTWARE EXPORT

68[69] Smt. K.S. SALEEKHA: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following question:

- (A) How many Crores of Software exports from the State during the Financial Year 2006-07 ;
Can you tell how much more this is compared to the Financial Year 2005-06; Please clarify the details ;
- (B) Can you explain which are the leading Institutions in the State in the field of Exports ;

- (C) Can you explain the percentage growth rate of exports since this Government came to power, what percentage it has surpassed now and the National growth rate;
- (D) Can you explain what steps are being taken to transform Kerala into the best IT Hub in the Country?

ANSWER

- (A) It is known that various companies in Techno Park exported Software worth around Rs.1000 crore in 2006-07. In 2005-06, it was 450 Crore. Info Park is known to have exported over Rs. 195 Crore in 2006-07, an increase of over Rs. 550 Crore. In 2005-06, it was 67 Crore. About Rs. 128 Crore more.
- (B) Infosys, U.S. Software, I.B.S, Sun Tech, NEST, TATA Consultancy Services, Affiliated Computer Services, O.P.I Global companies are at the forefront software exports.
- (C) The Financial Year 2006-07 saw a growth of more than 50 per cent in Software exports compared to 2005-06. The National Growth Rate is 33 per cent.
- (D) To develop Kerala as a leading I.T. Hub in the country and to set up I. T. parks in districts other than Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram, to develop Human Resource in I.T. sector, providing economic and non-economic benefits, completing the third and fourth phase development of Techno Park, to launch a Smart City project that will provide employment to 90,000 people on 8.8 million sq ft, and provide employment to 40,000 people on 40 lakh sq ft at Info Park.

I.T. INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS

69 [70] Smt. K. K. Lathika: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Can you disclose how many I.T based industries have been started and how many companies have been agreed to start since this government came to power;
- (B) Can you tell me how many people can be employed in all these institutions;

ANSWER

- (A) Since this government came to power, 23 I.T. companies in Techno Park have started business and 5 companies have reached an agreement to start. At Info Park, TCS, IBS and L&T Tech have started their own campuses. In addition, Leela Lace Holdings and US Technology are in the process of setting up a software development centre in the Awesome Building.
- (B) The newly started companies in Techno Park have been able to employ 755 people. It is estimated that 20,000 people will be employed by companies starting in Info Park.

SMART CITY PROJECT

70 [71] Sri. P. C. George: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Can you explain the current status of the Smart City project;
- (B) Whether the 'Articles of Association' of companies formed as a part of the scheme have been approved by the Government; if so, will you reveal the details;
- (C) Has any order been issued as to how far the building can be constructed within the perimeter of the project;
- (D) If not, will the government take steps to order the development of any land within this specified distance in connection with the development of the Smart City project?

ANSWER

(A) Steps have been taken to bring the infrastructure such as roads, electricity, and water, which are liable to be provided by the Government as per the contract for the launch of the Smart City project, to the project area. I have discussed this with TECOM twice. Of the 246 acres to be leased, 222 acres are in the process of being acquired and handed over. The lease deed to this effect has been approved by the M.O.A and the A.O.A, which are required to amend and register the company partnership.

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The company has appointed government nominee chairman and director. Funds required for the provision of facilities for the project have already been included in the supplementary request budget. It is learned that TECOM has started the process of preparing the master plan and the foundation stone can be laid in September itself.

(B) Provided. The Government approved the Articles of Association of the Smart City agreement under G.O. (M.S)No.19/07 V.S.V dated 16-8-2007. Copy is attached

(C) No.

(D) A master plan is being prepared for the Smart City, which will include the specific infrastructure required for I.T companies. Everything related to this will become clear only when the master plan is prepared.

FUNCTIONING OF SMART CITY

71 [72] Sri. K. K. Shaju:

“ . Thomas Chandy:

“ . K. B. Ganesh Kumar: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following Questions:

(A) Can you explain the current state of the ‘Smart City’;

(B) When is it fully enabled;

(C) Can you clarify what steps are being taken to make the Smart City operational in a timely manner?

ANSWER

(A) Steps have been taken to bring the infrastructure such as roads, electricity and water, which the government is obliged to provide under the contract to start

the Smart City project, to the project area. This has been discussed twice by TECOM. Of the 246 acres to be leased, 222 acres are in the process of being acquired. The M.O.A and A.O.A have agreed that the lease deed to this should not be amended and registered for the company partnership. The government has appointed a nominee chairman and director to the company.

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Funds required for the preparation of facilities for the position have been included in the budget through supplementary request.

- (B) It is learned that TECOM has started the process of preparing the master plan and the foundation stone can be laid in September itself. It is expected to take at least five years to be fully operational.
- (C) A High Level Committee comprising of Secretaries and other officials of various departments chaired by the Chief Secretary has been constituted to oversee and oversee the work to be done by the Government. This committee meets from time to time and takes necessary steps.

DEVELOPMENT OF I.T. SECTOR

72 [73] Sri. M. Prakashan Master:

“ . A. Pradeep Kumar:

“ . Murali Perunelli:

“ . A. C. Moydeen:

“ . K. V. Kunjiraman: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Can you elaborate on the steps taken by the government for the development of the I. T. Sector;
- (B) Can you clarify in which districts steps have been taken to set up satellite I.T. parks in the district centres;
- (C) Whether steps have been taken to attract big I.T. companies to I.T. parks; if so, which companies have come forward?
- (D) How many new jobs are expected in the I.T. and allied sectors?

ANSWER

(A) The Government has taken a number of steps to develop the infrastructure required for the I.T/ I.T.E.S industries for the development of the I.T. sector, to set up I.T parks in small towns, to provide financial and non-economic

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benefits, to accelerate the development activities of the Techno Park, and to realize major projects such as Techno City and Smart City.

(B) It is proposed to set up I.T. parks in other districts except Thiruvananthapuram and Ernakulum Districts for Techno Park and Info Park. Land has been identified for this in Kozhikode and Alappuzha districts. Efforts are on to find land in other districts as well.

(C) Yes. Many companies like I.B.S and U.S. Software have come forward to participate in district level I.T. parks.

(D) It is expected that about 2 lakh people will be directly employed and 6 lakh people will be indirectly employed in the next four years.

SMART CITY PROJECT

73 [74] Sri. M. Hamsa: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you elaborate on the current stage of action regarding the Smart City project;

(B) Can you explain what the Smart City contract terms are;

(C) Can you elaborate on the Smart City Agreement proposal of the previous U.D.F Government and the Smart City Agreement proposal of this Government;

(D) Has the I.T company started new developments in Kerala in the last fourteen months;

(E) So how many crores of rupees worth of ventures have been started;

(F) Can you explain how many people got new jobs directly and indirectly as part of this?

ANSWER

(A) Steps have been taken to bring the infrastructure such as roads, electricity and water, which the government is obliged to provide under the contract to start the Smart City project, to the project area. This has been discussed twice by TECOM. Of the 246 acres to be leased, 222 acres are in the process of being acquired. The lease deed to this effect has been amended and approved by the

M.O.A and the A.O.A to register the partnership. The government has appointed nominee chairman and director to the company.

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Funds required for the preparation of facilities for the project have been included in the budget through supplementary request. It is learned that TECOM has started the process of preparing the master plan and the foundation stone can be laid in September itself.

- (B) Appendix 3 is added.
- (C) The main provision of the U.D.F Government is Appendix 1*. The main provisions of the agreement signed by this Government are appended to Appendix 2*.
- (D) Yes.
- (E) Enterprises worth about 66 crore are fully operational. In addition to the Smart City project, Info Park in the Techno Park is in the process of setting up ventures worth about Rs 1125 crore.
- (F) Now 755 people have been directly employed by the newly operating companies. In addition to the Smart City, the company is expected to create about 48,000 direct and 1, 44, 000 indirect jobs through new start-ups.

KOZHICODE I.T PARK

- 74 [76] Sri.A.Pradeep Kumar: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:
- (A) Whether steps have been taken to start an I.T park at Vazhipok in Kozhikode First Constituency;
 - (B) If so, please explain what steps have been taken in this regard;
 - (C) When do you intend to start this I.T Park?

ANSWER

- (A) 67.99 acres of land has been identified for setting up of I.T Park in Nellikode, Kovur and Pallazhi lands of Kozhikode Taluk.
- (B) The site identified for the I.T Park was inspected by a team comprising IT department, Special Secretary, Kozhikode District Collector, Revenue Authorities, KSEB, KWA, BSNL and Municipal Commissioners and found the places are suitable.

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Steps have been taken to prepare a detailed project report for obtaining central assistance for the said park.

(C) Steps will be taken to start the operation once the administrative approval is given and the land becomes available.

Akshaya Project in Ernakulum District.

75 (77) Mr. Jose Thettayil. Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions? :

(A) Can you elaborate on the progress of Akshaya project in Ernakulum district? .

(B) Explain how many people in the district have benefited from the scheme;

(C) Can you disclose the details of the follow-up activities of the Akshaya Project

Answers

(A) The Akshaya project was started on December 16, 2005 in Ernakulum district. There are 215 centres in operation. As of August 15, 2007, 45% of learners in the district are computer literate. Chengamanadu Grama Panchayat has achieved complete literacy. Dozens of panchayats will achieve complete computer literacy by September 30. Training has been imparted to start the second phase at 14 canter in the district.

(B) For 197538 people

(C) Courses on e-Vidya, Lane English, Internet-to-Mass, Arabic Typing Tutor Intel Lane and e-Payment facility for paying electricity, telephone and water authority bills will be provided for the follow-up of the Akshaya project.

Akshaya Project in Thrissur District ..

76 (78) Shri. A. C. Moyiteen: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions?

(A) Has Akshaya project started in all the panchayats of Thrissur district?

(B) Has Akshaya project started in all the panchayats of Thrissur district?

(C) Have you examined the hurdles in completing the Akshaya project on time;

(D) Will it be clear whether action will be taken to address the obstacles?

Answers

(A) yes

(B) Three panchayats of Annamanada, Ormanayoor and Thanyam in Thrissur district have completed the complete computer training.

(C) yes

(D) Under the leadership of the District Panchayat President, District Collector and District Planning Officer, steps have been taken to evaluate the activities of the local bodies lagging behind in the computer literacy program and to set up special action councils there to continuously monitor the progress of computer literacy and complete the Akshaya Computer Literacy Project in a timely manner.

Akshaya Centers in Thrissur District

77 (79) **Shri. Babu. M. Palissery.** Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions?

(A) How many Akshaya Centres are functioning in Thrissur district?

(B) Can you clarify the staffing pattern of Thrissur Akshaya Project Office?

(C) Has the progress of Thrissur District Project Office been evaluated so far?

(D) Has the progress of Thrissur District Project Office been evaluated so far?

(E) Will the amount spent annually in the district as part of imparting computer education to the people be clarified year by year?

Answer

(A) There are 201 Akshaya Kendra's functioning in Thrissur district

(B) Assistant District Coordinator _ 1

Akshaya Coordinator _ 1

Assistant Project Coordinator _ 2

Campaign Executive _ 1

Project Assistant _ 2

Data Entry Operator _ 2

(C) yes

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(D) All the services of the Akshaya project are implemented through the District Project Office. Selecting Akshaya Entrepreneurs, assisting in procurement of computer related equipment and activating Centres, liaising with Local Self Government Institutions, The District Office has been providing Akshaya Kendra's with a number of activities such as project coordination literacy fund, completion of computer literacy, disbursement of second phase services to the Centres, formulation and implementation of training programs for entrepreneurs. (E) 2006 -2007 _____ 4875880 rupees

Chief Minister Disaster Relief Fund

78 (80) **Shri.K. K. Shaju**: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you clarify what steps will be taken to get the relief assistance from the Chief Minister Disaster Relief Fund without delay:

(B) Will the amount of assistance provided from the Disaster Relief Fund for the treatment of diseases such as cancer, kidney transplant and heart operation be increased to Rs. 25,000; If so, can you provide the details?

Answers

(A) From time to time, District Collectors are directed by the Government to ensure that the assistance provided by the Chief Minister Disaster Relief Fund is available to the deserving persons without delay. In addition, inspections are being carried out at the District and Taluk Offices to find out whether there have been any irregularities in the disbursement of funds, including whether the disbursement of funds has been made without delay, and to take necessary follow-up action.

(B) The Chief Minister Disaster Relief Fund provides financial assistance of up to Rs.5000 / - for the treatment of cancer, kidney transplantation and heart operation. The current financial situation of the government will not allow this amount to be increased to Rs. 25,000.

CM s Disaster Relief Fund

79 (81) **Shri Kovur Kunjumon**; Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions?

(A) Will it be clarified whether all the employees have accepted the suggestion that government employees should contribute one day salary to the Chief Minister Disaster Relief Fund; Did all the employees contribute to the relief fund?

(B) Can you clarify how much extra money has been mobilized in the relief fund for this item?

(C) Have any other institutions or workers other than government employees contributed to the fund; If so, from which category will you clarify the amount received?

(D) Will the necessary steps be taken to raise more funds for the relief fund set up to help the needy and to make the work more efficient?

Answer

(A)List of Employees Related to the Chief Minister Disaster Relief Fund Contribution of Government Employees One Day Circular issued by the Department of Finance Details of the amount contributed by all the Heads of Departments 10. 10. It was suggested that he should be produced before 2007.In this case, the information will be available after the date. .

(B) The question is irrelevant in light of the former

(C) 30. 8. As on 2007, the following categories of non-government employees have contributed 4229193 rupees to the Chief Minister Disaster Relief Fund.

Co-operative Banks	-	6,29,193
Hindustan Newsprint Ltd	.-	10,00,000
State Bank of India	-	25,00,00
Periyar Tires	-	1,00,000
Total	-	42,23,193

(D) Steps have been taken

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Chief Ministers Disaster Relief Fund

80 (82) **Shri p vishwan** ; Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions?

(A) To the Chief Minister Disaster Relief Fund How much money has been received from government employees and teachers till August 20, 2007, Can the department return the information ?

(B) How much money was received from Kozhikode district? Will the department provide details back?

Answers

(A) 22.7 2007 to 20.8. As on 2007, donations of rupees 758056 have been received from various categories of employees. The following donations have been received from various departments to the Chief Minister Disaster Relief Fund till date.

Personal Staff of Ministers	___	57,381
Legal Metrology	___	7,114
Jail	___	51843
K. S . E. B	___	10,000
Department of Statistics	___	15,000
Minor Irrigation	___	1025
Co-operative Banks	___	6,29,139
Total	—	7,68,056

(B) Information will be collected and provided

Contributions from employees to the Chief

Ministers Disaster Relief Fund

81 (83) shri.k .babu :V . D Satheesan; Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions?

(A) Whether government employees were requested to pay a day salary to the Disaster Relief Fund, including all benefits;

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(B) When such a request was made during the previous government and a meeting of service organization leaders was convened to seek the co-operation of the employees, which of the organizations expressed the view that only those who are willing should pay the amount Can it be clarified that only those who are willing to contribute to it have contributed to the relief fund?

(C) Whether or not service organizations have suggested that the same course of action should still be taken?

(D) Whether the said contribution has been deducted from the August 2007 salary; Was the professional tax levied on the Local Self Government Institutions deducted from the salary for the month of August celebrating Onam:

(E) Can you explain the reason for the collection of contributions from the employees to the relief fund during the month of August, which coincides with the Onam celebrations and professional tax collection?

Answers

(A) It was requested that one day salary should be donated to the Chief Minister Disaster Relief Fund to provide relief to the people affected by the monsoon.

(B & C) A meeting of representatives of service organizations in this regard was convened on 16.8.2007 under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister

During the previous government, a meeting of service organizations was convened on 29.12.2014 for tsunami relief and a request was made to the government employees to donate at least one day salary. Representatives of all the service organizations who attended these meetings responded sympathetically to the Government request. No one is known to have expressed the opinion that only those who are willing should pay the amount.

(D&E) The arrangement was made at the time of the payment of the August salary to receive donations from the Secretariat staff.

No special order was issued to collect the professional tax from the August salary itself. The Chief Minister Disaster Relief Fund has not been directed to deduct one day salary. Donations made voluntarily by employees are accepted.

Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund.

82 (84) **shri. Jose Thettayil** : Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions?

(A) Can you clarify how many applications have been received from the Angamaly Assembly constituency in Ernakulum district to the Chief Minister Medical Assistance Fund since this government came to power?

(B) Will it disclose how many of the applicants were granted medical assistance?

(C) Have you noticed any delay in getting financial assistance from the Chief Minister Disaster Relief Fund?

Answers

(A) Since this government came to power, 24 applications have been received from the Angamaly Assembly constituency in Ernakulum district to the Chief Minister Medical Assistance Fund through the District Collector. (B) Medical assistance has been provided to 22 persons

(C) All measures have been taken to avoid delay.

Problems at Kozhikode Airport

83 (85) **Shri. K. Muhammadunni Haji**. Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions;

(A) Can you clarify how many flights have been cancelled or delayed by more than ten hours since this government came to power at Kozhikode Airport?

(B) Whether the Government has noticed the frequent clashes between passengers and airline officials at Kozhikode Airport;

(C) Will the Central Civil Aviation Authority be requested to take steps to resolve the problems caused to the passengers by the delay in the flight and to arrange food / accommodation in case of cancellation of the flight?

(D) Whether the Government has taken steps to bring to the notice of the Union Civil Aviation Department in writing the difficulties caused by the cancellation and delay of flights at Kozhikode Airport from time to time; If so, please clarify the details?

(A) According to the Airport Director, 80 flights from Kozhikode Airport have been cancelled and 68 flights have been cancelled since the government came to power.

(B) No such complaint has been received

(C& D) Such a need has not been addressed. However, the airport director said that due to the

delays, the concerned airlines have provided food and other facilities to the passengers such as hotel accommodation / travel expenses to and from their homes.

Right to Information Commission

84 (86) **Mrs. K. K. Lathika**; Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions;

(A) How many officials have been prosecuted for failing to provide information under the Right to Information Act since this government came to power?

(B) Has any action been taken at the departmental level against the officials who have taken action against the RIC: if so, can the details be disclosed?

Answers

(A) Since this government came to power, 39 officials have been fined for failing to provide information under the Right to Information Act;

(B) Information is being collected

Information kiosks

85 (87) Shri N Rajan h

" Babu Paul

" A K Chandran

" K Raju ; Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions;

(A) Whether the central government has implemented a plan to set up information kiosks in the villages If not, please explain why there is a delay in starting these.?

(B) Can you clarify how many villages in the state can set up such kiosks under this scheme?

(C) Whether central assistance has been received for this project and if so, how much money has been received?

(D) Whether the State Government has submitted any proposal to the Central Government regarding the setting up of kiosks; If so, can you clarify what it is?

(A) Steps have been taken to implement the Common Service Centers (CSC) scheme launched by the Central Government in the State even after its initial commencement.

(B&C) The Central Government has approved a scheme of `3.6 crore to start 227 CSCs at the rate of one for every six villages. The central share will be `1.8 crore and the rest will be the state share. The first installment of `45 lakh has been sanctioned. The project is expected to be completed in four years

(D) The project proposal is to have one kiosk for six villages but the state government has proposed to include all the Akshaya Kendra's to be set up in rural areas in Kerala considering the population density of Kerala and to sanction 3180 centers by combining the CSC centers with the existing Akshaya Kendras.

Appointment of Public Information Officer under the Right to Information act

86 (88) Shri. Mankode Radhakrishnan " P. Thilothaman

" K. Ajith

" V. S. Sunil kumar

" Rajaji Mathew Thomas; Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions;

(A) Is there a provision in the Right to Information Act that Public Information Officers should be appointed in all the offices under the Public Authority? If so, how many people have been nominated?

(B) Can you elaborate on the duties of those who are instructed in this way?

(C) If there is any allegation that such officers have not yet been posted in the lower level multi-government offices, will action be taken to address this and to implement the RTI Act effectively?

Answers

(A__C) Sections 5 (1) and _ 5 (2) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 stipulate that all public authorities, including the State Public Information Officer and the State Assistant Public Information Officer, must be nominated. Those who are nominated in this way are important and are obliged to examine and adjudicate the petitions submitted by the public under this Act as prescribed in the Act. Those who are nominated in this way are important and are obliged to

examine and adjudicate the petitions submitted by the public under this Act as prescribed in the Act. With regard to the appointment of Information Officers clear and detailed guidelines were issued on 30. 10. 2006,

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Action to Increase the Number of Members in the Right to Information Commission

87 [89] Mr. K. C. Joseph :

Mr. K. C. Venugopal:

Mr. P. C. Vishnu Nath:

Mr. V. D. Sathisan: Will the Chief Minister answer the following questions?

- (a) Whether it intends to increase the number of members in the Right to Information Commission; If so, why;
- (b) Whether any suggestion has been received from the Right to Information Commission to increase the number of members due to increased workload;
- (c) Can you elaborate on this?

Answer

(a to c)The Government is considering increasing the number of members of the State Right to Information Commission to improve its functioning. No instruction has been received from the Right to Information Commission in this regard.

Welfare Schemes for Expatriate Keralites

88 [90] Mr. K. Muhammedunni Haaji: Will the Chief Minister answer the following questions?

- (a) Can you please clarify what schemes have been implemented for the welfare of Malayalee's working abroad since this Government came to power;
- (b) Can you please clarify what assistance the Government has provided to the Malayalee's who are finding it difficult to return home following the amnesty announced by the authorities for those staying in the UAE illegally;

- (c) Whether action will be taken to arrange special flights or provide free air tickets to repatriate them;
- (d) Will action be taken to repatriate the bodies of Malayalee's dying abroad free of cost?

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Answer

(a) It has launched a training program called "Pre-Departure Orientation Program" to create awareness among job seekers Abroad about the Visa, Employment contract, Emigration, Customs, Labor laws of Foreign countries and their Socio-cultural environment. As part of this, NORKA-Roots conducted one-day workshops for Foreign job seekers in Kasaragod, Kannur and Malappuram districts in April-May 2007 in collaboration with the District administrations. The workshops will be conducted in all the Districts.

(b & c) Taking advantage of the amnesty in the UAE, 2 NORKA-Roots officials were sent to the UAE to coordinate the Repatriation of Undocumented Malayalee's. As a result of their efforts, 350 air tickets were collected. Thus about 30 Malayalee's arrived at Karipur International Airport on 24-8-2007. On the initiative of Kairali TV, 160 expatriate Keralites were repatriated through Nedumbassery International Airport on 30-7-2007. All of them have been received at the Airport and Financial assistance of Rs.500 / - has been provided for their travel expenses and travel arrangements. It is hoped that more Malayalee's will return home in the coming days.

(d) The concerned sponsor is responsible for Repatriating the bodies of Malayalee's who die abroad. In cases where the sponsor is unwilling to do so, the Government may provide Financial assistance to Repatriate the body subject to certain conditions.

Overseas Indians have the Right to Vote

89 [91] Mr. C. T. Ahammed Ali: Will the Chief Minister answer the following questions?

- (a) Whether the State Government has submitted any petition to the Center for granting voting rights to Overseas Indians; If so, please clarify the details;
- (b) What steps does the Government intend to take in this regard;
- (c) Whether any request has been received from organizations or agencies in this regard; If so, what action has been taken on it?

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Answer

- (a) No.
- (b) The Central Government and the Central Election Commission should jointly take steps to give NRIs the right to vote.
- (c) Since this Government came to power, Petitions have been received from various Foreign Malayalee organizations in this regard. This is being checked.

Insurance Scheme for Overseas Malayalee's

90 [92] Mr. V. Shivankutty: Will the Chief Minister answer the following questions?

- (a) Whether Insurance schemes have been introduced for Expatriate Keralites on the recommendation of the State Government; If so, how many foreigners are involved in the scheme;
- (b) If not, do you intend to implement any such schemes?

Answer

- (a) NORKA-Roots, under the auspices of the State Government, has entered into an agreement with the United India Insurance Company for the Overseas and Assisted

Family Health Insurance Scheme for Overseas Malayalee's. Information on how many Foreign Keralites have joined the scheme will be collected.

(b) The question does not arise.

Protection for Keralites seeking Employment abroad

91 [93] Mr. V. Shivankutty: Will the Chief Minister answer the following questions?

(a) Can you clarify what steps are being taken to prevent the exploitation of Malayalee's going for work in foreign countries;

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(b) Whether further action is intended for their protection; If so, will the details be revealed?

Answer

(a) NORKA-Roots has launched a two-day training program called "Pre-Departure Orientation Program" to ensure that Malayalee's going for work abroad are not exploited or cheated. Candidates seeking employment in abroad need to know about Visa, Employment contract, Emigration, Customs, Foreign employment laws and their Socio-cultural environment. In collaboration with the District administrations, NORKA-Roots has organized one-day workshops for foreign job seekers in Kasaragod, Kannur and Malappuram districts to benefit more job seekers. Each workshop was attended by 100 to 200 candidates. The workshops are planned to be conducted in all the districts in a time bound manner. State Public Sector Undertaking O.D.E.P.C Contacting foreign employers directly and selecting candidates for them in a completely transparent manner. O.D.E.P.C Steps are being taken to prevent exploitation through training programs and awareness programs through the media.

- (b) NORKA-Roots has a recruitment license to assist job seekers looking for work abroad. By launching this service, Malayalee job seekers will be able to get jobs abroad without any exploitation to some extent.

Compensation for the Family of Sajeesh Kumar who died in Oman

92 [94] Mr. George M. Thomas: Will the Chief Minister answer the following questions?

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- (a) Did you notice the petition of Mrs. Santa Palaparambath, a native of Kunnamangalam, the mother of Sajith Kumar, who went missing in the recent cyclone and floods in Oman;
- (b) Will steps be taken to get the compensation due to his family from the company where Sajith Kumar worked?

Answer

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Company officials have informed the Indian Embassy in Oman that Sajith Kumar was looking for a job with an Engineering company in Oman but did not work on the company's visa, so the company is not liable to pay compensation. However, company officials have informed the embassy that they will consider paying compensation to Sajith Kumar's family when deciding on the insurance premium for those who died in the tragedy. Mr. Sajith Kumar's mother has been informed about this.

The incident where the letter sent by the Union Minister to the Chief Minister was leaked

Mr. G. Karthikeyan: Will the Chief Minister answer the following questions?

- (a) Has the Government received the letter written by the Union Minister Mr. Jairam Ramesh to the Chief Minister on the Thuthambara estate issue?
- (b) Whether the letter was leaked; if so, whether it was investigated; If so, please provide details;
- (c) If no action has been taken so far regarding the leak of the said letter, will it be investigated and action will be taken against those responsible?

Answer

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The letter received by the Chief Minister has not been leaked. So, there is no need to inquire about it.
- (c) The question does not arise.

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"VIP in Kilirur Case"

94 [96] Shri. K. Sudhakaran:

" M. A. Wahid:

" C. P. Muhammad: Will the Chief Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) father of Shari, who died in the Kilirur case, whether any complaint has been lodged to the Chief Minister on 21-8-2007; If so, what was the content of the complaint?
- (B) Does it mention the name of V.I.P who visited Shari while she was being treated at the hospital as a patient. If so - Can you clarify who is that V. I. P.?
- (C) whether it has been requested re-investigation of the Kilirur case;
- (D) What action has been taken on the requirements of the complaint?

Answer

- (a) The complaint was filed (The CBI should investigate the death of his daughter Shari).
- (B) It mentioned Several V. I. Ps visited.
- (C) None.
- (D) "C" is irrelevant.

Retail outlets of multinational companies

95.[98] Shri. M. Chandran: Kindly reply Minister of Food and Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry for the following questions;

- (A) What is the policy of this Government regarding the entry of multinational companies into the retail sector in the State?
- B) Has it been decided to strengthen the Public Distribution Sector in the event of multinational companies entering the retail sector?
- (c) Can you explain in what way the ration shops and supermarkets of Civil Supplies are intended to be modernized?

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Answer

- (A) The policy of the Government is to prevent the entry of multinational corporations into the retail sector of the State.
- (B) Yes.
- (C) Steps are being taken to make quality consumer goods available to the public through ration shops and to set up more public distribution outlets and hypermarkets of the Civil Supplies Corporation. In addition, steps are being taken to use electronic devices to deliver rations in an impeccable manner.

Activity of Margin free Markets

96[99] Shri. M. Chandran: kindly reply Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry for the following questions;

- (A) whether it has been noticed that many of the companies operating in the retail sector in the state under the name of Margin Free are companies that deceive the consumers;

(B) whether fraud has been noticed in the price and weight of the products without recording the M.R.P

(C) whether steps have been taken to control the activities of such institutions and prevent fraud in these areas; Can you give details?

Answer

(A) It has been noticed that some margin free shops have violated the weighing rules and the rules regarding packets.

(B) Yes.

(C) Margin-free markets are also inspected by the District Supply Officers. All executive officers of the Legal Metrology Department have been instructed to conduct special inspections at large monopoly stores margin free shops and supermarkets. Strict disciplinary action is often taken against the perpetrators. Details are appended.¹

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Prohibition of Adulteration Act

97 [100] Shri. P. Krishnaprasad: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly reply to the following questions.

- (A) the number of cases taken up in the State till last month under the Anti-Corruption Act after the coming into force of this Government; Can you clarify the district wise figures;
- (B) whether the government has noticed widespread adulteration of daily necessities; If so, what action has been taken against institution's and name of them?
- (C) Adulteration is widely seen in which products;
- (D) What are the existing systems to detect adulteration; Whether action will be taken to make the public aware of this;
- (E) Has the government examined the existing awareness system?
- (F) If so, what are the steps taken to strengthen it?

(A) Since the coming to power of this Government, 265 food items have been found to be adulterated and cases have been registered. District wise figures are given in Appendix 1.²

(B) has been brought to the attention of the Department of Health, and prosecution action has been taken against some of the institutions. The list of institutions that have taken action is given in Appendix 2.³

(C) appendix 3 lists the most common type of adulteration.⁴

(D) The State has extensive mechanisms in place to check for adulteration of food items distributed in the State. The state has 60 food inspectors in 60 circles and 14 district food inspectors for supervision. In addition, each Mobile Vigilance Squad operates in three regions. In addition, Government Analyst Laboratories at Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Kozhikode in the State and a Food Testing Center at Pathanamthitta with all kinds of modern machinery are being set up to detect adulteration. Last year, the health department organized awareness classes in all the districts to impart knowledge to the public.

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There is (E,F). With the enactment of the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 by the Central Government, it has been possible to create awareness among farmers and stock suppliers and to some extent reduce the trend of unhealthy adulteration. Further discussion classes and seminars will be organized on district and taluk basis to create awareness among the public.

Distribution of cereal kits to pandemic victims

98 [101]Shri. K. C. Joseph:

“ K. Sudhakaran: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

(A) introduce the steps taken by the Food Department to provide cereal kits to the victims of the pandemic;

(B) In which districts how many people have been provided with cereal kits for contagious fever?

(C) what food items were included in the kits thus provided;

(D) whether the distribution of food kits is still going on; If so, can it be clarified that it will continue till?

Answer

(A) cereal kits are being distributed by the Civil-Supplies Corporation to the deserving persons through ration shops and public places on the basis of a list prepared by the Panchayat

President, Village Officer and the Medical Officer to provide free cereal kits to the victims of the epidemic.

(B) Distributed free kits to pandemic victims in 6 districts as follows

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Si No.	Districts	No.of kits
1	Kollam	69120
2	Kottayam	97928
3	Eranakulam	52721
4	Idukki	27991
5	Patthanamthitta	65244
6	Alappuzha	209
	TOTAL	3,13,213

(c) 1. Rice - 7kg

2. Sugar - ½ kg

3. pepper - 100 gram

4. Tea - ¼ kg.

5. Beans - 1 kg.

(D) Continuing. Food-Kit will be distributed till the end of the list prepared on 16-8-2007.

Price control of daily necessities during Onam

99 [102] Shri. A. A. Aziz: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether prices of food grains and other daily necessities have been kept under control during Onam; If so, what were the steps taken for it?

(B) What steps have the State Civil Supplies Corporation taken to intervene in the public market?

Answer

(A, B) The government has been able to control the rise in prices of daily necessities during Onam. As part of its efforts to curb inflation during the Onam season, the Civil Supplies Corporation has set up 5 Metro People's Bazaars in Municipal Corporations, 11 Town People's Bazaars in district headquarters and 145 outlets across Kerala, including 129 Onam Markets in all Assembly constituencies. In addition, all the sales outlets functioned as mini-Onam bazaars.

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Through this outlets vegetable and other provision items are distributed at a reduced rate than the open market. Supply Co. also opened its outlets on Sundays 19-8-2007 and 26-8-2007. During the Onam days from 22-8-2007 to 26-8 2007 all Maveli Stores were running non-stop.

Vigilance squads led by the District Collector conducted 3520 raids during Onam as part of price control. Of these, irregularities were found in 550 cases. Legal action has been taken against the culprits.

Special inspection squads were also deployed under the supervision of the State Stock Monitoring Vigilance Officer to ensure availability of goods during Onam. During this Onam season, APL / BPL cardholders were given 1.5 kg of special sugar at Rs 13.50 per kg.

Price control and Availability of Daily Necessities during Onam

100 [103] Mr.K.C.Kunjiraman: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

Will you provide details of the steps taken by the Government in relation to price control and availability of daily necessities during Onam?

Answers

To curb inflation during Onam, 145 outlets were set up across Kerala, including 5 Metro People's Bazaars in corporations, 11 Town People's Bazaars in district headquarters and 129 Onam markets in all Assembly constituencies. In addition, the Civil Supplies Corporation operated all sales outlets and mini Onam bazaars. Through these outlets, daily necessities including vegetables, greens and groceries were distributed at a lower rate than the general market. In addition to the Supplyco. stalls in the Metro / Town People's Bazaar, there were also stalls of government agencies such as MPI, MILMA Poultry Government Corporation, Kerafed and Coir Board. Supply co. stores were also open on Sundays 19-8-2007 and 26-8-2007. From 22-

8-2007 to 26-8-2007, which are Onam days, all Maveli stores were running non-stop. The State Stock Monitoring Cell and Special Inspection Squads under the supervision of the Vigilance Officer worked to ensure the availability of goods during Onam. APL / BPL is different this Onam Season.

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Cardholders were given 1.5 kg of special sugar at Rs 13.50 per kg.

Vigilance squads led by the District Collector conducted 3520 raids during Onam as part of price control. Of these, irregularities were found in 550 cases. Legal action has been taken against the culprits.

As a result of the above measures, the rise in prices of Daily necessities during Onam has been brought under control.

Export of Kerala Resources

101 [104] Mrs. P.Aisha Potty: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

Can you elaborate on the measures that will be taken to increase the export of Kerala resources in view of the global demand?

Answer

Plan proposals for export of banana chips have been submitted to the Central Government. Central approval has not yet been obtained.

Quality of Goods

102 [105] Mr.K.Kutty Ahmed Kutty: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) What are the government-owned public distribution companies in the state;
- (b) Whether the quality of goods supplied through these institutions is the same everywhere;
- (c) If so, is the quality the same everywhere?

Answer

- (a) Ration shops, food grain wholesalers and kerosene wholesale depots are public distribution agencies designated with the permission of the Government. Under the Civil Supplies Corporation, Maveli stores, supermarkets, Maveli medical stores, Petrol banks, Sabari stores and wholesale sub-depots are Government-owned.

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- (b) Prior to taking stock from the Food Corporation of India, the concerned District Supply Officers shall contact the FCI. Go to and take a sample by allotment and it will be given to ARD / AWDs. The concerned District Supply Officers will mark the stock and ensure that the stock itself is released. The overall quality of the stock is evaluated and released. It is suggested to take quality stock everywhere. The supplies of the Civil Supplies Corporation also ensure quality.
- (c) The quality is maximally the same.

Prices of daily Necessities

103 [106] Mr.C.T.Ahmed Ali: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) Can you provide a detailed estimate of the prices of daily necessities when this Government came to power;
- (b) Can you clarify the prices of daily necessities on 20-8-2007;
- (c) Can you clarify what steps are being taken to curb price rise?

Answer

(a & b) The prices of daily necessities when this Government came to power and the prices dated 20-8-2007 have been added.

(c)The following are the steps taken in anticipation of rising prices due to crop failure in the production centres due to Monsoon.

Strict action has been taken against the culprits by raiding Vegetable shops, Hotels and Grocery stores in the Public market. The Civil Supplies Corporation's People's Bazaars, Mobile Maveli Stores and Public Distribution Stores have made quality goods available to the public at affordable prices. In addition, as a result of the efforts of the Government, 8000 Metric ton of Sugar and 21,000 Metric ton of Rice specially received from the Central Government for Onam have been distributed to the public during Onam.

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Action to Prevent Inflation

104 [107] Mrs.K.S.Saleekha : Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) What steps have been taken to curb possible inflation in the public market during Onam;
- (b) Can you elaborate on how many people Bazaars you intend to set up to help the common man during Onam and how much less you intend to distribute Goods in such Bazaars than the General market price;
- (c) How many crores of rupees is the sales target for this?

Answer

(a&b) Vigilance squads led by the District Collector conducted 3520 raids during Onam as part of price control. Of these, irregularities were found in 550 cases. Legal action has been taken against the culprits.

Special inspection squads were also deployed under the supervision of the State Stock Monitoring Vigilance Officer to ensure availability of goods during Onam. During this Onam season, APL / BPL cardholders were given 1.5 kg of special sugar at Rs 13.50 per kg.

During Onam, there were 5 Metro People's Bazaars in City Corporations and 11 Town People's Bazaars in District Headquarters with 145 outlets across Kerala. Of these, 30 to 50 per cent were sold at a lower price than the General market. (Appendix in detail).

(c) 2.36 crores during Onam through People's Bazaars.

Annapurna Project

105 [108] Prof. K.V.Thomas:

Mr. K.Achuthan:

Mr.T. N.Prathapan: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

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(a) Does the Central Government pay to the State Government in advance the Price of rice to be distributed under the Annapurna Scheme;

- (b) How much has the Central Government paid to the State Government so far in the price of Rice to be paid under this Scheme during the year 2007-08;
- (c) How long is this amount for the Distribution of Rice;
- (d) Has this amount been diverted;
- (e) If not, can you tell me why the Rice under this scheme is not delivered to the Ration shops on time?

Answer

- (a) Is provided.
- (b) Rs.280 lakhs.
- (c) Adding the central share of Rs.260 lakhs and the state share of Rs.54 lakhs, a total of Rs.334 lakhs would be required for the Distribution of Rice under the Annapurna Scheme for the year 2007-08.
- (d) No.
- (e) The allotment for rice was received from the Central Government in July 2007, though the amount allocated for the project for the current Financial year has been set aside. Due to this, there was a temporary delay in the timely delivery of Rice under the Annapurna Scheme to the Ration shops.

Steps for Goods Storage

106 [109] Mr. Roshy Augustine :

Mr. Joseph M.Pudussery:

Mr. Thomas Chazhikaadan: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) Whether Supplyco. has taken steps to procure Paddy in Kuttanad Paddy fields; If so, please clarify;
- (b) Supplyco. procures Paddy from farmers at what Price per quintal;
- (c) If procurement measures are not taken, will it take immediate action to save the Financially Distressed Paddy farmers;
- (d) How many quintals of Paddy have already been procured from Alappuzha, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta Districts?

Answer

- (a) The Government has directed the Civil Supplies Corporation to procure Paddy for the 2007-08 season.
- (b) Paddy is procured from farmers at Rs 850 per quintal.
- (c) Steps have been taken to print and distribute the registration form to the farmers.
- (d) The following is the amount of Paddy procured by Civil Supplies Corporation from Alappuzha, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta districts during 2006-07 season:

Alappuzha	-	918475.13 quintal.
Kottayam	-	356363.48 quintal.
Pathanamthitta	-	12937.82 quintal.

Steps to set up Supplyco Super Market

107 [110] Mr. George M. Thomas: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) Whether the establishment of a Supplyco Supermarket under the Civil Supplies Department at Kaarassery in the Thiruvambadi constituency is under consideration;
- (b) If so, will Supplyco take steps to start a Supermarket and a fair price Medical shop?

Answer

- (a) Not considered now.
- (b) Supplyco's Supermarket and Medical store are located at Mukkam Angadi, 1 km from Kaarassery. Therefore, this issue is not under consideration at present.

'E' tendering system in Civil Supplies Corporation

108 [111] Mr. George Mercyiar:

Mr. M. Murali:

Mr.K. Achuthan: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) Whether the 'E' tendering system for Procurement of Goods was introduced in the Civil Supplies Corporation during the previous Government;
- (b) Whether the 'E' tender arrangement has now been waived in the case of Local purchases made by the Civil Supplies Corporation; If so, can you explain why;
- (c) Can you tell me how many Purchases have been made without 'E' tender so far since this Government came to power?

Answer

- (a) During the previous Government, some items were procured through 'E' tenders to procure Daily necessities such as Groceries, pulses and Sugar at the Head office level.
- (b) The 'E' tender system has never been implemented for Local purchases.
- (c) During the Financial year 2005-06, about Rs. 36.43 crore and in the year 2006-07Rs.19.46 crore, Maveli items were purchased through Local purchases. During 2007-08, Items worth Rs.2.02 crore were procured to cover emergencies, including the Provision of free kits to work victims. In the past, detailed accounts of Local purchases were not kept. However, steps have been taken to keep track of Local purchases since 2007-08.

Turnover in Civil Supplies Firms

109 [112] Mr. Kovur Kunjumon: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) Can you clarify what measures have been taken to keep prices down during Onam;
- (b) Will you disclose the Total turnover of the Civil Supplies Corporation during the Onam days;
- (c) Which District had the highest turnover;
- (d) Which is the most expensive Daily Commodity in the Public Market?

Answer

- (a) In view of the fact that the Prices of essential Commodities will go up due to the Monsoon and crop failure in the production centers,

To ensure availability, the Civil Supplies Corporation has set up 145 outlets across Kerala, including 5 Metro People's Bazaars and 11 Town People's Bazaars. Through these outlets, Daily necessities including Vegetables, Greens and Groceries were distributed at a lower rate than the General market. In addition, raids have been carried out on Vegetable shops, Hotels and Grocery stores in the Public market and strict action has been taken against the culprits. In

addition, 8000 metric tons of Sugar and 21,000 metric tons of Rice were made available to the public during Onam.

- (b) The total turnover of the Civil Supplies Corporation from 1st to 26th August (Utradam) is about Rs.129 crores.
- (c) The highest turnover was in Ernakulam District.
- (d) Cumin is the most expensive commodity in the General market.

Centralized Schemes of the Department of Food and Civil Supplies

110 [113] Mr. P. K. Abdurab:

Mr. V. K. Ibbrahimkunju:

Mr. M. Ummer: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) How many centralized schemes are there in the Department of Food and Civil Supplies; What are they;
- (b) How many projects have received funds from the Center since this Government came to power; How much for each;
- (c) What was spent on this; The rest was lost without spending any amount;
- (d) How many of the projects sanctioned by the Central Government have been squandered without any expenditure on development?

Answer

- (a) The Department of Food and Civil Supplies has 4 centralized schemes. They are Annapurna Project, Consumer Awareness Program, Integrated Project on Consumer Protection Project, and the Confonet Project, which aims to connect consumer courts in the country through a network. Apart from these, Kerala

Central assistance is being provided to the Paddy Procurement Scheme being implemented by the Government of Kerala through the State Civil Supplies Corporation and the Levy Sugar Procurement Distribution Scheme for BPL cardholders in Kerala.

- (b) Since the coming to power of this Government, an amount of Rs.280 lakhs per annum has been sanctioned under the Annapurna Scheme in the years 2006-07 and 2007-08. In addition, Rs 17.50 lakhs has been provided for consumer awareness programs and Rs 2,65,50,000 for the Integrated Project on Consumer Protection. The first instalment of Rs.1.26 crore for the Food Quality Monitoring Lab under the Food Research Council established in Kerala and Rs.7 lakhs for the Food Processing Training Centre has been received as a grant from the Centre this financial year. Apart from this, a subsidy of Rs.83.77 crores has been received from June 2006 to August 2007 on Paddy Rice procured under the Paddy Procurement Scheme and distributed through the Public Distribution Network.
- (c) The entire amount allotted for the Annapurna project in the year 2006-07 was utilized. The amount sanctioned for the year 2007-08 is being spent. The Food Research Council is taking steps to spend the amount allocated this fiscal year. Out of the Rs.17.50 lakhs sanctioned for consumer awareness programs, Rs. 15,20,000 was spent. Steps are being taken to spend the remaining Rs 2,30,000. Out of the Rs. 2,65,50,00 sanctioned under the Integrated Project on Consumer Protection, Rs. 26,45,965 was spent during the last financial year. Steps are being taken to spend the remaining amount of Rs 2,39,04,035 this financial year itself. Central assistance received for Paddy procurement has been fully extended to the farmers. No money has been lost without spending from central assistance.
- (d) The funds of any project sanctioned by the Central Government have not been squandered.

Outlets of Civil Supplies Corporation in Palakkad constituency

111 [114] Mr. K. K. Divakaran: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) How many new outlets of Civil Supplies Corporation have been started in Palakkad constituency in connection with Onam;
- (b) What steps have been taken to control the inflation related to Onam;

- (c) How much has been marketed through these outlets;

- (d) How many permanent outlets of Civil Supplies Corporation are there in Palakkad constituency;
- (e) Will action be taken to increase the number of regular outlets here?

Answer

- (a) None of the new outlets of the Civil Supplies Corporation have been opened in connection with Onam. However, from 17-8-2007 to 26-8-2007, the Town People's Bazaar operated on Fort Maidan. In addition, all Maveli stores functioned as Onam Bazaars during the Onam season.
- (b) As part of controlling inflation during the Onam season, Onam markets were set up in all constituencies to make Vegetables and Groceries cheaper than those available in the Public market. In addition, as a result of the efforts of this Government, an additional 8,000 MT of Sugar and 21,000 MT of Rice has been made available by the Central Government during the Onam season for distribution throughout the State. Through the Civil Supplies Corporation's People's Bazaar and Public Distribution Stores, quality consumer goods were made available to the public at significantly lower prices. District / Taluk level squads of Civil Supplies, Health Department, Legal Metrology, Sales Tax and Police led by the District Collector raided Grocery stores, Vegetable Shops and Hotels in the Public market to crack down on black market and hoarding.
- (c) 12,09,301 in Palakkad constituency through People's Bazaar. About Rs.129 crores was sold across the state.
- (d) Civil Supplies Corporation has 6 permanent outlets in Palakkad constituency (3 Maveli stores, 1 Supermarket and 1 Profit market, has a Maveli Medical Store).
- (e) Steps will be taken to open new outlets once the building and other facilities are available as per the norms of the Civil Supplies Corporation.

Beef Processing Factory at Kanjirapally, Pariyaram Panchayat

112 [115] Mr. B. D. Devassy: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

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- (a) Can you explain the present condition of the Beef processing Factory proposed to be started at Kanjirapally in Pariyaram Panchayath;

(b) Will immediate steps be taken to protect the land acquired for the factory?

Answer

- (a) Entrepreneurs through Dargah process involving International companies to set up a Beef processing Factory at Kanjirapally in Pariyaram Panchayath as a joint venture. Steps are being taken to find out.
- (b) Necessary steps are being taken to protect the damaged Perimeter wall around the project area by setting up a board.

Wheat seized from Chingavanam Diamond Roller Flour Mill

113 [116] Mr. Varkaala Kahaar:

Mr. Babu Prasad:

Mr. N. Sakthan: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) Whether ration Wheat was seized in August 2007 from the warehouse of Diamond Roller Flour Mill near Chingavanam in Kottayam; Then how many tons of Wheat were seized in this item; What is its market value; Which category of customers it was intended to be distributed to;
- (b) How did this get to this Flour Mill's Godown; Who is responsible for this;
- (c) Whether a case has been registered in connection with this incident; Then in whose name; Who were arrested in connection with this incident; Can you reveal what happened to the seized Wheat?

Answer

- (a) Ration wheat was seized from the Warehouse of the Diamond Roller Flour Mill in August 2007. 1851.58 quintals of Wheat seized. At the Market price of Rs 12 per kg, the price would be Rs 22,21,896. The wheat was to be distributed to A.P.L. & B.P.L. category customers through Ration shops in the public distribution system.

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- (b) The Police have registered a case and are investigating. The Changanassery Taluk Supply Officer is also investigating the matter. Only after the investigation is completed will it be clear who is responsible.
- (c) Chingavanam Police Sub-Inspector has registered a case under Crime No. 324/07 dated 13-8-2007 against mill owner, Mr. T.K Ameer Ali, Kadavankottukulam, Mettupalayam under E.C. Act. An investigation is underway on behalf of Department officials. No arrests

have been made in connection with the incident. The seized wheat has been handed over to wholesale dealers and retail dealers in Changanassery and Kottayam taluks for temporary storage. Order from the Court Steps will be taken to distribute through ration shops as and when received.

Action to stop Rationary Black market in Kozhikode District

114 [117] Mr. P. Vishvam: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) How many tons of illegally stored Wheat and rations were found in Kozhikode District after this Government came to power;
- (b) From whom these were seized; Can you clarify what action has been taken against them?

Answer

- (a) After this Government came to power, 98 sacks of Rice and 554 sacks of Wheat were seized in Kozhikode District.
- (b) The Rice was seized from K.M. Mohammad behind buildings No. 16/319, and 320 in Velliparambil. The Rice and Wheat were seized from S.K.G Enterprises, a company owned by K. Govindan, from a KL-09-J-8693 lorry.

The E.C. Act is taking action against them.

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Rice arrears for Ration Debtors

115 [118] Mr. C. P. Muhammed :

Mr. K. Sivadhasan Nair:

Mr. Varkaala Kahaar: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) What is the quantity of Rice to be distributed in the State per month under the Annapurna scheme;
- (b) When ration rice is not available under this scheme, are ration shops instructed to supply APL category rice;
- (c) Do you give Rice to Ration shops instead of the Rice so distributed;
- (d) How many quintals of rice are to be given to ration debtors instead of APL rice provided by ration debtors as per Annapurna scheme so far?

Answer

- (a) 450 Metric Tons.
- (b) Is often suggested.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) As on 31-7-2007, a total of 2194.01 Metric Ton of Rice has to be returned from other schemes for distribution of Annapurna scheme. Out of this 1800 Metric Ton of Rice has been allotted. Steps are being taken to supply the remaining 394.01 metric tonnes of Rice.

New projects in the Dairy Sector

116 [119] Mr. Kovur Kunjumon: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) Will it reveal what new projects it intends to implement in relation to the Dairy sector;
- (b) Will innovative schemes be considered to create more Employment opportunities in the Dairy sector?

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Answer

- (a) The following are the New schemes proposed to be implemented in the Dairy sector:
 - 1. Commercial Dairy and Milk Shed Development.
 - 2. Extension of fodder cultivation.
 - 3. State Dairy Laboratory.
 - 4. Intensive testing of Market milk.
 - 5. Formation of more Dairy groups.
 - 6. Livestock training program for women.
- (b) Innovation developed by the Department of Dairy Development to create more Employment opportunities in the Dairy sector. The plans are as follows:
 - 1. Hi-tech Dairy farms.
 - 2. Fodder production.
 - 3. Dairy production.
 - 4. Formation of Women's Dairy Societies.
 - 5. Milk shed development.

Wholesale outlets to Ration shops

117 [120] Mr. A. Pradeep Kumar: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) How many wholesale distribution centers are there in Kerala for the Supply of Rice and Wheat to ration shops;
- (b) Can you explain how many of these are under Government control;
- (c) Will the Government take steps to bring all the wholesale distribution centers under the control of the Civil Supplies Corporation?

Answer

- (a) There are, a total of 336 wholesale distribution centres in the State for Distribution of Rice and Wheat to ration shops.
- (b) Of these, 9 wholesale centres are owned by the Government-owned Civil Supplies Corporation.

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- (c) The Government is looking into bringing the entire wholesale distribution centres in the State under the purview of the Civil Supplies Corporation.

New Ration cards

118 [121] Mr. A.A. Azeez: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) What is the stage of renewal of ration cards;
- (b) Have you completed the photo shoot for this?

Answer

(a & b) APL / BPL Survey is being conducted by the Local Self Government Department for renewal of ration cards. The process of taking a photo of the Householder is also underway.

Ration depots in Chathannur constituency

119 [122] Mr. N. Anirudhan: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) How many ration depots are functioning in Chathannur, Chuthakulam, Chirakkara, Nedumbana, Kalluvathukal, Adichanellur panchayats and Paravoor municipality in Chathannur constituency;
- (b) What is the number of ration shops and the number of beneficiaries;

(c) Whether steps will be taken to start new ration shops by adjusting the number of beneficiaries in ration shops in excess of the prescribed number?

Answer

(a) Details of ration depots in Chathannur constituency are given below.

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Panchayath	No. of A.R. D's	No. of Card holders
Chathannur	12	6743
Chuthakulam	12	6573
Chirakkara	8	4420
Nedumbana	17	9641
Kalluvathikal	19	10823
Adichanellur	16	8248
Paravoor (Municipality	16	8571
Total	100	55019

(b) Details are appended.

(c) The new shops are being set up in such a way that the number of beneficiaries exceeds the prescribed number and does not affect the Financial security of the existing Ration shops.

Distribution distributed in Koyilandy constituency

120 [123] Mr. P. Vishvan: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- How many families in Koyilandy constituency were affected by the Monsoon and distributed free rations;
- How many kilos were given each; How many tons were spent in total;
- Whether information is available on panchayat / municipal basis;

(d) How much money was given to the ration dealers for giving such free rations; If so, how much?

Answer

(a) Distribution of free rations to 19,458 families in Koyilandy constituency.

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(b) Each card was given 5 kg per week for four weeks. A total of 389.16 tonnes were distributed.

(c) Panchayat/ Municipality wise figures are given below:

Number	Municipality/ Panchayath	Family	Allocation (MT)
1.	Koyilandy Municipality	4305	86.10
2.	Chenkottukaavu Panchayat	3581	71.62
3.	Thuravoor Panchayat	1844	36.88
4.	Paiyooli Panchayat	5036	100.72
5.	Mudadi Panchayat	912	18.21
6.	Chemanjeri Panchayat	819	16.38
7.	Thikoody Panchayat	2961	59.22
TOTAL		<u>19,458</u>	<u>389,16</u>

(d) 3,11,796 has been given to ration traders in this category. 23,48,030 is yet to be paid in arrears.

Grain kit for Contagious Flu victims

121 [124] Mr. Joseph M. Pudussery:

Mr. Roshy Augustine:

Mr. Thomas Chazhikaadan: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) Whether the distribution of Grain kits as directed by the Government to the victims of the Contagious flu in the State has been completed;
- (b) Can you clarify the criteria adopted for the distribution of Grain kits;
- (c) Whether a list of beneficiaries under the Scheme has been prepared; How many are eligible accordingly; How many of them were distributed; Will the District wise figures be clarified;
- (d) Will it be made clear to those who have not yet received the Grain kits?

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- (e) How much of the total has already been spent on this;
- (f) Can you specify what items and quantities were included in a Grain kit?

Answer

- (a) Distribution of 3,13,213 kits to Contagious Flu victims done. The distribution of the kits resumed on 31-8-2007 as the list of those eligible for the kit has been received again;
- (b) The list of eligible families from the affected Plantation worker families, families in Lakh Home colonies, families in SC / ST colonies and families on BPL list in the panchayat has been prepared by the concerned Panchayat President, Medical Officer and Village Officer. Distributed by.
- (c) The list of 521676 persons was received as per the above criteria and 313213 of them were distributed. District wise, details of distribution are given below:

Kottayam	97928
Pathanamthitta	65244
Idukki	27991
Kollam	69120
Ernakulam	52721
Alappuzha	<u>209</u>
TOTAL	<u>313213</u>

Kit distribution has resumed from 31-8-2007.

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- (d) About Rs.5.5 crores were spent for the distribution of the kit.
- (e) Each Grain kit contains 7kg of Rice, 1kg of Green beans, 500g of Sugar, 250g of Tea and 100g of Chilli.

Exemption for Contagious Flu victims

122 [125] Mr. K. C. Joseph:

Mr. K. C. Venugopal:

Mr. V. D. Sathisan:

Mr. K. Sivadhasan Nair: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) Can you disclose the number of people who were given free rations from April 1 to July 31, 2007 and how much money was spent on them in the areas affected by diseases like Contagious flu and Chikungunya;
- (b) Can you clarify how many weeks the free ration was given and in what quantity;

Answer

- (a) Free rations were provided to 352426 families across the State from April 1st to July 31st 2007 for outbreaks of Contagious Flu and Chikungunya. 2,03,05,268.95 paise has been spent for this.
- (b) Free rations were given for 1 month for Chikungunya victims and 2 weeks for Contagious flu victims. Under the Government scheme, the free ration was given at the rate entitled to the card. However, a free ration of 5 kg per week has been fixed for all the scheme members to get the same free ration.

Maveli Medical Stores

123 [126] Mr. M. V. Sreyams Kumar: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

- (a) Can you give District wise details of existing Maveli Medical Stores in the state;

- (b) Can you clarify the District wise number of Maveli Medical Stores started after this Government came to power; Can you elaborate on the opening of new Maveli Medical Stores?

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- (c) Can you provide details of procedures related to opening of New Maveli Medical Stores and copies of related orders;
- (d) Will action be taken to start one Maveli Medical Store in each Taluk in Wayanad District for the current Financial year;
- (e) Can you clarify the price difference between the Public market and Maveli Medical Stores?

Sl.no	District	Number
1	Thrivanadhapuram	12
2	Kollam	4
3	Pathanamthitta	5
4	Kottayam	4
5	Idukki	2
6	Alappuzha	9
7	Ernakulam	12
8	Thrissur	2
9	Palakkad	2
10	Malappuram	3
11	Kozhikode	3
12	Wayanad -	
13	Kannur	2
14	Kasaragod	

(b) District	Number
Thrivanadhapuram	5
Alappuzha	2
Kozhikode	2

Steps have been taken to open 5 New Medical stores in each Taluk as part of the Maveli Medical Stores.

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(C) Employees in areas where good sales are guaranteed (near hospitals, public sales outlets and bus stands) at a rental rate approved by supplyco (Panchayath-5, Municipality-7, Corporation-12) with an area of at least 150 square feet and no nearby fair/fair medical stores Maveli Medical store can be started as per availability. Attached copy of order*

(D) Steps are being taken to set up 5 Medical stores in each taluk of Wayanad district with adequate staffing.

(E) Drugs are available at Maveli medical stores at 10% to 30% off the general market.

Maveli Stores

124[127]Mr.M.K Premnath: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions?

(A) Are there Maveli stores in all the panchayath in Vadakara constituency?

(B) Will action be taken to open more Maveli stores at required centers?

(C) Whether steps have been taken to ensure the quality of goods supplied through Maveli Stores; can you explain?

ANSWER

(A) Supplyco Maveli store/Labham Market/Supplyco Supermarket are functioning in all the Panchayat in Vadakara constituency.

(B)At the request of the concerned Local Self Government Institutions regarding the opening of more Maveli stores, action will be taken as per the existing rules.

(C)Suppliers receives quality goods for distribution through Supplyco outlets. In addition, two junior managers are working to check the quality of goods. In addition,there is a quality assurance committee and a retailer watch committee to assess the quality of goods in the market.

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New Maveli stores in Kozhikode constituency

125[128]Mr.A.Pradeepkumar: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions?

(A)Whether any application has been received for opening new Maveli Stores inKozhikode first constituency; if so, where is the intention to allow new maveli stores;

(B)Can you explain what steps have been taken in this regard?

ANSWER

(A)Applications have been received for setting up Maveli stores at Malapparambu, Puthiyangadi, Kuthiravattom, Puthiyapalam, East Hill, Eranjippalam, Varakkal and Karapparambu in Kozhikode first constituency. It has been decided to start a new Maveli store in Puthiyangadi.

(B)Steps are being taken to find a suitable building to start a new Maveli store at Puthiyangadi.

Maveli Store in Kottappally

126[129]Mrs.K.KLalitha:Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions?

Will you reveal the details of the process of allotting Maveli store at Kottappally in Maypayyoor constituency?

ANSWER

There is a Maveli Store in Thodannur and a Supplyco super market in Ayanchery, 4KM away, in the Thiruvallur Grama Panchayath itself, which includes the Kottappally area in the Mepayyur constituency. Therefore, under the existing terms and conditions of Supplyco, the opening of a new Maveli store in Kottappally is not being considered for the time being.

Newly allotted Maveli Stores

127[130] Mr.V.NVasavan: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions?

(A)How many Maveli store have been started in this state since the coming of this Government?

(B)How much did Kottayam district get out of this?

ANSWER

(A) 18 Maveli stores were newly opened after this Government came to power.

(B) No new Maveli stores have been started in Kottayam District.

Action to prevent blackouts of Gas Cylinders

128[131] Mr.Babu M Pallissery: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions?

(A)Whether the Government has taken into consideration the fact that the gas cylinders allotted for domestic use in the state are going to Karinjandha; if so, how many cases have been reported;

(B)What action has been taken against them;

(C)Whether it intends to take more stringent measures to prevent gas cylinders from going black;

(D)If so, will the details be clarified?

ANSWER

(A)Yes, in the month of August alone, 242 cases were detected in 1149 raids and 549 cylinders were found.

(B)District Collectors are prosecuting and taking appropriate disciplinary action under the Requirements Act (EC Act, 1955) and the LPG (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Act, 2000.

(C) District Collectors are taking strong action against the culprits.

(D) Squads have been formed at District and Taluk level to inspect the Hotels and vehicles to prevent misuse of cooking gas. District Collectors have been prosecuting the culprits under the EC Act, 1955 and confiscating the cylinders and levying fines. Recommended companies to revoke licences in case of serious irregularities against dealers.

Gas Agencies in Chathannur Constituency

129[132] Mr.NAnirudhan: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions?

(A) How many domestic consumers are there in Varma Gas Agency operating in Paravoor Municipality in Chathannur constituency; what is the number of other beneficiaries;

(B) Whether the Government has taken note of the fact that gas cylinders are not being made available on time due to the increase in customers.

(C) Whether a petition has been received for supply of gas under the leadership of supplyco at Poothakulam;

(D) So is the Government ready to start a gas distribution plant under the leadership of Supplyco?

ANSWER

(A) Varma Gas Agency operating in Paravoor Municipality in Chathannur constituency has 14256 domestic customers; the number of commercial customers is 110.

(B) Noted.

(C) Yes.

(D) The matter is being investigated.

Action against Resale of Gas Cylinder

130[133] Mrs.K.SSaleekha: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

(A)What steps have been taken by various gas agencies to prevent the sale of gas to consumers during Onam;

(B)How many gas agencies are operating across the state; how many customers are there under each gas agency? How many gas cylinders are there?

(C)The minimum number of connections currently provided to each agency;

(D)Whether immediate steps will be taken to allow more agencies to provide only the minimum gas connection prescribed by each agency as the sale of cylinders is widespread due to over-connection to various agencies;

(E)Will the gas agencies in the border areas take immediate steps to deploy inspection squads in the neighbouring states to prevent the sale of gas cylinders in those areas?

ANSWER

(A)A high level conference including the representatives of the oil companies has been convened more than once to make the gas supply in the state transparent and efficient. In addition, the Minister inspected the distribution centre directly. The Government has taken all possible steps to prevent various gas agencies from selling gas cylinders to consumers during Onam. Led by the District Supply Officer, Taluk Supply Officers and Rationing Inspectors raids have been carried out at various places in the district on hotels and other establishments and cases have been registered against those found to be abusing cooking gas. In August, 242 such cases were registered in 1149 raids. Gas agencies and vehicles carrying and delivering cylinders from gas agencies have also been inspected. It was also checked whether the cylinders were being transported as per the bills.

(B)There are 356 gas agencies operating in the state. The number of gas agencies operating in the state and the number of existing customers and the number of cylinders in them are appended*

(C)Minimum connection has not been fixed for gas agencies.

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(D)The Government will take appropriate decision in consultation with the representatives of the oil companies.

(E)Extensive inspections are being carried out in the district at the level of squad consisting of Departmental Officers and Oil company officers and special squad consisting of measuring

weights/Revenue/Food Inspector/Public Distribution Department Officers. Steps will be taken to tighten inspections in border areas by a squad consisting of oil company officials.

LPG shortage in Thrissur District

131[134] Mr.A.C.Moidheen: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

(A)Whether LPG agencies in Thrissur district have inspected the sale of LPG on the black market;

(B)How many cases have been detected and how many cases have been taken up;

(C)Whether the difficulties faced by the consumers here following the sealing of the Thrissur Collector Gas Agency have not been noticed;

(D)Can you clarify what replacement system is in place to provide gas to the connection owners under this agency?

ANSWER

(A)Checked.

(B)From January 2006 to July 2007, 125 cases were detected and out of these 3 cases were referred to the police for criminal action.

(C)Yes

(D)Following the sealing of the gas agency, Gurudeva Gas Agency Pattikkad,Vishnu Gas Agencies Puthukkad and Best Gas Agencies Mathilakam distributed cooking gas to the customers through mobile vehicles in the three days before Onam. Cooking gas cylinders were supplied directly from Gas World Chelakkara and Kumar Gas Agencies Thrissur, Which were temporarily in charge of distribution.

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Gas Agency in Manalur Constituency

132[135] Mr.MuraliPerunelli:Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

(A)Has it been noticed that there is only one gas agency in Manalur constituency;

(B)Whether necessary steps will be taken to allow one more gas agency in the constituency spread over eight Panchayats.

(C)Will the necessary action be taken to resolve the complaint that there is a long delay in allotting the second gas cylinder?

ANSWER

(A)Attention has been paid.

(B)This can be brought to the notice of the oil companies.

(C)The matter has been raised in discussions with the oil company representatives and it has been directed to take remedial action.

Action against those who delay Dependent Appointment

133[136] Mr.MMurali: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

(A)Can you explain the reason for non-submission of Kollam District collector Report for 8 months in the application submitted to the director in January 2007 for dependent appointment to the successor of S.K Leena,Clerk,KunnathoorTaluk Supply Office, Kollam District;

(B)If the Kollam District Collector has submitted a report on this file, it is as follows;

(C)Appropriate action against the culprits after conducting an inquiry into the delay in proceedings in this file for 8 months.

ANSWER

(A-C)The application for the appointment of S.K Leena, who was the U.D Clerk of KunnathurTaluk Supply Office, Kollam District, was sent to the Kollam District Collector on 30-01-2007 for investigation report. The report was received on 31-07-2007 but was returned as the report was not signed by the District Collector and was not sealed in Appendix-2. The Government has received a report on 31-08-2007 fixing these deficiencies. If there is any unreasonable delay in this regard, appropriate action will be taken.

134[137] Mr.C.HKunjambu: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

- (A)Whether the Government is aware of the in efficiency of the Consumer Courts in the State;
- (B)What steps have been taken so far to make such courts more efficient;
- (C)The reason why the Consumer Court in Kasargod has been closed since 2006;
- (D)What steps are being taken to keep the court open?

ANSWER

(A&B)Some District Consumer Courts in the State are not functioning efficiently due to shortage of President/Members. The Government is taking steps to fill the vacancies of Presidents/Members.

(C)Kasargod District Forum was active till 12-2-2007. However, this forum is not fully functional as it has only one member since 13-2-2007. But the forum office has not been closed. Complaints are received every working day.

(D)There are vacancies for a President and a Member in the Kasargod District Forum. The Government is taking steps to fill these vacancies.

Milk Production and Consumption in Kerala

135[138] Mr.M.MArif: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

- (A)How many liters per year is the milk production in Kerala?
- (B)Whether milk production has been increased in the last one year; how many liters of milk were produced in excess afterwards;
- (C)What is the milk consumption in Kerala? What measures is being taken by the government to achieve self-sufficiency in milk;
- (D)Is the Government now considering plans to market milk in the form of soft drinks at reasonable prices? If not, will action be take accordingly?

ANSWER

(A)The total milk production in Kerala during 2006-2007 is estimated at 20407 lakh liters.

(B)It is estimated that milk production has increased by by 378 lakh liters in the last one year.

(C)Milk consumption in Kerala is 80 lakh litters per day. Cow village Milk shed Development with a view to achieving self-sufficiency in milk production Extensive fodder cultivation, quality fodder availability, moderate ban on livestock development. The scheme is being jointly planned and implemented by the Dairy Development and Animal Husbandry Departments and the KLD Board for various schemes such as infertility prevention camps for testing and treatment of infertile cows and heifers for import of high quality.

(D)Milma already sells 5 different flavours of soft drinks and Mango drinks under the name Milma plus. In addition, Milma Sambhara is available in all parts of Kerala.

Dairy and fodder factory proposed to be started in Kasargod District

136[139]Mr.KKunjiraman:Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

(A)Can you clarify at what stage the operation of the diary and fodder factory decided to be started under the leadership of Milma at Thimiri village in Kasargod district is now;

(B)Can you clarify at what stage the process of acquiring the required land is now;

ANSWER

(A & B)The Government is considering a proposal to set up a dairy and fodder factory in Thimiri village in Kasargod district.

University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences

137(140)Mr.Kovur Kunjumon: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

(A)Can you explain the steps taken to set up a Veterinary and Animal Science University in the state?

(B)Where the university is being planned;

(C) Will a favourable decision be taken to set up the said University in any of the Taluks located in the northern part of Kollam district?

ANSWER

(A) The Expert Committee appointed by the Government in 2005 to study the establishment of a veterinary university in the state submitted a report to the Government in April 2006. He then appointed the Secretary, Department of Animal Welfare as a special officer to the Government and submitted a report to the Government on 12-2-2007 on the basis of which he directed to submit the necessary guidelines for the establishment of the University. The draft "Veterinary University Institution" prepared on the basis of the said report has been sent to the Legal and Finance Departments for review.

(B) It is proposed to set up Pookode in Vaithiri Panjayath in Wayanad District.

(C) No possibility.

Activity of the Animal Husbandry Department in Kayamkulam constituency

138[141] Mr. C. K. Sadhasivan: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

(A) What activities are being carried out by the Tsunami Fund in connection with the Animal Welfare Department in the Tsunami affected areas of Kayamkulam Constituency?

(B) Whether the approval and administrative approval of S.L.E.C has been obtained; if so, a copy thereof;

(C) If the approval and administrative approval of S.L.E.C has not been obtained, will the necessary steps be taken to obtain it?

ANSWER

(A) Detailed information about the schemes implemented by the Animal Husbandry Department in the Tsunami affected areas including Kayamkulam constituency is appended*

(B & C) Accordingly, the government has issued an order granting administrative sanction for the implementation of the project (copy included)

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139 [142] Mr.Murali Perunelli :Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Have you noticed that the Veterinary Hospital in Manalur Panchayat is functioning in a rented building;
- (b) What are the steps to start functioning in your own building;
- (c) Will it be revealed that when the said Veterinary Hospital will start functioning in its own building ?

Answer

- (a) Has been noticed.
- (b) The Grama Panchayat has purchased the land required for the construction of its own building for the Manalur Veterinary Hospital and has started construction of the building there. An amount of 3 lakhs has been set apart for this from the Animal Husbandry Department.
- (c) The construction of the building is expected to be completed within this Financial year and the Veterinary hospital will start functioning in the new building.

Action to start a Veterinary Hospital

140 [143] Mr.B.D.Devassy : Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following question:

Will action be taken to start a Veterinary Hospital or sub centre in Palapilli area of Meloor Grama Panchayat which has a large number of dairy farmers in Chalakudy constituency?

Answer

As there is a Veterinary Dispensary and an Energy Livestock Development Sub-centre functioning in Meloor Grama Panchayat in Chalakudy constituency, there is no need to set up a new Veterinary Hospital.

Appointment of Permanent Doctor at Elavathur Veterinary Sub Centre

141 [144] Mr.Murali Perunelli :Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Has there been a shortage of Doctors in the Veterinary sub-centre at Elavathur in Mullassery Grama Panchayat in Manalur constituency;
- (b) Will the necessary steps be taken to appoint a permanent Doctor in the sub centre of this area which has the largest number of cattle?

Answer

(a & b) It is an I.C.D.P sub centre located at Elavathur in Mullassery Grama Panchayat. (Not Veterinary sub-centre). Doctors' posts are not allowed in Veterinary sub-centres and I.C.D.P sub-centres. There are livestock inspectors. Therefore, Doctors cannot be appointed in sub-centres.

Action to appoint a Doctor at Kandakkai Veterinary Hospital

142 [145] Mr.C.K.P.Padmanaban : Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Have you noticed that there is no Doctor in Kandakkai Veterinary Hospital in MayilPanchayat in Taliparambu constituency;
- (b) If action is taken to appoint a permanent Doctor in the said Veterinary Hospital if it is, aware of the fact that the dairy farmers are deprived of the services available through the Veterinary Hospital due to the absence of a Doctor?

Answer

- (a) Yes.
- (b) In order not to lose the services available to the dairy farmers through Kandakkai Veterinary Hospital, the additional responsibility of the said Veterinary Hospital has been temporarily given to the Veterinary Doctor of Kolacherimukku Veterinary Hospital. Vacancies of veterinary doctors for regular appointment have been reported to P.S.C. In the absence of a rank list, there will be a delay in making appointments through P.S.C . Steps are being taken to make temporary appointments through the Employment Exchange. The vacancy in Kandakkai Veterinary Hospital will be filled once the Doctor is available.

Defects in fodder supply

143 [146] Mr.P.Krishna Prasad :Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Has the government noticed the negligence of Kerala feeds in the distribution of fodder and will it take action to rectify it;
- (b) Whether action will be taken to prevent the recognition of private agencies within the scope of their operation while the agency is in existence;

(c) Have you noticed that vacancies in the dairy sector are not filled and farmers are facing great difficulties; If so, will action be taken to complete the appointments?

Answers

(a) Distribution of Kerala feeds is slightly delayed due to high demand comparing to the production capacity of the company. The system of first delivery to the first payers is now in place. This delay has now been significantly reduced.

(b) Kerala feeds employs private dealers at the rate of One private dealer in a Gram Panchayat, One private dealer in a regular municipality and 2 private dealers in a municipality of district centre and 3 private dealers in a corporation. The company has complied with terms of giving dealership with the area limit prescribed in the bylaw of the milk co-operative society for the distribution among their members. Therefore, other dealership of the same nature is not allowed by the company within the limits of one dealer.

(c) No. Steps are being taken through the Kerala Public Service Commission to fill the vacancies in the Dairy Development Department.

New Industries

144 [147] Mr. A.A. Aziz: Will the Minister of Industries, kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Steps have been taken to start any new industries in the state. Will you reveal which areas these are in;
- (b) What kind of assistance is being given to entrepreneurs now;
- (c) Is there a plan to provide more assistance and attract more entrepreneurs?

Answers

(a) Steps are being taken to start new industrial ventures.

(b & c) The following schemes are currently being offered to entrepreneurs through the Directorate of Industry and Commerce / Centres:

- Capital investment subsidy.
- Margin Money Loan Scheme.
- Margin money loan for small business ventures set up by expatriate Keralite.

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Exemption from EMD / Security Deposit.

In addition, the Government's approved Business and Commerce Policy provides for the following types of incentives to attract investment:

- Incentive scheme to assist in the areas of pollution control and waste management. This will set the total cost at 50 per cent or the maximum limit of Rs 25 lakh.
- Special Incentive Scheme for enterprises with a capital of 100 crore or more as per the recommendation of the High Level Committee chaired by the Chief Minister.
- Incentives will be given to all types of industrial units as per the M. S. M. E. Act of the Central Government.
- Price preference will be implemented for small and medium enterprises as stated in the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Act.
- The existing negative list will be revised and the ban on providing incentives to the service sector will be lifted. Updated Negative Industries List will be published.

Private investment

145 [148] Mr.Babu Paul:

Mr.N.Anirudhan:

Mr.K.Ajith:

Mr.V.S.Sunil Kumar:

Mr.N.Rajan: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

- Whether large private investments have been initiated in the state;
- Whether “INKEL” has formulated an infrastructure development plan. If so, what is included in this plan;
- How many private investors have been contracted by this government since it came to power; What are the terms of this agreement? Can you specify the total amount of investment accumulated?

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Answer

- Yes.
- Yes. Discussions are underway on plans to be taken over by INKEL.
- Information is being collected.

Manufacture of Military Equipment

146 [149] Mr.C.K.Sadhasivan:

Mr.A.M.Aarif:

Mrs. K.K.Shylaja Teacher:

Mr.Shaju Paul:

Mr.Raju Abraham: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Whether the possibility of Manufacturing and Supplying the necessary Military Equipment to the Department of Defence has been discussed with the Home Ministry;
- (b) What is the stand of the Home Ministry in this regard;
- (c) Has any study been done on the products that can be manufactured in the state;
- (d) Whether necessary immediate action will be taken in this regard considering the raw materials available in the state and the skills of the workers;
- (e) Hi-Tech Industries will inform the Defence and Development Organization under the Department of Defence about the progress of the transfer?

Answer

- (a) Had discussion with the Defence Minister.
- (b) The Ministry of Defence has taken a favourable position.
- (c) No specific study has been conducted.
- (d) This is being discussed.
- (e) In 22-03-2007 G. O: (M. S.) 39/07/Ind.The transfer was ordered by the Industrial Order to the High Tech Industries, Defence and Development Organization(D. R. D. O.) Follow-up action in this regard is expeditious.

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Industrial Park for the manufacture of Military Equipment

147 [150] Mr.V.Shivankutty: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Have you decided to start an Industrial Park for the manufacture of Military Equipment;
- (b) What steps are intended to be taken for their activities;
- (c) Where do you intend to start this industrial park?

Answers

- (a) Yes.
- (b & c) Details about this are not ready.

Operation of Infrastructures Kerala Limited

148 [151] Mr.A.K.Sasindhran:

Mr. P.M.A.Salaam: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Can you disclose whether Infrastructure Kerala Limited has started operations to set up infrastructure for Industrial Development in the state;
- (b) Can you clarify whether this company has started accepting investments from pravasi Malayalee's?

Answers

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Has begun to accept.

Action to encourage private entrepreneurs

149 [152] Mr.M.Chandhran: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Have you noticed the observations that Private Entrepreneurs in Kerala are reluctant to invest in the Industrial sector;
- (b) Can you elaborate on the steps taken by this government to encourage private entrepreneurs since coming to power?

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- (c) Whether the benefits of this are beginning to be reflected in the Industrial sector;
- (d) Can you elaborate on the steps taken to streamline the one-stop clearance system for expeditious issuance of industrial permits?

Answers

- (a) No.
- (b) 1. A new industrial policy has been announced.
2. A new company called INKEL has been registered to prepare the infrastructure.

(c) Yes.

(d) Under the new Industrial Policy, A State Level Clearance Committee chaired by the Principal Secretary (Department of Industry and Commerce) has been constituted to approve industries with an investment of up to 25 crores in Machinery and Plants, and A State Level Clearance Committee chaired by the Chief Minister and Deputy Minister of Industries has been constituted to approve Industries with an investment of over 25 crores.

Memorandum of Understanding with Sobha High Tech City

150 [153] Mr.K.Muhammedunni Haaji: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Has the Government signed any Memorandum of Understanding with Sobha High Tech City of Sobha Developers, Kochi;
- (b) If so, can you provide a copy of the Memorandum;
- (c) Can you elaborate on the facilities provided by the Government for Sobha Hi-Tech City;
- (d) Can you clarify what steps the Government has taken to ensure the Development and Employment Plans put forward by Sobha Hi-Tech City;
- (e) How much land is being acquired by the government for Sobha Hi-Tech City;
- (f) Can you clarify whether this includes government land and if so, what is the price charged for these?

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Answers

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Copy is attached.
- (c) Provides services that can be done at the Government level.
- (d) The project is in its initial stage.
- (e) The Government has not received any application for land acquisition.
- (f) Not applicable.

Proposed Hi-Tech City in Kochi

151 [154] Mr. Thomas Chaazhikaadan:

Mr.Roshy Augustine:

Mr.Joseph M. Pudussery: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Whether the Government has signed an agreement regarding the proposed High-tech City to be set up in Kochi, will you provide a copy of the contract for the project;
- (b) What arrangements are to be made under the Scheme aiming;
- (c) How much space do you intend to use for this;
- (d) Will it be informed that the work of the project will start from today and the construction will be completed by then;
- (e) Which Institutions have approached the Government to implement the scheme?

Answers

- (a) No.
- (b) The project submitted by the company is a knowledge-based Park and Allied Institutions that directly employ 75,000 people.
- (c) Approximately 400 acres.

- (d) The company has informed the Government that the work will start immediately and will be completed in 8 years.
- (e) Sobha Developers has approached the Government and signed a Memorandum of understanding as part of this.
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High-Tech City

152 [155] Mr.P.C.George: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Has a Memorandum of understanding been signed with Sobha Developers to start a High-tech City in Kochi;
- (b) If so, how many acres of land on Valanthakkad Island in Maradu Panchayat in Ernakulam district will the Government intend to acquire and hand over to the Sobha group;
- (c) How much is the government acquiring land here;
- (d) Can you name the person from whom the land is being acquired;
- (e) Can you explain the criteria by which the land to be acquired will be given to Sobha Developers;
- (f) At what price is the land intended to be transferred;
- (g) Can you explain that it has started working and can be completed?

Answers

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The company has not submitted any request to the government to acquire the land for the group.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Not applicable.
- (g) The company has informed the Government that it intends to complete it within 8 years.

Investors Meet

153 [156] Mr.M.Prakashan Master: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) How many investor meetings have been organized by this Government since its inception?

- (b) Will reveal where they are;
- (c) How many Crores of Rupees have been promised in these Investor meetings;
- (d) Will you disclose how many Crores of these Investment promises have been implemented?

Answer

- (a) A total of Five Investor meetings have been held since, the inception of this Government.
- (b) The meetings were held in Kannur, Kasaragod, Thrissur, Malappuram and Kottayam districts.
- (c) K. S. I. D. C. has received a Total investment offer of Rs. 2388.50 crores and KINFRA has received about Rs 839.33 crore.
- (d) Of these, industries worth 454 crores are in the early stages of implementation.

Steps to start National Institute of Designing in the State

154 [157] Mr.T. N.Pradhabhan:

Mr. K.Sivadhasan Nair:

Mr. George Melshiar: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Whether it intends to start a centre of National Institute of Designing in the State;
- (b) If so, what steps have been taken for this, what is the approach of the Centre in this regard and where is this being established?

Answer

- (a) Yes we have a plan
- (b) Correspondence is ongoing regarding this.

Industries in Aroor Industrial Estate

155 [158] Mr.A.M.Aarif: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Have you noticed that many Industries in the Aroor Industrial Estate are locked up?

- (B) Explain what steps are being taken to keep them open and working;

(C) Do you notice that the government consistently failed in the cases during re-allotment of closed companies .If so, will action be taken to rectify the situation?

Answer

(A) Have you been noticed

(B) Industrial Development: Industries operating in the area are private entities. Industrial establishments which are inactive or slowing down due to financial and other problems are advised to start resolving the problems and transfers it to entrepreneurs who are willing to take over companies that are unable to continue their operations.

(C) Owners often go to court when taking back dormant private companies. There may be delays in resolving court cases. In some cases, the esteemed court may decide to reconsider the owners' grievances at the district level, at the level of the Director of Commerce and Industry, or at the government level. But there is no verdict against the government.

The government is protecting the interests of the court by giving the necessary instructions, clues and counter affidavits to prosecute the cases before the court in a timely manner.

Closed industrial establishments

156 [159] Shri. A.A. Aziz : Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions

(A) whether the accounts of closed public sector companies and private sector companies in the State have been collected; If so, which public and private institutions are closed?

(B) What steps have already been taken to keep these institutions open?

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Answer

(A) Below is a list of Public that have ceased operations under the Department of Industries in the State:

1. Kerala Soaps and Oils Limited, Kozhikode
2. Kerala Construction Components Limited, Cherthala.
3. Metropolitan Engineering Company Limited, Thiruvananthapuram.
4. Trivandrum Spinning Mills Ltd., Thiruvananthapuram.

5. Keltron Rectifiers Limited, Thrissur.
6. Chalakudy Refractories Ltd., Thrissur.
7. Kerala Special Refractories Ltd., Thiruvananthapuram.
8. Keltron Power Devices Ltd., Thrissur.
9. Sidkel Televisions Ltd., Manjeri.
10. Astral Watches Ltd., Kasaragod.
11. Kerala State Salicylates and Chemicals Limited, Thiruvananthapuram.
12. Kerala State Detergents and Chemicals Limited, Kuttipuram.
13. Co-operative Sugars Ltd., Chittoor.
14. Mannam Sugar Mills Co-operative Ltd., Pandalam.
15. Travancore Plywood Industries Ltd., Punalur.

Information on private sector companies is being collected.

(B) Kerala State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd, the holding company, has been directed to take over and operate the assets and liabilities of Keltron Counters Ltd, which was defunct when this Government came into power.

Trivandrum Spinning Mills, which was shut down as per the BIFR decision, has been approved by the Government for planning to set up an opened Spinning Mill as a unit of the Kerala State Textile Corporation.

In addition, the defunct Kerala State Textile Corporation unit Malabar Spinning & Weaving Mills was reopened.

Kerala Small Industries Development Corporation has decided to hand over 25 acres of land of Kerala State Salicylates and Chemicals, which is now defunct, in association with ITI Ltd, a central public sector undertaking, to set up a telecom city.

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A proposal to make a soap noodles unit using the facilities at Kerala Soaps & Oils Ltd, Travancore Cochin Chemicals Ltd prepared with the help of KITCO.

Approval has been given for the transfer of 1.26 acres of defunct Metropolitan Engineering Company Limited to Kerala State Industrial Enterprises Ltd for the establishment of a Hyper Super Market -cum- Office Complex there.

The possibilities of using the assets of dormant institutions for industrial purposes in the State are being explored.

Industries operating at a loss

157 [160] Shri. K. Kunjiraman: Can the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

(A) The amount of deficit / profit made by the State Public Sector Industries during the years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 by institution and year;

(B) What are the institutions which are constantly operating at a loss and what are the steps taken to recover these institutions from losses?

Answer

(A) Detailed Statements of Profit and Loss of Public Sector Undertakings under the Department of Industries in the State during the years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 are added as Appendix I +

(B) The information of loss making public sector undertakings in the State for the last five years is added as appendix (Appendix-II) +

The Government is taking steps to strengthen operations through restructuring of loans in profitable Public sector undertakings, modernization of much-needed technology and consolidation of manpower retraining / redeployment similar institutions.

Extension to improve the performance of institutions, Diversification methods are also available nationally in similar areas Comparative study with organizations,

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steps have been taken to implement the web enabled performance monitoring system of selecting and appointing companies with expertise in the respective fields as Chief Executives of the companies and awarding of Managing Directors to the best performing institutions.

The government has taken steps to make available the cooperation between the Central Government and the Central Public Sector Undertakings for the activities of the Public Sector Undertakings. The government is also taking steps to conserve energy in public sector undertakings.

The Government seeks to make Public sector undertakings competitive based on a comprehensive industrial policy based on mutual cooperation of Public sector undertakings, enhancement of efficiency and transparent and improved corporate governance through operational contract system.

In addition, a monthly performance review system of Public sector undertakings has been strengthened to monitor and evaluate the performance them under the Department of Industries Based on this, the industry has to submit the monthly performance report of the institution to the Public Sector Restructuring and Internal Audit Board (RIAB) before the 10th of next month and the Public Sector Restructuring and Internal Audit Board (RIAB) is required to review report and submit each month's activity report before the 14th to the Minister of Industry. After reviewing these reports, the activities of each institution are reviewed at the Ministry level and secretary level and necessary guidelines are issued. In addition, an annual review of the companies' performance is conducted.

Investment Meeting

158 [161] Shri. C.H. Kunjambu: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:.

(A) Did you the progress of the investor meeting held at Kasargod;

(B) whether any steps have been taken to start any business signed at the investor meeting:

(C) If yes, disclose what is it?

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Answer

(A) At the investors meeting held at Kasaragod on 13-1-2007, KSIDC made five investment promises totaling Rs 407 crore. Their details are added as appendix. +

In addition, KINFRA has signed M.O.U with the following entrepreneurs:

1. Shri. Abubeker, M.M. Kasaragod.

2. " Cherkulam Abdullah, Kasargod.
3. " P.C. Goel, Vice President, Ashapura Minechem Limited, Mumbai.
4. " Younes, Kasargod.
5. " Shamsu, Calicut.

(B&C) With the offer of KSIDC of Rs 407 crore, it is in the early stages of implementing a tourism project with an investment of Rs 27 crore.

The signatories to the M.O.U with KINFRA have begun the initial activities related to starting businesses.

Profitable Public Sector Undertakings

159 [162] Shri. V. Surendran Pillai: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer to the following questions:

(A) How many Public sector undertakings were profitable when the Left Front government came to power;

(B) whether disclose those institutions;

(C) How many Public Sector Undertakings have now been made profitable;

(D) Explain, what are those Public Sector Undertakings ?

Answer

(A&B) When this government came to power, twelve institutions under the State Industries Department were operating profitably. names are added to Appendix-I +

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(C&D) The 10 Public Sector Undertakings which were operating at a loss during the financial year 2005-2006 are also operating profitably as per the 2006-2007 Performance Review Report. Their names are appended. +

Action for Industrial Development

160 [163] Shri. M.K. PremNath: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you explain the steps taken for industrial development in the Assembly constituencies;

(B) Can you explain what steps have been taken to make the small businesses run smoothly?

Answer

(A) Industrial Cluster Development for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is being carried out through all the District Industrial Centers in Kerala. Work has already started on setting up a Common Facility Center (CFC) for the clusters with the help of the Central Government. In addition, a Trade Technology Business Show will be held in Kochi in September 2007 with the participation of micro and small scale medium entrepreneurs from all the districts of Kerala. It is mainly aimed at enhancing the marketing potential of the region at the international level as well as introducing the existing technological skill around the world.

(B) The Government's approved Commercial Trade Policy, for the smooth running of micro, small and medium enterprises, includes the following:

#District Industrial Centers have been made efficient the development of MSME will be made possible.

#Funds from local self-government decentralization schemes will be utilized to promote micro and small enterprises.

Micro, small and medium enterprises will be set up with the unused land of the local bodies. At the price of S.S.I, preference per unit and discount on EMD security deposit will be available with certain conditions.

Agencies also provide assistance to micro, small and micro enterprises to obtain loans from banks and other financial institutions.

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K. M. M. L. Titanium Sponge Construction Project

161 [164] Shri. K.C. Joseph:

“Therambil Ramakrishnan : Will the Minister of Industries kindly reply for the following questions;

(A) During the the last UDF government's tenure, whether it was decided to invite global tenders for the construction of a titanium sponge project under the Chavara KMML;

(B) if so, whether this Government has signed a M.O.U with the Russian company Rosso Boron Exporters for this project without calling for tenders contrary to the decision;

(C) How many crore of projects that the MOU has been signed;

(D) Explain the circumstances under which the M.O.U was signed with this company without calling for a global tender;

(E) Whether this company has taken note of the fact that it has no connection with the titanium industry other than the arms trade;

(F) Will action be taken to cancel this M.O.U and invite global tenders?

Answer

(A) It was not decided to invite global tender. A global "Expression of Interest" was invited through the leading dailies on October 20, 2005.

(B) Not applicable.

(C) No details have been prepared.

(D) The signing of a M.O.U with a Russian company, the owner of the latest technology available in the world in the production of titanium metal, in the best interests of the State and the opinion of the Central Government.

(E) None.

(F) does not arise.

Production of titanium dioxide in K.M.M.L

162 [165] Shri. K.C. Joseph:

“ K. Sudhakaran: Will the Minister of Industries kindly reply to the following questions:

(A) How many tons of titanium dioxide are currently produced in Chavara KMML in each year?

(B) How many tons of titanium tetra chloride is required for this;

(C) According to the agreement with the Russian company for the manufacture of titanium sponge: How many tons of titanium tetra chloride per year is required;

(D) Engaging in a contract in response, will action be taken to withdraw from this agreement in view of the fact that it may adversely affect the operations of KMML?

Answer

(A) 34373 M.T of Titanium titanium dioxide is produced in 2006-07. 36000 M. is the target of production for the following year 2007-2008

(B) Approximately 88000 M.TTitanium tetra chloride is required.

(C) A M.O.Uhas been signed between the Russian Company and the Government of Kerala to discuss the feasibility of manufacturing titanium sponge. Details are under discussion.

(D) The Government does not intend to enter into any contract that is harmful to KMML.

Activities of Travancore Titanium Products Ltd.

163 [166] Shri. V. Surendran Pillai: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Did notice any major corruption has taken place during the tenure of the previous Government in connection with the awarding of the contract for the establishment of a Pollution Control Unit at Travancore Titanium Products;

(B) if so, whether any action has been taken against it;

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(C) whether any other existing problems at the Travancore Titanium Factory have been noted;

(D) if so, what plans have been drawn up to address them; Can you explain?

Answer

(A) The Government has received some complaints of corruption.

(B) KITKO is in charge to study and report on the details of the scheme. Further action will be taken upon receipt of the report.

(C) The question is not clear.

(D) does not arise.

Kottayam centered rubber based industry

164 [167] Shri. V.N. Vasavan : Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following question:

Do you intend to start a rubber based industry based in Kottayam?

Answer

The focus is now on starting a rubber-based industry is not under consideration. Kottayam district is concentrated and many rubber based industries are coming up in the private sector. A rubber cluster project centered at Changanassery is being successfully implemented. T is providing assistance to small entrepreneurs under the scheme announced by the Government.

Coconut based industry

165 [168] C. George M. Thomas: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether a coconut based industrial scheme is being considered in Thiruvambadi constituency;

(B) If so, will steps be taken for the "Subhiksha" model industry?

Answer

(A) Not currently under consideration.

(B) does not arise.

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Activities of Industries Department in Wayanad District

166 [169] Shri. P. Krishnaprasad : Will the Minister of Industries kindly reply for the following questions

(A) Whether explain the details of the development work carried out by the Industries Department in Wayanad District, constituency wise after this Government coming to power;

(B) Whether details of new ventures proposed to be started by the Industries Department in Wayanad District will be made available;

(C) Will any study conducted district wise regarding the feasibility of agro-based industries; If so, will the report be available? Can you elaborate on the steps taken by the government on the report?

Answer

(A) Steps were taken to set up modern machines and convert 20 handlooms there for silk-weaving the existing integrated power loom in Wayanad district. An investment meeting was held in KINFRA for more allotments and to bring more investments in the industrial park.

(B) Initial steps are being taken to start a mega food park. It intends to start production of silk and maiden apparel as part of the integrated power loom complex.

(C) No

Daily Wage Employment in Public Sector Undertakings

167 [170] Shri. C.H. Kunjambu: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether the recruitment of pensionable employees on daily basis in certain public sector undertakings has been taken into consideration;

(B) If so, what action has been taken against it;

(C) Do you know how many people are working like this?

Answer

(A) - (C) Information is being collected.

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Gold investment in the state

168 [171]; Sree. M. V. Sreyamskumar: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Have any gold deposits been found in any part of the state:

(B) If so, can you clarify the details by district:

- (C) Has the permission of the Union Ministry of Forests and Environment been obtained for gold mining in the state:
(D) What steps are required to complete the start of mining:

Answer

- (A) Yes.
(B) District wise details are in the appendix.
(C) No
(D) The Union Forest and Environment Department has applied to the Chief Forest Conservator of the State Forest Department for permission from the Ministry. Further action will be taken in this regard once the Central approval is obtained.

Iron ore processing in Chakkitapara panchayath

169 [172] Sree. K. Kunjammad Master: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Has iron ore processing been noticed in Chakkitapara panchayath in Kozhikode district:
(B) If so, is there a possibility for iron ore processing:
(C) Whether steps will be taken for iron ore processing:

Answer

- (A) Yes.
(B) Yes.
(C) Will be accepted.

Operation of quarries in Wayanad district

170 [173] Sree. K. C. Kunjiraman: Will the Minister of Industries answer the following questions:

Can you elaborate on the steps taken by the government to stop the operation of illegal quarries in Wayanad district?

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Answer

Strict legal action is being taken against the illegal quarries in Wayanad district as per the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Ceremony of 1967.

Mineral sand mining

171 [174] Sree.V.K. Ibrahim Kunj:

,, U. C. Raman

Sri. M. Ommer: Will the Minister of Industries answer the following questions:

- (A) Has the government given permission for mining of mineral sand in the state;
- (B) If so, who owns it and how many foreign companies are involved;
- (C) Has it been examined whether the economic condition of the state can be improved by cultivating the mineral sand here;
- (D) If not, efforts are being made to cultivate mineral sands and buy and sell mineral resources to raise funds for development;

Answer

- (A) Yes.
- (B) Only Indian Rare Earths Limited, a Central Public Sector Undertaking, and Kerala Minerals and Metals Limited, a State Public Sector Undertaking, are permitted to mine ore. This does not include foreign companies
- (C) Yes
- (D) Not applicable

Mineral sand mining of the coast of Kerala

172 [175] Prof. K. V. Thomas:

Sree. G. Karthikeyan: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Has this government entered into agreements with private companies to mine mineral sand?
- (B) If so, which companies have signed the agreement?

- (C) What is the installed capacity of each of these companies;
- (D) Can you clarify how many tonnes of minerals have to be mined in the state every year for these projects;
- (E) Whether such agreements are being implemented in accordance with the declared policies of the Government;

Answer

- (A) No.
- (B-E) The question does not arise

Bauxite mining in Kinnaur Village

173 [176] SreePallippramBalan: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Has there been any agitation in the area against the permission given to 'Ashapuram' Company to carry out bauxite mining in Kinavoor village in Kasargod district;
- (B) Has the Government noticed that the people were assured at the meeting of the House of Representatives in the presence of the Collector that the mining permit would be issued only after an expert study;
- (C) Can you clarify whether expert study was done before issuing mining permit as per GO (MS) 53/07 / ID dated 22-4-2007?

Answer

- (A) Yes.
- (B) Yes
- (C) May. The Environmental Assessment Study was conducted jointly by the Exhibitions and marketing fairs of products of various PSUs under the Department of Industries were organized to make the Onam celebrations in the state grand. Department of Mining and Geology in Hosdurg Taluk, Kasaragod District and the Regional Research Laboratory, a Central Government Institution, on behalf of Ashapura Company.

Steps taken to sell products to the industry in connection with Onam celebrations

174 [177] Sree. Kovoorkunjumon: Will the Minister of Industries answer the following questions:

- (A) Can you please clarify what unique steps have been taken by the Industries Department to make the Onam celebrations in the state grand;

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- (B) What percentage of the products of Kerala Khadi and Village Industries Department were subsidized; Can you clarify whether there was an increase in sales during Onam;
- (C) What percentage subsidy was given to Hantex and Hand weave fabrics during Onam; Can you reveal if there has been an increase in sales;

Answer

- (A) Exhibitions and marketing fairs of products of various Public Sector Undertakings under the Department of Industries were organized to make the Onam celebrations in the state grand. The Khadi Village Industries Board had set up special stalls in addition to the existing outlets. Khadi Village Industries Commission and State Government grant rebate to Khadi retailers. The products were marketed according to the tastes of the beneficiaries and the required advertisements were given.

As part of the Onam celebrations, an Onam marketing fair of Serified Silks products was organized.

- (B) 30% discount on cotton / muslin and spun silk fabrics, 20% discount on fabrics and 20% discount on poly garments. 510 lakh during the period. The sales target is expected to be higher than the previous year, taking into account credit sales data.
- (C) Hantex Hand weave fabrics had a 20 per cent rebate announced by the government during Onam and a 10 per cent central government rebate. There has been no increase in sales compared to last year.

Fabrics purchased by Hantex and Hand Weave from other states

175 [178] Sree. Therambil Ramakrishnan:

„M. V. Vahid:

„K. Shivadasan Nair: Will the Minister of Industries answer the following questions:

- (A) Hantex and hand weave fabrics were procured and sold in the state from which co-operative societies in other states for Onam 2007;

- (B) how much fabric hantex and hand weave were purchased from each group; How many rupees did it sell in the state and how much profit did hantex and hand weave make from this sale?

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Answer

- (A) For Onam 2007, Hantex and Hand weave did not buy fabrics from other states
(B) Not applicable.

Hantex-Hand weave Fabrics

176 [178] Sree. K. Babu :

„ M. Murali:

Sri. George Mercyer: Will the Minister of Industries answer the following questions:

- (A) Have Hantex and Hand weave sold their stock during the 2006-2007 Onam season;
(B) Has Hantex and Hand weave bought fabrics from other states been sold in this group;
(C) Whether Hantex and Hand wave offer rebates on fabrics sold during this time;If so, how much did the government pay for Hantex and Hand weave in the rebate category;
(D) Of this, how much did the government pay for rebates on fabrics bought and sold by Hantex and Hand wave from other states;
(E) Can you explain how rebates for textiles produced in other states can help nurture and promote the handloom industry in the state;

Answer

- (A) Hand weave had a market cap of Rs 1449 lakh during the 2006 Onam season and sold Rs 857 lakh. During the Onam season 2007, the stock had a market cap of Rs 929 lakh and sold Rs 435 lakh. Hantex has not sold all the stock it has held in recent years. But maximum selling action has been taken.

- (B) Hantex and Hand weave did not buy or sell fabrics from other states during 2006-2007.
- (C) A 20 per cent rebate was allowed for fabrics sold during this period. But at this time the rebate amount is not allowed. An amount of 3 crore sanctioned under this item in 2006 and 4 crore sanctioned in 2007 was used to settle past arrears.

(D) Does not applicable on the basis of the answer to question (b).

(E) Not applicable.

Improvement of handloom sector

177 (180) Mr. Babu Prasad:

“M. A. Wahid: Will the Minister of Industries kindly reply to the question

below:

- (A) Whether the Government has decided that government employees should wear handloom clothing one day a week and children should wear handloom uniforms one day in schools for the maintenance of handloom;
- (B) Whether the order has been issued accordingly
- (C) Whether this has been implemented
- (D) How many more handloom fabrics have been sold because of this?

Answer

(A) The Government had requested government employees to wear handloom clothing one day a week and children to wear handloom uniforms once a week in schools for the upliftment of the handloom sector.

(B) The Government has issued a request in this regard.

(C) Has been implemented.

(D) Handloom fabrics worth 237 lakh have been sold till 14-8-2007 through School Uniform Scheme. No additional sales figures have been taken regarding the implementation of the handloom garment scheme by government employees.

Central plan to resolve crisis in exports

178 [181] Mr. M. V. Shyamskumar: Could the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether the Central has announced a special scheme of 1400 crore to overcome the crisis in the export sector due to rupee appreciation;

(B) If so, please provide details;

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(C) Can you elaborate on the steps taken to avail this scheme?

(D) Whether action will be taken to avail the benefit of the scheme for handloom textile exports to the State;

(E) Can you clarify which export areas in the state can benefit from the scheme?

Answer

(A)-(C) It is learned that the Central has announced a special scheme of `1400 crore to overcome the crisis in the export sector due to the appreciation of the rupee.

It includes various schemes to offset the adverse effects faced by exporters due to rupee value appreciation. It is learned that this special package mainly involves increasing tax refund and making bank credit more easily available before and after shipping.

(D) Actions are being taken.

(E) It is being examined.

Malabar Cements

179 (182) Mr. M. Chandran:

Mrs. K. The. Saleekha:

Mr. Hamsa:

“ K. K. Divakaran:

“ V. Chentamarakshan: Will the Minister of Industries kindly reply

for the following questions:

(A) Adopted to improve the performance of Malabar Cements

Explain the steps;

(B) Whether the company has been able to fully utilize its productivity; What is the production target of the company in 2007-2008?

(C) Whether action will be taken to review long-term contracts that are detrimental to the Company;

(D) What is the current status of the investigation into the corruption in Malabar Cement during the previous government?

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Answer

(A) The following steps have been taken to improve the performance of Malabar Cements.

1. Computerization was introduced in the company.

2. The goods and services required by the Company are now procured from other available PSUs.

3. Strict restrictions were imposed on spending.

(B) Yes. Production is targeted at 1.50 lakh tonnes in 2007-2008.

(C) Some of the harmful long-term contracts have been cancelled.

(D) The matter has been recommended to the Vigilance Department for investigation.

Palakkad Textile Park

180 (183) Mr. M. Hamsa: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether Palakkad Textile Park is to be started; If so, please reveal the details;

(B) Can you reveal the benefits of this coming into force;

(C) Whether there are any environmental or other issues involved in starting a textile park; If so, will action be taken to address this?

Answer

(A) An Integrated Textile Park is proposed to be set up on 350 acres of land under Kanchikode Kinfa in Palakkad District under the auspices of Kinfra. Steps have been taken to develop the infrastructure for this. Tender will be invited soon for commencement of construction work for infrastructure development. Although the scheme has been approved in principle to be included in the Central Government's Integrated Textile Park Scheme,

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it is important to note that one of the conditions is that the Special Purpose Vehicle to be set up for this purpose has not yet received the majority shareholding of the private entrepreneur and will seek to ensure the capital investment of the private entrepreneur through the Special Purpose Vehicle to commence its marketing after the commencement of the infrastructure development activities of the project. It will then be submitted to the Central Government for full approval.

(B) It is proposed to set up all types of textile units in the textile sector such as spinning, weaving and garment by private entrepreneurs in this comprehensive textile park. This will make Kerala a partner in India's expected leap in the textile sector and create a lot of jobs.

(C) No issues are currently being noticed.

Financial Crisis of Thrissur Co-operative Spinning Mill

Action to fix

181 (184) A. C. Moideen: Could the following Minister of Industries kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether the company intends to solve the problems faced by the company due to the financial crisis of the Thrissur Co-operative Spinning Mill; If so, please clarify the details;

(B) Can you clarify whether the government intends to provide the necessary financial assistance for the modernization of the mill?

Answer

(A) The expert committee has been appointed to submit the necessary proposals to solve the crisis of the co-operative spinning mills in the state and to submit the necessary proposals to solve the crisis of the Thrissur co-operative spinning mill. It is proposed to be implemented in different stages. Plans are being drawn up. Repairs as part of the mill upgrade are intended to begin immediately.

(B) Financial institutions, including the NCDC, have already begun the process of necessary fundraising.

182 [185] Mr. Jose Thettayil:

“ K. P. Mohanan: Will the Minister of Industries kindly answer the questions below?

(A) Can you clarify the major action plans of Kerala Khadi Village Industries Board?

(B) What are the plans of the government for the development of Khadi village industries?

Answer

(A) To set up marketing centres for the sale of products of Khadi village industrial units, to formulate employment creation schemes in the sector, to make the operation of the departmental units run by the Board more efficient, to organize exhibition and marketing fairs, to distribute rebates to Khadi institutions and to the three branches of the Government; The main activities of the Khadi Village Industries Board are to promote village industries.

The Board is also responsible for collecting and repaying from the beneficiaries the loans disbursed under various schemes of the Khadi Commission and disbursed by the Board as per the terms of the Commission.

The Board also promotes Khadi Village Industries and provides guidance to entrepreneurs.

In addition, the Board's activities include the distribution of Margin Money Grant to Entrepreneurs under the existing Rural Employment Scheme (Margin Money Scheme) of the Khadi Village Industries Commission under the State Scheme and the organization of awareness camps on the same.

(B) The Khadi Board is implementing various State Government level schemes and the Margin Money Scheme of the Khadi Village Industries Commission. The Board is considering the following schemes included in the State Plan.

- 1.Strengthening the departmental units of the Board.
- 2.Development of beekeeping
3. Strengthening the khadi weaving industry. (Provide production incentive to workers)

4. Allocate Restoration Grand for khadi cooperative societies and other khadi Institutions

5. Form special employment scheme for entrepreneurs below poverty line for starting kadhi units.

6. Organize propaganda events for Khadi village industries.

7. For Labors in Khadi Development Board Unit Make Available required work sheds facilities

Public facilities for small Entrepreneurs and handi workers.

183[186] Mrs. P. Aisha Potty : Will the Minister of Industries please reply the following questions :

Can you clarify what plans are you intend to implement for public facilities for small entrepreneurs and handi workers?

Answer

Implementation of public facilities for small entrepreneurs through cluster development scheme. After such entrepreneurs are transformed into a cluster system, assistance will be provided to prepare public facilities for such clusters. And to provide public utility service centers to those in the handicraft sector establishment an amount of 50 lakh has been earmarked in the annual budget of leading institutions of handicraft sector, handicraft development corporation, Kelpam, Surabhi handicraft apex cooperatives Bamboo development corporation, is intended to be implemented through agencies.

(The answers to unstarred question 19,75,and 97 are not availing the Editing branch)

(Questions and answers are over).

II Urgent Resolution.

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Regarding the sale of the Merkiston Estate to the ISRO

Mr. Speaker : Honorable Members Sarvashree Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan, C.T Ahamed Ali, Joseph. M. Puthussery, K.B Ganesh Kumar and K.K Shaju have given notice under Rule 50 on the problem arises by selling the land reserved by the Government as per the Kerala Forest ordinance 2000 (Vesting and Management of Ecologically Fragile Lands) by the request of ISRO should be discussed by adjourning house proceedings.

Minister of State Forest and Housing (Shri.Binoy Vishwam) : Sir, I would like to thank Shri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan and the friends in UDF for giving notice of this urgent resolution. I'm making this opportunity to say something that this house and the people here need to know. Some media went against the Government with clear objectives, this provides an opportunity to tell the truth while spreading lies. The Government makes one thing clear, ISRO was the total pride of our country. The achievement of that great Indian institution yesterday is a glorious one that calls out to the world. It's exciting for all of us that an initiative to have a

Education Center (Institute) here. The government will be fully prepared to cooperate. The government has an obligation that the institution has to be here. Meantime all transactions related to this should be transparent and flaw less, the government also has an obligation that there should be no stain. In connection with this controversy and the issue before me as the Minister of Forest, a meeting of officials was called including the Secretary of the Forest Department on the 20th of last month. This position is specified at that meeting. I already said here why the government stands for. That is what was made clear there as well. In its light we decided to get a detailed report in regard to examine all aspects of the news in the media. The report will be available today or tomorrow. There has been a slight delay in getting that report as it is a topic that contains lots of legal and technical issues consisting of various departments. But, I was the one who contacted the ISRO on behalf of the Government without waiting for the report.

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The Government of Kerala is a Government that highly respects ISRO. They were informed that it was imperative to need this institute. We assured then that the rest would be a most decent cooperation. But the Government does not want to be any kind of party to controversy. All the media say that there was a transaction of land deal. The Government does not want to stand in its shadow. I asked for all the steps related to this. Accordingly, the beloved son of Malayalam the World screaming Scientists Dr.G. Madhavan Nair, when came to Kerala, this is what I told him too. This is becoming a shady deal, it is not in the interest of Government not is it an adornment for the ISRO; It's not good for the future of the organization, so it's all should come in a transparent manner and he was told that it was an attempt to convey our curiosity about the matter and this is what ISRO should stand for. The honorable Chief Minister has convened a meeting on the 6th in the light of a letter. At the meeting the concerned Minister and Secretaries of all the departments and ISRO is also participating. This is exactly what the Government is going to make clear at the meeting. The plantation needs to be maintained as plantations. It should not be cutie sold for anything. Here, if there is a move to sell the plantations in pieces in hiding behind ISRO, that should not be allowed it is our good faith in ISRO. Of the Land Reform Act the plantation were excluded from the boundaries because they were plantations. It is customary for those plantation to be cut down in the name of ISRO or otherwise, if approved the Land Reform will be the biggest milestone of our country and there is a danger that they're will be subverted. This Government also sees that there should be no way out of that. So through a transparent relationship between the ISRO and Government. The LDF Government is of the view that this institution should come. This Government will not support if there is a play for personal gain in it at all. There must be measures that can be taken to protest it if there is any wrong move in it and will bring it out and whoever is in guilty. We

assure this house that we will take the appropriate decision at the meeting on the 6th. There for, it does not seem that the house should stop and discuss.

Shri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan: Sir, Let's actually have a discussion, this is how the honorable Minister replied here. We gave the notice happily and very welcomely, thank you for complimenting us in such a way that the opposition has done a good thing. Let's have a discussion. All you have to do is set a time for discussion. And the time for it is half past twelve. So I think going into the discussion is an adornment. He did not reply to the important point raised here, who dispute that being proud of ISRO? Padmabhushan Award Winning Dr. G Madhavan Nair is the epitome of Indian heritage, who dispute that important personality? That is not the problem here. The important problem is that using the cover of ISRO such a highly credible organization. Here the ISRO space science institute should be started. That is the need of Kerala. So we all stand together. The Government of Kerala should provide land to start with Institute of space science. It should be provide freely. It is necessary such a famous institution should come to Kerala. According to the first minutes, 100 acres of land is required, if necessary 100 acres or the land they asked for should be given. Do not go for a shady deal instead of accepting measures for the state Government. That's The important problem. There are some conspiracy and mystery in this. The agreement for payment of Merkiston Estate 217 acres of land for ISRO on 7-3-2007 has been set. A copy of that agreement is in my hand. In that agreement, an acres of land is worth Rs 4 lakh. It is given by a landlord called Xavi and the landlord got the land for Rs 1.5 lakh. The honorable Chief Minister of Kerala said out loud to the people of Kerala and the world that there is a land mafia and a land bank and that there are some people who are making crore of rupees by investing in this field. Bought the land for 1.5 lakh and an agreement was made to give the land for Rs 4 lakh. The land bought for Rs 3.21 crore is actually being sold for Rs 8 crore. They handed over a letter for the sale of the land for Rs 8 crore. He has no land in his hands, at the time of making this agreement for sale. By the agreement land can be given where there is no land in hand. There are some agreements in Kerala politics also. I'm not going into that. The agreement was made to pay on the landless spot.

After that's letter is given to Vazhuthakadu on 30-3-2007 by Xavi Mano Mathew, managing director of southern field vendors pvt Ltd. A letter is given for the custodian. These are within the letter given to the custodian that says the Land tax receipt for the entire area is also produced herewith, within this letter dated 30-3-2007, it says that all the land was taxed and

we have kept the entire receipt. This is the tax receipt. This is the ownership document. For possession and taxation receipt was issued on 30-3-2007 and this has been fully done. The ownership document was issued on 19-4-2007 to the people of Thenur village. This is the photocopy of the tax receipt. This receipt is dated 19-4-2007. I did all this on 30-3-2007 after paying taxes on 19-4-2007, so this is an offender that claims the whole is mine, a seam of his, can we cooperate with that seam? Here what is the land? As mentioned earlier, I have a copy of the notification which dated October 20, 2000. This is the Kerala Gazette notification that notice 268.87 acres of land has been vested. The earlier ordinance was passed by the assembly in 2003 by replacing it and it is passed on the basis of that law. Kerala Forest (Vesting and Management of Ecological fragile land) Act, 2003. According to the earlier ordinance the land was vested in the Government in 2001. After that, the legislature itself brought in a new law by replacing that ordinance. I'm not going to all the aspects stated within that law. "The Government shall have power to declare by the notification in the Gazette, any land to be ecologically fragile Land on the recommendation of the Advisory committee". Then you have the right to do so. The land was given on the basis of title. The most important problem of this is that our custodian wrote a letter about it. What did the custodian do? The custodian handed the letter below. According to the new act, the land belong to the Government of Kerala. There is the problem. If the Government vest it, then it is not possible to de-vest it. Once the Government vest it then it is impossible to de-vest it even if the re-notification is done. The land belongs to the Government of Kerala. The land of Kerala Government is also in the name of the Government. Here a letter is given by the custodian Shri V.T Gopinath on 12-6-2007. And Shri V.T Gopinath is taking decision over that. There is the main problem. The honorable Minister of Forest called a conference on 09-6-2007 by knowing these all.

The conference was called by Minister of Forest on the basis of complaints that there was an unavoidable situation due to some interference from the Forest Department in the Merkiston Estate. Do you know who attended the conference? There were 7 people participating including Xavi Mano Mathew. What is the decision in the Minutes? The conservator of Forest Mr. Varghese, who was present in the meeting said in the minutes that the Government had ruled in favor of 283 hectares of land in the complaint filed by the Estate owner to the Forest Tribunal was recorded. Shri. Varghese is the officer from Kollam. Mr Varghese said at the meeting that this was the land that should belong to Government. The land was acquired by the Government in June 2002 as a part of the EPL ordinance, the information on to the owner and the court and was passed and recorded within the minutes. It is also stated in the minutes that a case has been registered against the owner of the Estate for cutting woods from the Government land. Within the minutes it was stated that case had been taken against Xavi Mano Mathew for cutting 69 trees from Government land under the violation of the Forest Act, and

who you have called for the conference. Two Minister from here also participated in the meeting . Respect P.K Gurudasan, you attended on the basis of welfare of the workers, I don't forget that it is with a hint of sorts. What is the decision here? Did you know what decision is recorded in the minutes about the 707 acres of land that vested by the Government of Kerala. Firewood can be cut for the operation of the Estate from the land now owned by the Estate owner. The land is being given to him for his personal use. The owner applied a de-notification here for except 23.71 hectares of land from EFL. The Minister is said to be in the conspiracy. This is the important issue. Bought for 3 crore and sold for 8 crore. The esteemed Minister has been involved in this political conspiracy..... (Mic off)..... Isn't this a very serious issue? The most relevance in this case is the Government of Kerala has been said that seven hundred acres of land should be returned to a private individual . There are crore of corruption and troubles here. This should be investigated. Is one discussion enough? If it is discussion it does not end in 10 minutes. Let's discuss the rest of the things too. Aren't you involved in this ? Can you give up? The truth is, if respected Binoy Vishwam brought the whole spice of Arabia to clean the bloodstains in his hand it will not be cleaned. I request that the house should be stopped and discuss this.

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Minister of Forest and Housing (Shri Binoy Vishwam) : Shri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan himself knows that everything he said was fiction. By taking time he build a story with no story. Not a valid thing. According to the Government there is nothing to hide. The Left Government is ready for investigation in all levels related to this case. The Government has nothing to hide that relates to this case. There will clear steps will be taken for the case after the meeting on the 6th is over. No one should have any doubts about that, this Government is different.....(Noise).....I can tell..... Things were said in Thenur Village. As usual in it's procedures it has been said here that there was an excessive speed in it. An Enquiry Committee headed by the Land Revenue Commission to look into the matter. Now formed in the Revenue Department. The Government Hasbro laziness or hesitation in enquiring about there is any lapse on the part of the officials. Many of the things that Shri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan said were actually returned against UDF. Let me day it with a great respect, there is a saying we all know in English "When you point finger to somebody mind you that 3 fingers are being pointed against you". You said that the whole land owned by Xavi Mano Mathew is acquired from Government by ordinance. You said the date yourself. According to the ordinance in 2000. In 2003, it became the act. Then the owner of this plantation is Keerthi Estate. Now you are saying the land owned by Keerthi Estate is bought by Xavi Mano Mathew the Maharaja of all crimes. Three bases were held on 30-3-2005 . You haveto say who gave the support to buy the land of

Government for Xavi Mano Mathew.....(Noise)..... That should be within the scope of the enquiry. You should come. In your language the UDF give permission to purchase land with the help if UDF Xavi Mano Mathew bought the land. After that he said it to ISRO. Based on a minute that you said like a big deal . Do those minutes have anything to do with this sale of ISRO? Read this minutes hundred times. These minutes have nothing to do with the transaction of land transferred under the rule of the UDF sold to ISRO. Everything is very clear in this minutes. The intervention of the Forest Department to open the Merkiston Estate in Ponmudi a meeting of stakeholders was convened through the Minister of Labor .

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The Minister of Forest said in his introduction that the Forest Department is not against any law abiding institutions and that there will be no labor misconduct on the part of the department. The strategist Xavi Mano Mathew said, when the Forest Department came taking the case, the plantation cannot be stopped, lots of workers are working here, they are all being paid. Xavi Mano Mathew gives a letter stating that it is going to be stopped due to the intervention of the Forest Department to the Minister of Labor. When he asked me, I said that now I know what happened, that means we can call a meeting soon. The meeting was called immediately. Of the meeting attended by both, in a excerpt from the minutes, he said "It is necessary to seek remedial action as per the law to resolve the disputes". These are the words of the Minister of Labor. This sentence make it clear that there is no connection between Minister of Forest with Minister of Labor and your cousin Xavi Mano Mathew..... (Noise)..... There will be no relationship.....(Noise)..... Not only that Let's read the decision..... (Noise)..... I will read the Rule established under act in 2003 and will read the minutes also. Decision (3)- according to rules, the custodian must file a complaint with the EFL for except to the 23.7321 hectares of land of the owner of the EFL to de-notify.

2. Estate owner "Woods can be cut for firewood for the operation of the estate that the land now in possession. But firewood should not be carried out for any reason. That's all have to say the UDF who agreed to run the plantation by Xavi Mano Mathew who bought the plantation since March 3, 2005. We don't have to say the UDF has to say that why the plantation is taken over..... (Noise)..... Sir, allow me to speak.

Mr Speaker : You should say.

Shri Binoy Vishwam : These are the rules. The rules of 2003 Act says,

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"17. Owner claiming exemption to apply.---(1) any owner or any person having the right of possession or enjoyment of any land notified under sub section (1) of section 3 of the Act may

file an application before the custodian giving details of the notification and to decide whether such land qualify to be notified as ecologically fragile in accordance with the provisions of the Act.”

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In this minutes it is stated that he has the right to file a petition accordingly. Accordingly Xavi Mano Mathew filed a petition. Shri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan read the ordinance of Shri V. Gopinath over that petition. You must read the last part. It says “The remaining land shall be restored to its ex-owner after proper verification of records, survey and demarcation of the property as per the provisions contained in the Kerala Forest (Vesting and Management of Ecologically Fragile Lands) Act, 2003.” According to this the custodian is given to the Ex-owner. The Ex-owner is not Xavi Mano Mathew. Accordingly “after proper verification.....”(Noise)..... There is no proper verification under this. There was no surveys. Even if that didn't happen, just need to check if there is any legal connection to the agreement made by Xavi Mano Mathew with ISRO. When ever says about the matter of the land of the ISRO, what is being said here is about the meeting. The matter of the meeting is different. Both are different. It must be understood. Firstly UDF agreed one hundred percent with the deal with Xavi Mano Mathew. By the consent of UDF, Xavi Mano Mathew established a relation with the ISRO to make a trade and then sell the land in pieces under its cover, but the Government would not have bowed down before such moves. The name of this Government is LDF Government. Therefore we say after the meeting on the 6th by ensuring that the Great institution of ISRO will come here and necessary steps are being taken. The UDF move to destroy the moves if LDF Government is baseless and indecent. There for, there is absolutely no need to stop the house and discuss.

Mr Speaker : Order, Order.....Honorable Minister of Forest the Chair does not think that the house proceedings should adjourned and discussed.

Leader of Opposition (Shri. Oommen Chandy) : The picture was now really understood, when the reply of the Honorable Minister was finished. None of us are against the arrival of ISRO Institute. It should come to Kerala. ISRO institution is proud not only Kerala but also for the Country itself. Kerala is proud to say that Space Institution is coming to Kerala. We would welcome it if the Government decides to give away this land for that Institute. We are against of giving the land of Government to ISRO by giving money to Xavi Mano Mathew.

Respected Minister said, in the order it says that the Ex-owner Xavi Mano Mathew has nothing to do with this transaction. Everyone let's clap. In my hand is the custodian Shri. Gopinath's order of Ecologically fragile land. Do you know what the reference of this order says? Second in reference says that "Representation of Shri. Xavi Mano Mathew dated 30-3-2007". Who is this Xavi Mano Mathew? You said we have no connection and it is given to the Ex-owner, Xavi Mano Mathew is not it's owner and I agree with what you said. And how to custodian entertained the application according to what Xavi Mano Mathew said. Take decisions on it? You have to say honorable Chief Minister you got the order, if not I can put it on the table. I take this order while you are saying that the Xavi Mano Mathew has no connection with this and the ex-owner is different and it is given to another owner. Xavi Mano Mathew.....

Shri Binoy Vishwam : Let me speak, your question is relevant. To your knowledge, I will read the section 17 if the rule under this ActAny owner or any person having the right of possession or enjoyment of any land notified under section (1) of section (3)..... As you handed over to Xavi Mano Mathew, now he is in possession. This is the only reason. This is why we had to call according to these rules. There is nothing else in it..... (Noise).....

Shri Oommen Chandy : You are falling into the pit that you dug. You called the conference. There were the honorable Minister of Labor also. We are not against of calling a meeting of there is a problem of the workers. That is all needed. You need to call and discuss, but the person you discussed was the one who tried to cut down trees from forest and sell it which is owned by the Kerala Government. You have discussed it with the defendant in that case. Then the influence of Xavi Mano Mathew is turned around and coming. Then you said that it was handed over in 2005 during the UDF rule. Respected Minister can you show the documents that gave such permission on that day. Can you put that on table? I agree. I can publicly plead guilty. Will you put those documents. I'm asking if you can put those documents that the UDF permission granted and authorizing the transfer of the land.

Sri.Binoy Vishwam: Xavi Mano Mathew has to put it all together. Not me
(Noise).....

Sri.OommenChandy: In that case, I am going to say one more thing. What I am quoting is Deshabhimani newspaper. According to today's Deshabhimani newspaper, 707 acres of land

was bought for Rs. 3.26 crores and 81 acres were sold for Rs. 3.22 crores. Deshabhimani wrote that the price has increased nine times in these two years. What does this mean? It was bought for a nominal price then making the deed, price shot up when it came to getting an order from the custodian of E.F.L. Land. There is a difference in acres. You can read what came in Deshabhimani. This is very clear when it comes in Deshabhimani. All the stories behind the sale of government land and government-owned land at a very high price after it was legalized The price hike came to Deshabhimani. (Noise) I am speaking on the basis of what was said in Deshabhimani. I just want to point out one more thing. There is only one thing that makes all its connections clear. That is, the conference of ministers was held on 16-5-2007. You have nothing to do with the I.S.R.O. land deal. I agree. Like I said, but after the minutes of your meeting came out, the rest of the process was very quick. The minutes are part of the meeting held on 16-5-2007. Sri.Radhakrishnan mentioned it here. Owners are required to file a complaint to the Custodian E.F.L. in accordance with the rules for DE notification from the E.F.L. except for 23.7371 hector of land. (Noise)The decision was taken at the meeting where you two ministers were asked to file a complaint. The report was submitted to the Designated Committee on 24-5-2007. Is this something that can be done so quickly? Its minutes came out three or four days later. But as soon as the minutes came, the committee joined. The committee submitted report on 24-5-2007. Based on that report, the Conservator of Forests, Kollam, filed a custodian report on 11-6-2007. Did you know Sri. Binoy Vishwam, when the custodian made the decision? The date was 12-6-2007. Type a five page report a day and make a decision on 11-6-2007. Report was given that day itself. On 12-6-2007 the Custodian issues an order in favor of de-notifying it. Is it not an Ugly haste? You know what your leader M.N. Govindan Nair did When the issue of buying Thattil estate for Mannuthy Agricultural University arose, the then Chief Minister E.M.S. Namboothiripad ordered.

He resigned because of the word "Ugly haste" in it. Mr. Binoy Vishwan has said that this has relation with the U.D.F. Government. Whom asked whether he can produce the documents, he is not speaking. Tells to ask Xavi Mano Mathew. In any case, there is no doubt that I.S.R.O. is a proud institution for us. There has been a controversy that has dragged that institution out as well. Sri.Binoy Vishwam also spoke about the times of the previous government. It should be investigated by the C.B.I. itself. Action must be taken accordingly. We want to know the

decision of the Chief Minister and his opinion in this regard. We request you to comment on that.

Chief Minister (Sri. V.S.Achuthanandan): Minister of State for Forests, Mr. Binoy Vishwam has mentioned that a conference has been convened on this issue with the participation of the Minister and some other Ministers, including Mr. Madhavan Nair of the I.S.R.O and me. I think we can learn more when that conference is over. If you want to say something as requested by the esteemed Leader of the Opposition then it can be said later. We took this issue seriously when we noticed that the government had to pay crores of rupees for the I.S.R.O. project while it was still here, that is why I have been investigating these deals and I have discussed the matter with the Minister of Forests and so on. It was during this discussion that the previous issues came to mind. It was learned from the discussion that the I.S.R.O. officials had discussed the matter with Xavi Mano Mathew and the price fixed thinking it is of them and it mutually agreed. We do not understand whether the State Government has been duly notified of this matter or whether the State Government has inquired into or acted accordingly. So we have called a meeting in his presence about all this. You can learn more about this when that discussion is over. I would like to inform you that I will say more about this after that.

Sri.Oommen Chandy: As you said, the Minister of Forests called the conference. He is a member of your cabinet. But he is the one who has made the most serious fall.

I was going to hear your answer. Let me just say one more point. Trees on land owned by the estate owner may be cut with the prior permission of the E.F.L. custodian for timber required for the maintenance of labor house on the estate. The land owned by the E.F.L. custodian is the government land. It is said to cut wood and sell it. This is an agreement made by the Minister of Forests also . Told to apply for de-notification.

Sri. V.S. Achuthanandan: From what has been said here, he may come sometimes as the owner according to the law passed during the previous government. Occasionally there may be

interpretations or terms as the owner at the time of ownership. In any case, if I get a chance to check on it, we can deal with it thoroughly. We need to check that whether the Minister of State has said in this regard is true or what you have said is true. The Minister of Departments has given a very detailed reply on what Sri.Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan has presented as an emergency resolution. On that basis, there is no question of stopping and discussing the proceedings of the committee. The Honorable Leader of the Opposition asked me to say more and I said I would say more about it. One more verification also is required here. Let's say after that.

Sri.Oommen Chandy: I do not underestimate the importance of your conference. It is about giving land to I.S.R.O. and not to lose the institution of I.S.R.O. There is a minister in your cabinet who is collaborating to sell government land to a private individual. We have presented evidence for that. The only clue he said was that it started during the U.D.F. regime. Also inquire for what was in the days of the U.D.F. era. All in all, the only thing the Minister said was that it started during the U.D.F. regime. So enquire about that too. And so

Sri. V.S. Achuthanandan: There are a lot of land deals being done by real estate scholars. Not one or two. It also helps us to learn all that. Take some time, be patient, don't be in a hurry and then we can try to understand the truth of it. When we tried for it, we understood its past history. If there is anything more than that, we can understand that.

Sri.Oommen Chandy: No action is taken unless you say so. You spoke about the Land Bank Mafia in Ernakulam. You decided to sign the M.O.U. in the cabinet itself. M.O.U. approved. At the time of the decision, the land had come in favor of the Mafia. So we have raised this with very clear evidence. Conducting a conference with a person who has sold government forest land and cut down timber from the forest land, telling them to apply for DE notification, knowingly denouncing the application on the basis of their application knowing that they are not the owners, such actions are seriously wrong. We are walking out to protest the action of the Chief Minister who is protecting this Minister.

(Opposition Leader Sri.Oommen Chandy and members of his party walked out of the House)

Sri. K. M. Mani: Sir, this is a very, very clear case. The allegation of corruption behind this transaction is a very clear case. Sri. Binoy Vishwam said that Xavi Mano Mathew will not go in vain. All this is late wisdom. The problem here is not that Xavi Mano Mathew bought the land. Xavi Mano Mathew might have bought the land which was not owned and was bogus. But today the government has to answer why this government has conspired to regularize the illegal transaction of unlicensed government land. That is the most important thing. You convened a high-level conference to regularize it. We have seen so many conferences here. For whom was Sri.Binoy Vishwam convening this conference here? The big conference was convened when the defendant in the case of logging on government-owned forest land said. The high-level conference was chaired by the Secretary to the Government, the Conservator of Forests, and other ministers. Defendant in the case of logging, what he needed was the land held by that defendant, to be regularized. Why was the land de-notified and given to Xavi Mano Mathew by the government on the basis of the Fertile Land Act? Can you answer that? Didn't you give it to I.S.R.O.? The government de-notifies the land and gives it to Xavi Mano Mathew to help him. That's where the corruption is. Your conference is the source of it. At the conference you convened, you were told that the procedure for this would be to apply to the Conservator of Forests.

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You told that way and he immediately applies there. The Conservator of Forests de-notifies as soon as the application is submitted. Is it not very plain. Can those responsible for this sit in the cabinet here? No action against it? He is handing over the de-notified land to I.S.R.O. at a huge cost. He is making an agreement to transfer 217 acres of land to I.S.R.O. at double the price. He joins the land mafia, regularizes his land and the minister conspires to loot profits. This is a very serious mistake. Permission is also given to cut timber from there. The reply given by the Honorable Minister of Forests to this urgent resolution in relation to this obvious case is also incorrect. The Honorable Chief Minister should not have seen this so lightly. We are holding a conference. He said a conference was being held on whether or not to give land to the I.S.R.O. That's not the problem here. You conspired to DE notify your land and give it back to a person who would turn it over and make a profit. Therefore, immediate action is required. Action

should be taken against the guilty officers. My party members and I are going on a walkout to protest that the Chief Minister has not made it clear here.

(Sri. K. M. Mani and members of his party walked out of the House)

Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali: Sir, this move of de-notifying government forest land to a private individual is not correct. As the Honorable Leader of the Opposition, as well as the Honorable Mani Sir, has pointed out here, it is utterly corrupt for the Government to de-notify the land reserved to the Government to Sri. Xavi Mano Mathew, that is, to a private individual, and to cut down trees. The government is not going to escape from this. Therefore, the government should investigate the matter with the C.B.I. and take strong action against the culprits, be they ministers or officials. Therefore, necessary steps should be taken to investigate with the C.B.I. My party and I are walking out to protest the denial of permission to discuss this urgent resolution.

(Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali and members of his party walked out the House)

(Opposition members who left the committee returned to the committee shortly afterwards to participate in the proceedings)

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(1) Comprehensive development of handloom sector in the State

Sri. V. J. Thankappan: Sir, I am presenting this resolution to bring to the attention of the State Government to some of the problems facing the handloom sector. The number of handloom sector employees are about one and a half lakh. The vast majority of them are women. The handloom industry is an industry that provides employment to more people at minimal cost. The sector, which employs about 1.5 lakh people as a traditional industry, has been neglected for more time. The members borrow money from the District Co-operative Bank at 12 and 16 percentage interests and buy the products through co-operative societies and manufacture and market each item through co-operative societies. An important policy or one brought to the people during the tenure of this government was that government officials and students should wear handloom clothing at least one day a week. Although the demand for handlooms has increased tremendously as a result of the people accepting that request of the Honorable Minister, today the co-operatives do not have the capacity to supply goods as per the demand. The main reason for this is that you get a loan at a higher interest rate. It can be marketed after taking high interest loans, making products and keeping them for months. The co-operative sector is going to the edge of collapse in the handloom sector because it has not

been able to borrow money at such a high interest rate. As far as the Industries Co-operative Societies are concerned, there are many benefits to be paid to the workers working there. P.F. Commissioner takes prosecution action due to P.F. arrears; Funds are frozen. Action must be taken on the part of the esteemed government to deal with this crisis. These two things are put in front the esteemed government. These two things are put in front of the esteemed government. In the agricultural sector, the government lends money at five and a half percentage interest. It is the farmer; Not farming. Here the government should make arrangements to lend money to the real weavers co-operative at five and a half percentage interest. District co-operative banks and handloom co-operative societies are not taking a supportive stance at present. Therefore invites attention to the need to start a bank to finance the handloom sector for handloom marketing. The government should think seriously about it. The proposal to put in front of the Honorable Government is to set up a Handloom Fabric Development Bank.

The handloom sector needs to be brought out of this complex situation. In the coir sector, money is being lent at a low interest rate of five and a half percentage. All those interest rates are subsidized by the government. It is requested that the government subsidize the coir and agriculture sectors as well as the traditional handloom sector, which employs over one and a half lakh workers, by providing subsidized loans at low interest rates.

Minister of Industries (Sri. Elamaram Kareem): Sir, the Honorable Member has pointed out a very important issue here. All our handloom co-operatives are in huge debt. In order to get more loans from NABARD, groups need to be exempted from their non-performing assets. The interest rates on loans extended by district banks should also be reduced. The interest rate is to be deducted by the Reserve Bank of India. Handloom Co-operative Societies receive loans mainly from District Co-operative Banks through NABARD through Centrally Sponsored Schemes, State Schemes and N.C.D.C (National Co-operative Development Corporation) Integrated Co-operative Development Project (ICDP).

Interest should be paid at 1.5 percentages on working capital loan provided by District Cooperative Bank, nine and a half percentages on loans issued by District Cooperative Bank through NABARD, six percentages for equity partnership loans granted from the government and nine and a half percentages on loans received through N.C.D.C. As on 31-3-2006, Hantex has a debt of Rs.18.69 crores, Hand weave has a debt of Rs.13.67 crores and primary groups

have a debt of Rs.201.87 crores. In terms of interest alone, Hantex owes Rs.4.43 crores a year; Hand weave owes Rs.1.91 crores and primary groups Rs.23.21 crores a year. The above debts have greatly affected the handloom industry cooperatives. The weavers could not pay the yarn and wages on time, so in most groups only a few looms could be run. In the case of Hantex, the co-operatives have to pay Rs.23 crores for the purchase of the cloth. Hantex makes it difficult for groups to maintain cash-credit accounts because they are not paid on time. For Hand weave, day-to-day operations are declining due to a lack of working capital. There is only a one-time settlement scheme, which is expected to be implemented by the Central Government to settle the liability.

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The audit has been completed in a timely manner to bring the teams under the purview of this one-time settlement scheme. This is now under consideration by NABARD. The problem of low interest rate lending depends on the policy of the Reserve Bank. However, 10 percentages subsidy is being provided by Yan Bank and N.C.D.C for the purchase of yarn and dye within the limits of the government. It is learned that the Central Government has come up with a scheme to provide low interest loans to the handloom sector. This benefit will be made available to the handloom sector in the state. A committee will be appointed to study the problems in the handloom sector and submit a report.

Sri. V. J. Thankappan: The bank I mentioned did not get an answer because you did not pay attention to the matter of starting a bank. The government itself should set up a banking system with two branches at Ernakulam and Kozhikode to help the handloom sector. It is my belief that Hantex will be able to work in this field more effectively when it comes to that.

Sri.Elamaram Kareem: I have said that this issue raised by the esteemed member is also subject to the study of the committee.

(2) Rehabilitation of People returns from the Gulf

Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali: Sir, for the expatriate Malayalees in our country, lakhs of unemployed young people who are suffering from unemployment are going to the Gulf countries to find employment and find work. Therefore, it is the foreign employment sector that has helped to some extent in solving the acute employment problem in our country.

Today, it is the expatriate Malayalees who earn foreign exchange in our economy. They leave home, home and family and work in foreign countries and play a crucial role in earning a large amount of foreign exchange for our country. We often forget them. At this point, with the exception of a small percentage of business people working in the Gulf, a large percentage of workers and ordinary people are getting meagre wages. They had only been in foreign countries to live. Today, lakhs of pravesi Keralites who went to Gulf countries on temporary visiting visas are returning to our home countries through out pass. The government has not taken any action to rehabilitate those coming to home. The government has not taken any action in this regard beyond the fact that some expatriate organizations are helping to bring them to home land.

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The government has said it will implement several schemes for expatriate Keralites but no action has been taken so far. Even the government agency NORKA (Non-Resident Keralites Affairs) did not take any action to address their problems. The work of Odepec (Overseas Development and Employment Promotion Consultants Ltd.), a firm recruiting for jobs abroad, has also failed completely. The number of recruits is also very limited. Of the 184,873 amnesty applications in the U.A.E. alone, 121,605 were granted amnesty. Most of them are Malayalees. In this case, it is clear that neither the government nor NORKA has taken any steps to repatriate those deported for legal reasons. The lives of those who return home after work and their health deteriorate are difficult. The Government should take immediate action to appoint a commission to compile the correct statistics of these sections as well as to rehabilitate the expatriate sections and provide them employment in the country. The number of people currently working in the Gulf does not count. Therefore, I request the Honorable Chief Minister to resolve these issues by collecting the statistics of those who have gone abroad and appointing a commission to discuss their difficulties and difficulties with the leaders of various Malayalee organizations. The work of many expatriate organizations that help repatriate those sent back by out pass by air is very appreciable. It is very exemplary that some expatriate organizations like K.M.C.C. took lakhs of people to Karipur airport in a special flight the previous day. This serious problem is being treated very lightly by the government as lakhs of people are coming back to the country in this way. It is a pity that the Minister in charge of the Department of Overseas Indian Affairs is not yet ready to meet the ministers or officials of the countries that send people home on the out pass, as well as to hold discussions with the leaders of the expatriate organizations. It is in the education of the children that the foreign Keralites people suffer the most. Sometimes T.C. is not available when you come home during the school year; Admission to schools will be over. The government should be prepared to take a

supportive stance towards the expatriate Malayalees in this regard. I request the Honorable Minister of Education to issue a special order allowing their children to get admission in schools when they return home after losing their jobs. In the Gulf, the government treats low-wage workers and high-ranking traders alike in the N.R.I. quota. Both groups charge the same fee.

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Action should be taken to determine the fees required for admission to N.R.I. fort by calculating the income in the Gulf. Today, all sections of the population have pension schemes; there are welfare fund boards. These schemes have not been implemented only for the Gulf Malayalees. The government should also take urgent steps in this regard. The Insurance Scheme should be implemented for the Gulf Malayalees. Action should be taken on the part of the government to take necessary steps to implement the insurance scheme by fixing the beneficiary as well as the government as a share premium. Just as the families of those who are in danger in our country today are being helped by the relief fund, so should the families of those who die in accidents in the Gulf urgently. There should be measures to protect job seekers who are being cheated from exploitation by agencies recruiting for jobs. Many are deceived by newspaper advertising. They don't get the salaries they publicize from here. Steps must be taken to find solutions to all that. There are a lot of difficulties with regard to police verification. The Honorable Chief Minister has spoken in this committee itself about the authority of the S.I. on police verification. Now that the S.I. has been given charge of police verification, no action has been taken in this regard. Therefore, necessary action should be taken to exercise this power by giving a special order for this purpose. Of air charges.....(Mic off).....

Chief Minister (Sri. V. S. Achuthanandan): Amnesty has been announced in many countries to enable foreigners living illegally in the Gulf States to return to their countries. Amnesty has been announced in the U.A.E. from June 3, 2007 to September 2, 2007. However, those staying illegally have been given permission until the third of November to leave the United Arab Emirates. Accordingly, about 5,000 People are expected to return. The Malayali organizations and the Indian Embassy are doing as much work as possible to help bring back to the country the Keralites people who want to take advantage of the amnesty. The state government is helping to coordinate it and fix documents and tickets through NORKA. Two NORKA officials were sent to the U.A.E. separately for this purpose. NORKA also provided travel

for returnees to return home from the airport. Various Malayalee organizations and some institutions have done significant assistance in this regard.

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In addition to the UAE, efforts are being made in other Gulf countries to repatriate illegal immigrants as a result of the amnesty. There are no plans in place to rehabilitate the returning Malayalees. The NORKA Department has a scheme to provide financial assistance to the financially backward returning from abroad subject to certain conditions under the Consolation Scheme. This is totally inadequate. However the NORKA Department has come up with a scheme to provide financial assistance of RS. 50000 thousand to the families of expatriate Keralites who die abroad or become seriously disabled. Steps have also been taken to register expatriates. In addition, the state government is considering a draft bill to implement a comprehensive pension scheme for the welfare of NRIs.

Sri. C. TMuhammad Ali : Sir, at present various organizations are bearing their flight charges. The Government should take necessary steps to bear the air charges of all persons coming home through Out-pass.

Sri. V.S Achuthanandan : In this regard, the department of NORKA has devised various schemes to assist them.

IV Panel of Chairmen

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members Sarvasree B. Raghavan, K.K.Jayachandran and C. P. Muhammad are nominated to the panel of Chairmen for the Sixth Session of the 12th Kerala Legislative Assembly.

V Submission

(1) Incident of hoisting the national Flag upside down

Sri. P. K. AbdhuRab: The national flag was hoisted upside down at Kozhikode University on the recent Independence Day. I am raising this submission to bring that serious issue to the attention of the Committee. This is the first time in the history of Kozhikode University that such an incident has taken place. The Vice- Chancellor, Officials, staffs, students and all participated in the independence Day celebrations and hoisted the national flag upside down. The Vice Chancellor saluted the flag.

Independence Day speech conducted. The national anthem was also sung. Then someone from the audience noticed that the national flag had been hoisted upside down. On that basis, lowered the flag again and raised it properly and then Vice Chancellor saluted again, sang the national Anthem and delivered the speech. Student organizations such as M S F, K S U, have been on strike demanding an inquiry into the incident and action against the culprits. On the basis of this, the Vice- Chancellor directed Dr. K .P Janardhanan, Head of the Department of Zoology, Marxist sympathizers and Dr. V Muraleedharan, Head of the Department of Commerce, who were members of the nominated syndicate to investigate the matter and submit a report within a week. Dr. R. Surendran the head of the Hindi Department staged a satyagraha at the university after the report was not submitted or action was taken against the culprits. Following this the Vice- Chancellor has expanded the committee with more members in addition to those previously appointed. But three weeks after the Independence Day no news has come out that the committee has reported or taken action against the culprits. The Registrar is fully responsible for all matters of the University. He also sent out invitation letters to all regarding this Independence Day Celebration. But he did not attend the ceremony. The Vice -Chancellor said he was in Mangalore. Unionists say he was on leave. But there was news that he was at the venue but did not attend the ceremony. Moreover, the Marxist Union tried to downplay the incident and tried to whitewash the Registrar. According to the law, a rehearsal of hoisting the national flag should be held three times before the ceremony. Had it done so, there would not have been this serious fall. Strict action should have been taken against the Registrar and other persons concerned for insulting the National Flag. The situation where not even a single report is released after three weeks should be investigated and strict action should be taken against the Vice- Chancellor and Registrar.

Chief Minister(Sri V.S Achuthanandan): As part of the Independence Day celebration on August 15th Vice Chancellor, as a senior officials of the University officiated at the hoisting of the National Flag at the Kozhikode University Headquarters. When the Flag was hoisted, the Flag was seen upside down. The Flag was immediately lowered and hoisted again in accordance with proper etiquette.

The Vice Chancellor publicly regretted such a serious omission. Four professors from the University were appointed to look into the matter in detail. The investigation found that this was not a deliberate mistake. In addition to taking precautionary measures to prevent such a fall from occurring, action was also taken to warn the officials responsible for the fall.

(2)Dependent appointment to widow of Thomas Sebastian

Sri V Sivankutty: Thomas Sebastian is a man who has reaped many rewards at the national level in the field of football. One year has passed since the death of Thomas Sebastian, the fastest footballer Kerala has ever seen and a Titanium employee from Vettukadu, Thiruvananthapuram who had been a member of the Indian team many times. The honorable Minister of Industries was also present at the posthumous ceremony. He played for Kerala in the Santosh Trophy Tournament 7 times. Thomas Sebastian was the captain of Kerala when Kerala was runner-up in the 1988 Santosh Trophy Tournament. He was a state member of the junior division in 1981. He has worn the Jersey for India in the international tournaments of Asian Youth in 1982, Nehru World Cup in 1983, Pre-Olympics 1983, President's Gold cup in 1983 and Nehru World Cup in 1987. Thomas Sebastian was the captain of the Kerala team when he won the second National Games in 1987. He won the G. V Raja World Medal and the Football Association's Player of the match award in 1989. Thomas Sebastian died of a heart attack on 28-08-2006. At the time of his death, Thomas Sebastian was a section officer at Titanium. Leticia Pereira Sebastian's wife has applied for a dependent appointment under company law, but no action has been taken for over a year. When contacted, the management gave a bizarre reply that there was no vacancy for them in Titanium. The family is so much financial trouble that Sebastian's two children cannot even afford an education. We cannot accept the Titanium management's show with the family of Sebastian, a member of the Titanium football team for 18 years. Moreover, this is an insult to sports Kerala itself. Now is the time for Kerala football to reap the benefits. M. K. Pradeep of Kerala scored the 43rd minute goal to make history at the Nehru Cup International Football Tournament India. In this situation, football players should be encouraged.

Even if the management says some technical problems, you should intervene and issue a special order to save Thomas Sebastian's family, but if you look at the appointments of the last two or three years, there have been a lot of such dependent appointments. I humbly request that you intervene in the matter of Thomas Sebastian, who is to be appointed and given due prominence with so much importance, and to issue a special order to employ this Thomas Sebastian's wife according to her qualifications.

Minister of Industries (Shri. Elamaram Kareem) : Thomas Sebastian, captain of the Indian football team, died on 28-8-2006 while working as a section officer in the Titanium Company. Mrs. Leticia Perera, wife of the late, submitted an application on 17-1-07 for employment under the Dependent Recruitment Scheme for Employment of Dependents of Employees who died while in service in the Company. The rules for the dependent appointment of a company are as per Government Act. Accordingly, dependent appointments should be made only to vacant posts. Contrary to this, appointments should not be made supernumerary or new posts. The Company wrote a letter to Ms. Leticia on 14-6-07 to wait for the next vacancy to be filled as there was currently no vacancy for a junior clerk or equivalent in the qualifying posts of Mrs. Leticia Perera, a graduate, or to take a the maximum of Rs. 1 lakh as per the Company policy. Accordingly, Mrs. Leticia Perera wrote to the Company on 16-8-07 informing that she needs the work and that she should help with it as soon as possible. The company will be instructed to make a decision as soon as possible considering the specificity of this issue.

(3) Delay in textbook distribution

Mr. Speaker: Sir, on this subject. C. T. Ahmed Ali, C.F. Thomas, K. Kutti Ahmed Kutti, A.P. Anil Kumar and others have issued notices. Shri. A.P. Anil Kumar can present the topic.

Shri. A.P. Anil Kumar: The seriousness of the issue has increased as very senior members of the house have given notice on the issue. Parents, teachers and students of children from first class to eleventh class are very much concerned. That concern is put before the House and the Honorable Minister. This year is being celebrated as the Year of Efficiency to bring about a qualitative change in the field of education.

We all know the meaning of efficiency. No one disputes that. But for the past three months of the efficiency year, teachers have not been able to teach anything. A teacher friend of mine

said that the year of efficiency means the year when teachers, children and parents should be forgiven. Because what should children from class one to class eleven learn for three months; Which to study; The situation in the education sector in Kerala today is that the children are staring at the teacher's face and the teacher's is staring the children's face, now both are looking at the sky without knowing which book to study. It is unfortunate that our education department has not been able to print and distribute the first class textbook even after the Onam examination. When it was said that the required books were printed, it was learned that most of the printed text books went to the private sector. The government, which says it will take strong action to strengthen public sector educational institutions, has not been able to distribute first-class books to poor children studying in the public sector even after the Onam exams. The school is now open in many educational institutions after the Onam examination. There is a dispute between the government and the High Court over what to study for Plus One in Higher Secondary. The High Court says they should learn the old and the Government says they should learn the new. The government says it will appeal as the High Court has ruled against it. It is said that in the case of uncertainty in the field of self-financed education in terms of appeals, the appeal goes again in the case of higher secondary. Appeal to the government and the Department of Education is mania. The government is not taking strong approaches to solving the problems in the field of education in Kerala. To the knowledge of the house, first class textbooks, second class Arabic and Malayalam books, third class Arabic, Malayalam and science books, fourth class Arabic and Malayalam books, fifth class English, science and social science books, Sixth grade social studies textbooks and seventh grade English textbooks have not yet been fully distributed. This can only be seen as a serious omission. A good example of the government's mismanagement is the fact that three months after the government declared this year as the Year of Efficiency to make qualitative changes, it has not been able to distribute the textbooks that students need to study. It does not need further proof.

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The time for free book distribution is over. Even the free books to be given to poor SC students and girls have not been distributed yet. Even so, owning one is still beyond the reach of the average person. When the matter is like that, only one book is available 'My Tree'. And the Government is so willing to distribute the book to all children. Instead, the minister should clarify the reason behind the delay in delivering the textbooks. Can you reveal who is working to create the delay? They must also state whether they are willing to take action on their behalf. It should also be made clear to the students that they will be able to use the book once the distribution is completed. Students from first grade to eleventh grade are concerned. It is requested that the Honorable Minister be prepared to reveal to what extent that concern can be resolved.

Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs (Shri.M.A. Baby) :My esteemed friend Shri. A.P.Anil Kumar has presented here the problem related to the distribution of books in our public education sector. It is a fact that there have been some shortcomings and problems with the book distribution this academic year. This House is assured that the Government will take strong measures to prevent such shortcomings and problems in the future. Before discussing some aspects of the issue raised by the Honorable Member, it is said that the issue of textbook availability has been completely resolved as the Honorable Member has said on this issue. We want to reassure that honorable member and thus the house and the people. Previously, many of the said books were not available. But now arrangements have been made to have the entire book printed. Books are now available. These books will now be available when students arrive at schools after Onam. No doubt about it. In Kerala, 202 books for children from class one to tenth are recommended for study. A total of 373,45,438 books are required to be printed and made available for printing. For printing this much books, we are depending three major types of printing presses. The books were handed over to Government Presses, Presses under Kerala Books and Publication Society, Ernakulam and Audio Visual and Reprographic Center under the Department of Education for avail the books by March 31, 2007.

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The Government Press and the Kerala Books and Publication Society are not under the control of the Department of Education. Only a very small number of books were printed under the control of the Department of Education. In the case of presses which are not under the control of the Department of Education, the Minister of that Department and the Minister of Education met several times with the officials of both the departments and avail all the books In time bounded manner. Attempts have been made to make it available. As part of this effort, the press has signed an agreement to make three and a half crore books available by March 31, 2007. Of these, only the Government Press and the Audio Visual and Reprographic Center printed in June and July, with some justifiable delays. However, the Kerala Books and Publishing Society only made it available in August. They have breached the contract. The reason for the delay is a problem with another department that buys the paper for it. This is a problem that may arise in activities involving multiple departments in the Secretariat but should be avoided. There have been unjustifiable delays in book distribution. As a result, there were crises and problems in the distribution of books, as the esteemed member pointed out.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : This is the time of submission, not the time for question and answer.

Shri. G. Karthikeyan : Everything you have said is not meant to be heard and disputed. The delay you mention is due to the fact that various clubs, various ministers, various departments, these circumstances and the background all existed in Kerala before. The problem presented by Shri.Anil Kumar here is that you did not say why there was such a serious fall this year.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : Didn't you say that you can give the book when the school opens after Onam?

Shri. M.A. Baby : This delay has occurred on a different scale all the time. There has been a bit of a delay in the case of some books. Action has been taken to address this and make the books available. One of the issues raised by the esteemed member is related to Plus One books. It was a situation where NCERT books were being taught which is been withdrawn. When the matter came to the notice of the government, immediate action was taken. The NCERT book has been printed by private agencies since 1991 and has been making huge profits.

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Today's Kerala Kaumudi is about that. Everything is messy. There is a book lobby and a guide lobby. What troubles are all these causing in our school education; What a plunder. To prevent this, the government decided to sign an agreement with the NCERT and pay them royalties and the Government decided to print books. That's when some went to court. We do not know their purpose; This year, the Court ruled that the NCERT book did not need to be prescribed to Plus One. It goes on appeal and does not say much about it as it is a matter for the court to consider. Whatever the court ruling, the uncertainty surrounding the ongoing Plus One textbooks needs to be avoided. It also informs the esteemed member and the church that there will be a clear decision today or tomorrow about what to study.

(4) Distribution of free rations

Shri. N. Aniruddhan : Sir, the Government has decided to provide free rations to the poor families affected by floods and pandemics. That decision of the government is widely accepted and commendable. But it was implemented in Kollam district in a very bad manner. It was implemented in such a way as to have an impact on the policy approach of this government. At the same time, the decision should be made by investigating the officials who did not give enough importance to the humanitarian decision taken to help the victims. The panchayats selected these families and gave the lists. Like ordinary Government action, When the lists are given to Collectors, RDOs or tehsildars, it will returns saying technicality. Thus many panchayats, especially in Puthukulam and Chirakkara panchayats in Chathannur constituency, have not been given these kits as well as free rations. After complaining about this and raising

the issue in the DDC, the district administration did not seem to like the matter. Despite protests, the situation has not changed. I have spoken directly to the Honorable Minister of Revenue on this subject. Of course, I urge the government to investigate and take action against those who tried to tarnish the image of the government by taking such a step, as well as taking the necessary steps to bring relief to those who are still in distress.

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Minister of Revenue (Shri. KP Rajendran) : The government had directed to provide free rations to the families affected by the monsoon. In Kollam district alone, the government has sanctioned one crore nine lakh and twenty five thousand rupees for this species. According to the Kollam District Collector, 1,11,141 families in the district have been allotted free rations due to the monsoon. In addition, 1267 tribal families and free rations have also been distributed to bamboo 373 workers. It has been reported that Rs. 3,33,99,000 was spent on the distribution of free rations in the district till 18-8-2007. However, the government has noticed some shortcomings in the distribution of free rations in Kollam district. The only delay in preparing the list of beneficiaries was reported to be the fall in ration distribution. But the government will take necessary action after examining whether any of the officials have fallen short of the government directives and whether the free rations have been denied or delayed to the deserving victims.

(5) Regarding expenditure on project outlay for Plantation workers in paddies

Prof c. Ravindranath : Sir, plantation workers are the ones who find it most difficult to make a living due to low wages and unemployment. They live in the paddies inside the plantation. The paddies in which they live in are broken and it is without light and water. But the Gram Panchayats are not able to use the plan outlay for their welfare activities. Therefore, it is requested that action be taken to allow the Gram Panchayats to spend the plan outlay on the paddy.

Minister for Local Government, Autonomy and Gamma Development (Paloli Mohammed Kutty) : Sir, the private roads owned by the estate owners in the plantation area can be handed over to the concerned Grama Panchayat and the tarring and maintenance of the said roads can be done with the plan allocation and own funds of the Panchayats. Maintenance of public institutions, anganwady, schools and hospitals located in the plantation area can be done by the concerned panchayats using the plan outlay. In addition, the concerned Grama Panchayats provide individual benefits to others residing in the plantation area as per the norms.

Rehabilitation work is being considered with the help of local bodies in case of non-maintenance of the workers quarters in the locked plantations. Immediate action will be taken to improve the living conditions of the plantation workers in consultation with the Secretary, Labor Commissioner, District Block-Grama Panchayat authorities and the people's representatives.

(6) Annoyance of Wild Elephent

Shri. George M. Thomas : Sir, in the Thiruvambadi constituency, the harassment of wild animals has increased in Jeerakappara in Kodacherry panchayath as well as in Muthappanpuzha and Manjakkadavu areas of Purottupara Thiruvambadi panchayath. This problem was repeated last year and the year before. Seven families have not yet been compensated for the 2005 crop damage in the name of not demarketing the forest. Olapadakam is now being distributed there to protect the farmers from the menace of the jungles. The firecrackers do not explode as they are affected by rain and cold. It has been announced in the budget that 50 per cent of the government and 50 per cent of the local bodies will invest in the protection of the forest fence. But no action has been taken yet. Here there is electricity in some areas. This can be remedied by installing street lights in areas where electricity is available and making food for elephants in the forest, such as reeds and bamboo. Similarly, there are some detached houses surrounded by farmers' forest. A permanent solution to this problem can only be found if the forest department acquires the agricultural land of such farmers and makes arrangements for their rehabilitation. Therefore, the remaining amount of compensation to be given to the people whose crops have been destroyed by this wildfire should be given immediately. The only practical way is to build a bio-fence on the forest boundary and hand it over to the farmers. Bamboo, reeds and lemons bio-fencing is understood to be more effective. It urges that immediate action be taken to create a lasting solution by devising a method of assigning the farmers themselves to plant and protect it.

Minister for Forests and Housing (Mr. Binoy Vishwam) : Sir, the issue raised by George M Thomas is a very serious one. Not only there but in many parts of the state this problem is serious.

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Through out the forest area farmers have been raising this issue for a long time. With the help of Forest protection committees in Kattippara, Puthuppadi, Kodancherry and Koodaranji areas in the Thiruvambadi constituency, an attempt has been made to release Wild life into the Forest itself. It is probably incomplete. It is not practical to dig trenches as it is full of hills and mountains. In view of the suggestion that a solar barbed wire fence is desirable there, 2kilometre solar barbed wire fence has already been constructed at Kurottupara, Kanappanchal in Kodancherry panchayat. The rest of the steps can be taken in order to make it a priority. Despite financial difficulties, the Government is prepared to bear the remaining 50% of the share of these Panchayats if 50% of the allocation for fencing is to be borne by them; Also in the budget. Here, as Mr. George Thomas said, the government is willing and willing to help and co-operate in every way in the matter of building a bio-fence. If the MLA him self takes the initiative to build a bio-fence and convenes a meeting of officials and farmers there, at that meeting we will seriously explore the potential for bio-fencing at the border. At the same time, one of the things mentioned here is compensation. An amount of Rs. 12,746 has already been disbursed as compensation to the farmers for the year 2006-07. The remaining amount to be paid will be considered in each case and steps will be taken to settle the payment as soon as possible. Let me say one more thing, Elephant Corridors Scheme State Government to Central Government, submitted years ago. This is a large-scale project that includes digging trenches, bio-fencing and compensation to chase away the Wild Elephants in the affected areas. The Central Government will always say that it is under consideration. If that is taken into account, the State Government will be able to provide some assistance to our farmers. We are also taking steps in that direction.

(7) Incident of burning the Gate of the Temple

Mr. V. Sasikumar: Sir, I am presenting this submission to draw the attention of the house to the incident where the anti-socials set fire to the gate of the historic Angadipuram Sri Mahadeva temple in my constituency. The temple is located on the Kozhikode-Palakkad National Highway at Angadipuram. The incident took place on 31- 08- 2007 at around 3.15am.

The police concluded that it was burnt by somebody consciously,. A layer of the tower door, carved with 15-foot-tall sculptures, was burned. It can be considered as a deliberate move to destroy the Communal harmony of Valluvanad which is known for its Communal harmony. But the timely awakening of the Machinery of Government has led to the control of events. The high quality approach shown by various Political leaders and various Religious leaders in this event is commendable. The machinery of Government, especially the Police, has worked very well. Now the incident has been brought under control. During the course of the investigation, it was learned that some cheap moves had been made to cause such a disturbance in the temples and a church in one or two adjoining places. In this context, the Government needs to be able to find the culprits and bring them to justice and take strong measures to prevent a recurrence of such incidents. I urge the Government of Kerala, and especially the Police, to take strong action.

Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, Angadipuram Thali Mahadeva Temple on the border of Perinthalmanna Police Station in Malappuram District. At around 3:15 a.m. on 31 -8-2007, a fire broke out at the Gate and Police were alerted by passers-by. Firefighters and locals put out the blaze. According to the complaint of the Secretary of the Temple Committee, Crime No. 631/07 was issued on 31st at 4:30 a.m. He registered a case at the Perinthalmanna Police Station. The incident is estimated to have caused a loss of about Rs. 1 lakh. Preliminary investigation has revealed that some anti-social elements did this to break the Communal friendship. Upon learning of the incident, all Political leaders, Religious leaders, Police officials and the Collector visited the spot and came forward for peace efforts to prevent the breakdown of Communal harmony. Top Police officials have visited the spot and are actively investigating the case. Police have set up Pickets and Patrols in the area. Forensic services, Fingerprints and a Dog squad have also been deployed. The attitude shown by the Political leadership and the people of Malappuram District is especially praised in this context. Everyone has worked high with balance according to the context. ... As a result, the spread of speculation was prevented. According to Hon'ble MLA Sasikumar, the investigation has revealed that there were some attempts to desecrate some nearby places of worship.

In view of all this, the police have been directed to take strong measures to nab the culprits involved in the incident. It has been directed to expedite the investigation of the case by forming a special inquiry team headed by the DYSP. All steps will be taken by the government to maintain religious harmony. I especially request that everyone help with that.

VI. PAPERS PUT ON THE TABLE

I Minister of Education and Culture (Mr. M. A. Bobby): Sir, I put the following papers on the table:

1. The University Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2007 (Ordinance No. 46 of 2007)
2. The University Law (Amendment) Amending Ordinance, 2007 (Ordinance No. 47 of 2007)
3. The Mahatma Gandhi University (Amendment) Ordinance, 2007 (Ordinance No. 48 of 2007)
4. The Kerala State Higher Education Council (Ordinance, 2007) (Ordinance No. 49 of 2007)
5. The Kerala Professional Colleges or Institutions (Prohibition of Capitation Fee, Regulation of Admission, Fixation of Non Exploitative Fee and other measures to ensure equity and excellence in Professional education) Amendment Ordinance, 2007 (Ordinance No. 58 of 2007)

II Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, I put the following papers on the table:

1. The Kerala Anti-social activities (Prevention) Ordinance, 2007
(Ordinance No. 44 of 2007)

2. The Kerala Police (Amendment) Ordinance, 2007 (Ordinance No. 45 of 2007)

III Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Mr. A. K. Balan): Sir, I put the following papers on the table:

1. The Kerala (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes regulation of issue of Community certificates) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2007 (Ordinance No. 55 of 2007)
2. The Kerala State commission for The Scheduled Castes and The Scheduled Tribes Ordinance, 2007 (Ordinance No. 56 of 2007)

IV Revenue Minister (Mr. K.P. Rajendran): Sir, I put the following papers on the table:

1. The Kerala Revenue Recovery (Amendment) Ordinance, 2007 (Ordinance No. 51 of 2007)
2. The Intermediate Rights Acquisition (Amendment) Ordinance, 2007 (Ordinance No. 52 of 2007)
3. The Kerala Survey and Boundaries (Amendment) Ordinance, 2007 (Ordinance No. 53 of 2007)
4. The Meaning interest, land acquisition, hand costs (Abolition) Ordinance, 2007 (Ordinance No. 54 of 2007)
5. Kerala Agrarian Debt Relief Commission 2007 (Amendment) Ordinance (Ordinance No. 57 of 2007)

V Minister for Scheduled Castes Welfare and Energy on behalf of the Minister of Health and Social Welfare (Mr. A. K. Balan): Sir, I put the following papers on the table:

1. The Kerala Women's Commission (Amendment) Ordinance, 2007 (Ordinance No. 42 of 2007)
2. Kerala Ayurveda Health Centres 2007 (Certification and Regulation) Ordinance (Ordinance No. 43 of 2007).

VI Minister of Law, Parliamentary Affairs, Sports, Youth Welfare and Ports (Mr. M. Vijayakumar): Sir, I put the following papers on the table:

- Kerala Sports (Amendment) Ordinance 2007 (Ordinance No. 50 of 2007)

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

VII. LEGISLATIVE MATTER

Presentation of Bills and Resolution to be sent to the Subject Committee Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, 2007

Mr. Speaker: The Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism may introduce the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, 2007. A statement explaining the circumstances under which the ordinance was promulgated and enacted immediately may also be tabled.

Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Introduces the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, 2007. I also table a statement explaining the circumstances under which the ordinance was promulgated and the legislation enacted.

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Mr. Speaker: The bill has been introduced.

Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, I propose that the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, 2007 be referred to the X-th number Subject Committee on Home Affairs for consideration.

Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Mullakara Rathnakaran): Sir, I support the resolution.

VIII. OBJECTION TO THE PRESENTAION OF THE BILL

Mr. Aryadan Muhammed: Sir, The Financial Memorandum on this Bill is not in accordance with our Rules of Procedure. Rule 73 deals with this financial memorandum "A Bill involving expenditure shall be accompanied by a financial memorandum which shall invite particular attention to the clauses involving expenditure and shall also give an estimate of the recurring and non-recurring expenditure involved in case the Bill is passed into law" that is. According to Rule 73, the financial memorandum should state the number of recurring, non-recurring, which class it belongs to and so on. None of these things came up in the financial memorandum here; Moreover, only recurring is mentioned in the financial memorandum. That too has not been fully stated. Is there non-recurring; If so, how much? The financial memorandum does not say anything. How much is recurring in the financial memorandum? For which class is it and how much is non-recurring? Specifically, for which class it is and how much it will cost. Let me summarize what is said here. The financial memorandum states that recurring expenses such as salaries, facilities, travel, office expenses and staff expenses of the Chairman and other

members will be incurred. The recurring cost per year is estimated at Rs 20 lakhs. It should be noted, however, that there is no recurring expense / non-recurring expense. Not only that, but non-recurring will come here. 20 lakhs have been set aside for recurring expenses. Who are the members of the Advisory Board as per Class 8 of this Bill? I can read Class 8.

8. Formation of Advisory Board: - (1) The Government shall, with such or any local or functional authority as may be prescribed by the Advisory Boards, one such number as may be required for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Each such Board shall consist of a High Court Judge or a former High Court Judge, as well as two other members who are eligible to be appointed as a High Court Judge under the Constitution of India.

A High Court Judge or Chairman of a retired High Court Judge, two members qualified to be High Court Judges, that is the structure of a committee. Thus, there is a committee of three High Court judges or qualified to be judges. An amount of Rs.20 lakhs has been set aside for its expenditure for one year. Class 8 also states that one or more such advisory committees may be formed. It has the power to make Kozhikode-based Malabar one, Thalassery-based Malabar one, or Kochi-based one, if desired. There can be more than One, so if two come, then Six High Court judges will be required. Suppose there are Three, but there are Nine High Court judges. Even if these are three people, will Rs 20 lakhs be enough for 3 High Court judges for one year of travel, salary and all the rest? Even if it is an advisory committee, it will only last for a month. Another thing is doesn't it need the rest of the staff? It has a staff pattern according to the status of a judge in the High Court when it comes to that status of a High Court judge. This staff, don't we need at least half of the pattern? Don't we allow at least half? What will happen if it is allowed? In the end, it will be the situation of the Agricultural Debt Relief Commission. No doubt, I say this thinking that you should not be in a situation like the one in the press conference on the Agricultural Debt Relief Commission. But I have no special love for you. So

Rs 20 lakh will not be enough. Another thing is no non-recurring. It does not say yes or no. But no number has been allotted for this. Let it be a committee. A high court judge, two members equal to the status of a judge; So three people are needed. Don't we give each car to three High Court judges? Isn't it non-recurring, does it have provision? The cost of providing them with office, computer and modern facilities is non-recurring. Does it have a provision? Don't do that, don't give anything. Do you intend to keep the Agricultural Debt Relief Commission as you put it for campaigning? This Bill does not include any provisions of a Financial Bill under Rule 73 of the Legislative Rules. So the ruling of the Lok Sabha in this regard.

I intend to quote. This is Shakhder and Kaul. Ruling-During discussion on the motion for reference of the Essential Commodities (Second Amendment) Bill, 1967 to a select Committee, a point of order was raised that the financial memorandum appended to the Bill was incomplete as it did not give an estimate of the recurring and non-recurring expenditure involved. The point of order was upheld by the Chair and further consideration of the Bill was postponed with a view to enabling Government to furnish a financial memorandum giving particulars of recurring and non-recurring expenditure involved. The revised financial memorandum furnished by Government was circulated to members separately. A letter conveying fresh recommendation of the President for consideration of the Bill received from the Minister was also published in the Bulletin. Sir, the further discussion of the bill was postponed. Of the Essential Commodities Act in Parliament When the second bill came, the then Speaker denied permission to introduce it on the ground that the financial memorandum was not clear. Moreover, the second bill was taken up for discussion only after obtaining a new recommendation from the President and

circulating the Financial Memorandum to the members. The situation is the same here. The Governor's recommendation is only about that recurrence. That too is not clear. There is no class by class in it. Yet I partially agree with it. Not a single letter has been said about non-recurring, it must be said that it is not. Or say yes. It is not said. Rs 20 lakh will not be enough for a month. In that case, the Financial Memorandum is never correct. Do not allow it to be presented. All I can say is that you have to pay special attention to the ruling of Parliament.

Mr. K. M. Maani: Sir, according to our Rules of Procedure here, as Mr. Aryadan Mohammad said here, according to Rule 73, we have to set aside a separate amount for recurring and recurring expenses. Prior permission is required for such allocation from the contingency fund. Let me go into one or two areas that Mr. Aryadan Muhammad did not mention. Class 5 states that if a person is detained on the grounds that he or she is anti-social, the law provides for up to six months' imprisonment for those who engage in anti-social behaviour in a Central or District jail. They need food while in prison. They will incur costs while incarcerated. So what are the costs under Class 5 for such a subject? What are its recurring costs? It was worth mentioning. That is not stated in this bill. Class 6 provides for confiscation of vacant reserve prisoners' property. Going into hiding

There are certain procedures for confiscating prisoners' property. There are some procedures in it. Of course the Expenditure can be incorporated when it is taken. So according to Class 6, there is no provision here regarding the inclusion of Expenditure. It is wrong not to say that. It must be said; We also needed the prior permission of the Governor to do so. It has not been done here either. As per Rule 305 of our Legislative Assembly, the proceedings of the House may be conducted in Malayalam, Kannada, Tamil or English. There has been a ruling by the

Speaker that the bills should be in Malayalam. Accordingly, if there are new bills, they are printed and circulated in Malayalam. If you want to print bills in Malayalam, we have a constitutional obligation. That obligation is referred to as Article 348, Language to be used in the Supreme Court and in the High Courts..... After that, as stated in subsection 3 of Article 348 Notwithstanding anything in sub-clause (b) of clause (1), where the Legislature of a State has prescribed any language other than the English language for use in Bills introduced in So it is taken here in Malayalam. We are introducing in Malayalam,or Acts passed by, the Legislature of the State or in Ordinances promulgated by the Governor.... of the State or in any order, rule, regulation or byelaw referred to in paragraph(iii)of that sub-clause, a translation of the same in the English Language published under the authority of the Governor..... of the State in the Official Gazette of that State shall be deemed to be the Authoritative text thereof in the English Language under this article. Accordingly, a bill is introduced in Malayalam: It is a new bill, not an amendment bill. If the bill is in English, its amendment bill will definitely come in English. Now, if a new law is brought on a new subject, it may be in Malayalam. But the Constitutional obligation in Malayalam is Article 348 sub-class 3 and its authorized person must be accompanied by an authoritative English text approved by the Governor. That is a Constitutional obligation. That is often not done by the Government here. If you ask why it does not have the correct meaning in Malayalam for any English words, if it's fast, it's the right word to interpret when it goes to court. You should also read the English text to know the status of the law passed by the Assembly. For example, there is a big difference between Article 3 (3) of the Ordinance and Section 3 (3) of this Bill. If we read the Ordinance, then Class 3 and Sub-Class 3 of the Ordinance and Class 3 of this Bill.

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The difference between subclass 3 is as follows. The ordinance states that in the event of a detention order, the issuing officer must provide the Government and the DGP with the said order and related documents. If the Government does not approve the order within 10 days from the date of detention of the detainee, it will not take effect. If the Government does not approve the order within 10 days from the date of issue, it will not take effect. However, the Malayalam Bill, Class 3(3), requires that the order be sent to the Government and the DGP, and that, if the Government does not approve it, the Reserve Detention Act shall come into force

within 10 days from the date of the detention. In the meanwhile, it is not within that ordinance, it means in the meantime. Saying 'it will take effect in 10 days' means a different meaning. It has been reported in Malayalam that it will come into force within 10 days between the submission to the government and the issuance of the order. On the contrary, it is in English and will take effect if the Government does not approve the order within 10 days from the date of its issuance. What is said here is in a difference of meaning. It has been said that this will take effect between the submission and the order. So if it goes to court, how can the court interpret it. If there is an English text, the authoritative text, the court can see which of these is correct. So no small matter. This authorized text, as stated in Article 348(3) of the Constitution, stipulates that the language of the court in law must always be English. When the courts interpret it, it is to understand in what sense it was passed by the Legislature and what the intention of the Legislature was. The Authorized text is not under Article 348(3) is not available here. This is wrong without it. You have to say it in order to bring an authorized text. There is nothing special about this. It's enough to take it tomorrow. Let the authorized text come. Was there any difficulty in bringing this authorized text? It has been 2 years since the ordinance was issued. In the meanwhile, you had no difficulty in bringing the authorized text. The law department has officials at will. It just happened to be informal. As such, constitutional obligation has not been carried out. Authorized text required. One more thing I have to say is that many provisions of the Bill are unconstitutional beyond the scope of this House. For example, Class 2(1), 2(o) (i), 2 (d), 3, 3(1), 3(2), and Constitutionality.

There is an objection to that. If there is an objection to constitutionality, our rule is that the Speaker should allow a full discussion. The bill provides for the detention of a notorious rowdy or a notorious rowdy. In it, the definition says that a notorious rowdy is a person who has been

convicted at least once by a powerful court or ruler. No law in the world gives such authority to a ruler. The ruler sees someone as a goon. The court should see him as a goon. Instead of seeing the court as a goon, a Ruler Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan, says tomorrow that if he signs a file that he is a goon, he becomes a goon. How an executive can exercise this power of court is not something that exists constitutionally. I am very humbled to say that it is wrong to frame it in a way that does not exist constitutionally. Similarly, the esteemed Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan himself said in the last assembly that foreign made Indian currency and black money were flowing into Kerala. The Indian rupee is made abroad, not the foreign currency, not the dollar. I ask, is there already a department to catch them? No. There is no department to seize black money. There is a law to regulate foreign currency in this bill that you have brought. There is a central law to regulate Foreign currency. The law to regulate foreign currency is the Central Law. For us, if we want to seize the black money here by moving into an area where there is no central law, it does not matter that we have moved into an area where there is no jurisdiction, instead of bringing in adequate departments. Many of them have been brought in such a way that we have no authority under the Constitution. I will summarize that we say every important thing based on obvious reasons. The government should give a clear answer. If it is not accepted, then the reason should be given. You will not give a reason. When the newspaper picked up tomorrow, the Speaker rejected the objections of Aryadan and Mani. Newspaper readers will think what a fool they are. Don't give a reason for this. I say that because we have this misfortune. I have lined up the constitutional points that are valid. That must be answered. For valid points, you have to state that the objection brought by Mani for certain reasons does not exist and you have to give a ruling based on those reasons. If not, we will have a big problem among the people.

If that's so, no objections are put forth. Therefore, I am asking for a clear and obvious reply for this question. Hence, the consideration of this bill should be postponed along with presenting the English draft text of the bill.

Minister of Home affairs and Tourism (Mr.Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, there are two things for me to describe on the objections raised by honourable Aryadan Muhammad and Mr. K.M Mani. Mr.Aryadan Muhammad's argument was mainly focused on that the financial memorandum contains only the recurring expenditure; not mentions the non-recurring expenditure. One of his arguments that he said about the non- recurring expenditure that there is a condition for appointing one or more retired high court judges and it is counted in expenditure. Sri. Aryadan

Muhammad presented all these in detail here. Apparently when I heard his arguments, I even felt that what he said was not true. But, prior to this, Felonious Ordinance was issued on this subject during the UDF Government. Based on that, Kerala's extreme Criminal Activities (Prevention) Act issued here during Oomen Chandy's tenure as Chief Minister. That day, Mr. KM Mani was the minister of law. He was a member of the Council of Ministers. Honourable Aryadan Muhammad, the bill also says within the class that the government has the right to form one or more advisory boards under this Act. Whether a chairman of each such board has been a Judge in any High Court who was a judge and two other members who are qualified to be appointed as judges, it means to have. The same advisory board is the current advisory board within the present bill. Who was not on the advisory board at the time will there be any cost to the advisory board today? Even then, within the financial memorandum, it was stated that the recurring expenditure was Rs. 20 lakhs per annum as it is calculated. The same argument has been included in the current bill. If it is wrong then you will have to admit that what you added was also wrong. It is the same thing that was given in the financial memorandum that day has already arrived. The question is whether there will be recurring costs. Now such a problem does not arise. That's why it's a thing not already recorded. Now the recurring cost...

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Mr. Speaker: Honourable Minister, is this board a permanent system?

Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: This is an advisory board. As an advisory committee, they have to convene meetings as mentioned. Now, they are meeting in the guest house. In this regard, we can decide it when the discussion comes to the clarity of the bill. That is all intended now. These are only the things that were supposed same as what were intended during the time of the UDF government within the bill. That is why the recurring expenditure of Rs. 20 lakhs is stated in the bill then and now. The honourable K. M. Mani has pointed out the problems of people who have gone into hiding and the costs for staying of prisoners. That is a part of system that usually happens. There is no need to put money in advance considering how many people will come inside the jail. There is also a special system for things that happen inside the prison. It can be handled that way. Another relevant point made by Mr. K.M Mani is regarding the true copy in English. He said that there is not an authoritative text with a translation approved by the Governor. Its true copy in English is given here. It is authorized by the Governor, as it was done before. As the Minister of Law (even when Mr. K.M. Mani was in position), the same procedure is still adopted here. If it's negligence, if it's a problem, it is quite simple to handle things regarding it. It does not seem to be raised as a problem.

Mr. K. M. Mani: This is not an answer. If there was something as mistake in our part, then Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan had pointed it out and given the government an opportunity to correct it. If it was necessary, it would be corrected then. Answering in such a manner not doing so, is not right. When we are now in opposition and point to any legal problems, then you are expected to say whether it is right or wrong. Or else, it doesn't matter to say that this has been

done in your time in the past; and we had nothing to do with it. You had to say, so far you must be vigilant in opposition. Since we are now vigilant, it's not our fault. Therefore, you must say that what I said whether right or wrong. Then in accordance with Article 348, there must be an authorized English text approved by the Governor. Secondly, for all these, there would be costs. If we say that there is a normal procedure for all that, then what do you say?

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If more people come to jail as a result, won't it come at the cost? How many people are in jail now? It may look like another budget. As a result of a new law, if more people are coming to jail, isn't it come at the cost? And prior permission of the Governor is required to withdraw even one rupee from the Consolidated Fund. Then without answering it, is it okay to say that you will give as per the present system? If you want to confiscate someone's land, do you need rupees? We need an obvious answer for this question. Suffice to say, there is no cost, I am satisfied. It will not cost much, needless to say, I am satisfied. But the real question is whether it will happen or not.

Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: Sir, this is a system that is running normally. This is a bill prepared during the UDF government. Didn't they intend to capture the prisoners then? Was the expenditure not recorded intending to capture anyone? It does not seem to be relevant in a great extent. If you ask me whether we had pointed out in the past, Dear Mani sir, how many times had we pointed out? The answer you gave then is the same as what I said now. After looking at the answer you gave that day, I too answered today. Then, hon'ble K.M. Mani said that this is occurring as usual.

Sir, It is true that we need a change in it. I agree that it is a matter of relevance what respected K. M. Mani has pointed out. We can examine such things later and do what is needed. There are some bad and unfortunate things that happened as a result of doing things in hurry. So, these all are only what we can do. And we just don't need it right now.

Mr. Aryadan Muhammad: Sir, you and the rest of the opposition were pointing this out while sitting in this position that day. Mani sir himself answered that day. Today I say the same answer. The first thing is that a bill would be issued when the ordinance is being replaced. It is ought to be said at the time of that bill and it never happened. Let it go, another important thing that I want to ask you; honourable Minister is saying here that Mani sir was sitting on the ruling side then, then you were here then, whether you now admit that it was wrong what you said that day? What is your opinion regarding this?

Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: Okay, If you are fulfilling the responsibilities as sitting in opposition, then we must perform our duties as well.

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Mr. P. J. Joseph; Sir, is it not enough to include these things inside the rules when it comes.

Mr. K. M. Mani: No.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Minister, you may conclude.

Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: Sir, there is no much difference between the provisions of ordinance and provisions of bill. Some mistakes in Malayalam translation were pointed out. It is simple to correct it. The bill does not contain any provisions that are unconstitutional. I reject the arguments raised by respected K.M Mani. One of the things he points out is the issue of hawala dealers. We have no authority to take legal action against hawala. This bill does not provide any conditions for doing so. This only means that cases registered by hawala enforcement officers can be included in the list of offenses. This bill does not include any proposal to encroach on the powers of the Central Government. He asked about where black money comes in as Indian currency. That is a very relevant point. This can be examined during discussions in the subject committee and elsewhere. Similarly, he pointed out about the definition of "notorious rowdy". It can only be checked during the discussion of departments. Then, regarding to be a ruler, it is not in a way as government sees someone as a criminal. Here some powers are given to the police officers. Some powers are given to collector too. This system is made up of such a provision that has been made accordingly. The collector has certain powers. That is what it means to be a ruler. Under this section, if someone is supposed or found guilty, collector has the right to issue an order not to enter the area for a period of one year. So, such a usage is meant for this power of collector to enforce. It is just what we can examine. That is an issue that can be examined in the departmental discussion of the bill. If there are any technical and constitutional problems in the sense of "ruler", we can just add something accordingly. Should these to be raised as an impediment in the presentation of this Bill? As what runs normally, they raised issues that needed to be raised by the opposition. I hope the esteemed chair will examine this and make a decision.

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Mr. Speaker: The objections raised by honourable Aryadan Mohammad and Mr. K.M. Mani here is that the financial memorandum does not state the exact cost clearly. Such issue has been raised often raised in this Assembly during the presentation of bill. Even though, chair said on the same day that whenever the bills are presented, the details of recurring and non-recurring expenditures should be given in the financial memorandum. But, it was not often

effective and we can't do so. What is supposed is from chair is that both of recurring and non recurring expenditure should be said exactly. If there is no non-recurring expense, it is best to say so. Since respected minister has said that the non-recurring expenditure is not seen in the afore mentioned bill, the bill can be introduced. Another important objection made by Mr. K.M Mani was that the ordinance was issued in English and bill in Malayalam; Therefore, the authoritative text should be circulated along with the bill. That's right. The true translation of the bill in English is given here. As per the law, the authoritative translation approved by the Governor must be given. But, often the method of presenting and passing the bill without giving true translation continues . In the future, we have to be careful not to let that happen again. At the same time, you are saying that there are unconstitutional things in it. Based on the minister's explanation, the provisions of this bill don't seem unconstitutional. Therefore, the bill can be introduced. Here, when Mr. K.M Mani said while speaking that if they raise objections, it is simply rejected. That is not the attitude of the chair, relevant objections should be treated as it deserve.

Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, 2007

(Discussion- continues)

Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan); Sir, this is a very important bill. Such an ordinance is issued due to need of legislation for taking actions related to rule of law. The issues are presented in 22 sections of the bill.

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Such an attempt was made In the days of the U.D.F government. But, it was unable to complete then. And L.D.F Government came to power on May 18, 2006. Subsequently, an ordinance was issued by the Government on December 13, 2006 to investigate the related matters. The ordinance had to be issued once again. Now it is the time to introduce the bill in the Assembly. The delay in introducing the bill was due to the delay in getting the approval of the president as it contains making sitting High court judge its chairman regarding the formation of advisory board. Government has started its procedures after forming a committee chaired by Justice Dineshan. And 53 people have already been taken into custody. After investigating on some matters, the advisory board itself has released 13 people. Regarding the cases of 40 people, now the investigation is over and arrest of 29 people had been confirmed and they are now jailed. 11 cases are going under investigation. Here, the law is brought with the intention of preventing a specific crime. The National Security Act in central law is not enforced in the state. The government does not intend to go into what is contained in that law. But in this law, it is mainly meant to prevent some organized crime in this state. This law is intended only for fake brewers, counterfeit note makers, and environmental destroyers, looters in sand mining,

digital data copiers, drug-addicted people, life-threatening goons, hawala fraudsters, hired criminals and immoral criminals engaging in various crimes. In the same context, this bill is not validating lawfully to detain someone. Such things should be done only with great caution and care. Mainly, what the government intends is that if an area is subjected to violence, and peace would maintained if two or three people engaging in series of crimes are detained, then, it is lawfully validated. Millions of people would be covered if it is considering those who had participated in any sort of a single crime. And so on, the government has no intention of arresting or imprisoning them. That's why some more conditions are included for officials not to misuse it. A person is considered to be goon or any other criminal, only after calculating crimes committed by him within the span of seven years. As part of this, those who are taken to custody are a person who has been convicted in at least one case or a person who has been convicted in court for at least two cases. Those convicted of offenses punishable by less than one year are excluded. Those who committed crimes punishable by five years or more were considered notorious goons and it contains provisions for taking action against them. It is not allowed to simply arrest someone misusing the power of the police. Therefore, a person can be arrested only by giving a notice showing the reasons for the defendant in the case. As soon as a detention order is issued, it must be reported to government through DGP. There are clear provisions regarding arrests and detentions. The detention orders are issued by district collectors, not the police that are too based on reports provided by SPs. District collector, issues the order only after conducting various types of scrutiny. Thus issued order must be approved by government within 10 days. Or else, he will be released. A provision that a person should not be detained unnecessarily is also included. Whoever is arresting must produce all the relevant documents regarding the arrest before the advisory board within five days. The advisory board should take a decision in this regard and report to the government within two months. The important thing is that this includes the provision of detention for up to six months. If the advisory board does not approve the detention, thus, even if a person is taken into custody, he should be released immediately. The conditions for doing so are also recorded in it. Another provision included inside it is that someone who seems to be a disturbance for peace in a certain area if he enters there, it is legal to issue a no-entry order to him. But, this power is not allotted randomly. Only the DIG or the collector or any official above the DIG has the authority to make such a decision. Conditions are also included that such an authority cannot be given to lower level officials. If done so, the government should be informed immediately through the DGP. If a person is ordered not to enter an area, that person can submit a petition to the advisory board within 15 days. The advisory board must take a decision on this within 30 days. And violation of such an order is punishable by up to 3 years imprisonment.

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The hiding of such criminals is also stipulated as a crime inside it. So, this is a bill that combines 22 sections with such provisions. There must be cooperation from all parts to turn it into a comprehensive legislation after conducting our discussions effectively over it. Mafia activities and other organized crime in the state should be stopped. This is a step that can be taken in addition to the existing laws to take drastic measures to ensure a comfortable life for the people. This is an order to detain a suspected man with criminal backgrounds temporarily on the occasion where a dangerous event is supposed to happen. After this is just started to be implemented, such people often stand aside. And this is too the benefit of this bill. Many of

criminal had now left the place. There is a situation where all these people have left the place. There is a circumstance that is appropriate to catch them. This is one of the best weapons for government to use against criminals. But it cannot be abused. It should be handled effectively. This is performed by adding the conditions that any possibility of such a case should not occur. There will be cases in the name of many people while attending the events like political activities, picketing and other protests. And nothing should come of that such cases can be considered as two cases or three cases. Conditions are already included for this too as well. Anyway, what government intends is not to include political opponents or political activists in such detained category.

Mr. K. Babu: The honorable minister said that after this was started to be implemented, the all of goons have left the place. But, after that, the esteemed Kerala High Court made two important references against Kerala Police. The events that took place in the city of Trivandrum yesterday were published today at newspapers. Two flats were theft after it was opened. Have you ever noticed this?

Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: Not all people conducting such incidents have been arrested. People encouraging them still exist. We can discuss it in time. In any case, government wants strong actions to prevent such actions. Meanwhile, a major concern raised here that this may be misused against opponents. It is not allowed. And democratically held struggles and agitations should not be included in this case.

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Disputes may arise in the name of property; such cases should not be included. If is excluded because it would be very abusive. Cases related to agitations by service organizations are also excluded.

Mr. Aryadan Muhammad: Will you try to bring the terrorists who are carrying out terrorist activities to the level of rowdies?

Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: Though it has not been brought in this way, it has been suggested that we should consider that issue again during the discussion of the subject committee. We can discuss the same at the subject committee level. Any suggestion that may further strengthen this will be acceptable to the government while it is being debated in this House. I am presenting this bill with the hope that comprehensive discussions would be made in these matters as well.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan, you can speak by presenting a resolution to reject ordinance of 2007 with No. 44, Prevention of Anti-Social Activities of Kerala. One thing to say before it that there are three bills have to be taken, so the esteemed members who speak are requested to co-operate and control their time.

Mr.G.Karthikeyan: Is this the starting. Let it finish.

Mr. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan: I am not a long talker.

Mr.Speaker: The chair knows that, that's why I told to you.

Mr. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan: Sir, I move that This House resolves to disapprove The Kerala Anti social Activities (Prevention), Ordinance 2007 (Ordinance No.44 of 2007). I just said that because there was a bad indication when you said this. I just felt sad because I had a pure heart. I am presenting a rejection resolution because here we can talk only by presenting a rejection resolution. Actually, as mentioned by the honorable minister here earlier, the Prevention of Extreme Crimes Act was earlier in force on 2005. After that, as this government has said and it was denoted my minister, I am believing that if there had been such intense sentiment in this matter as mentioned, then the government's approach would have been a little faster. The government was deliberately waiting for the lapsing of Prevention of Extreme Crimes Act in 2005. When that ordinance came to a standstill, we asked, honorable of opposition leader too asked ; What is the approach of this government in this regard?.

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Then, it was replied that they are temporarily for another comprehensive legislation to be enforced. And then how much time we waited? It was not presented in Assembly on December 27, 2006 after it was notified ordinance No.60 of 2006 on 13th December. The ordinance was re-issued in February 2007. Then, It was not even brought to the Assembly of the March. The ordinance was re-introduced third time in March 30. Then, instead of introducing the bill in the Assembly in June, the bill is being introduced now. Then, in short, this government had accepted very slow policy in this regard. Even government repeatedly says that they should take procedures on wartime footing, but, government's approach is very much in this matter. When the government takes such a slow approach, there is no problem if the law and order in Kerala is very perfect. This approach is justifiable if Kerala stands as a good territory free from all such people as rowdies, goons and notorious criminals. Now Mr. Babu asked a question. Yesterday in Trivandrum, houses were destructed and subjected to theft. Some people are breaking the locks and going inside. We may be fumbling saying they are habitual offenders and so on. However, the crime is going on high numbers.

(Mr.Deputy Speaker on Chair)

People in our state are widely feared. Thieves break into an area and steal from every home in the area. There is a situation where someone can't complain to anyone. Such a law and order situation exists here. It has been said that actions against counterfeit liquor should be taken; but, it is now happening repeatedly. We see an excuse for these crimes to escape politically. Even a person, who has died after ingesting toxic substances under the influence of fake alcohol, was said he died of excess use of liquor. We are trying to create diversion and distortion. Only after identifying what is the real crime, can we take adequate actions to defend it? Even if the government knows that this was the real crime, government would probably become a question mark in the eyes of the public conscience. The government is trying to wipe out this crime.

To be honest, it's more deadly than a crime to try to establish that there is no crime. Did you answer the question asked by Mr. Aryadan Muhammad about the inclusion of anti-national forces among the goons? He said that we can take that in the context of our discussion. What is the weapon in the hands of the people who are working against the common interest of our country? The police department in Kerala as a whole has weapons in their hands that are not available to them at all. There is no action to catch them. It is not enough to make the law, it is also necessary to take action to strengthen the Home Department with state-of-the-art equipment that will not catch them. At present, the police are not trying to catch criminals in our country I do not mean to imply that a political age has come and that we are on this side and you are on the other side. Violence is declining now because people who used to commit criminal offenses are more or less satisfied and there are no significant criminal offenses now. The Home Minister admitted that there were criminals inside the police. What is the result if ants move on to fire? He says there are ten percent of criminals inside the police and I do not know by what barometer this percentage is measured. I am not talking about percentages. Doesn't this mean that the state of Kerala has become one of the most important weapons for maintaining law and order? If even the Home Minister, who is usually responsible for defending the police, had to confess, what is the real situation in Kerala? This is where the mafia gangs come into play. Only God knows where the mafia has gone To tell the truth, there is no other way but to look up and tell. According to the police, a mafia worth Rs 50,000 crore is operating in Kerala. During the reign of a normally elected government, the mafia controls more than the total budget of the government. This is the official opinion of the government. I am not saying from the opposition that we need to understand each other's real situation and treat this disease. Instead of going in a way that abuses people by forcefully giving paracetamol for chikungunya, we need to understand where the real deficiency is and what our short comings are and find a solution.

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The Mafia is a small community. Is their economic power small? It is not only in the hands of the Blade Mafia as defined here. There are a lot of forces. What proof is there that perhaps the

most extreme of the sweet and beautiful faces we see in front of us are not in the hands of this mafia? Naturally they are terrorists. They are the ones who can shake our whole society I am saddened that it has taken so long to bring about this law even in such a situation. There is a provision within the law called Private Defence. For example, even if I kill someone I think will subdue me if I am convinced that he will kill me, there is a protection before the law, in front of our court, on the basis of self-defence. So there are a lot of quotation goons standing around. How many children have been killed on our highway. Many children from other states have been killed. Is it because those kids did something wrong? Quotation goons are being hired. To the best of my knowledge, I have received information that there are 12 mafia gangs in Thiruvananthapuram alone. These quotient goons, mafia gangs and big criminals are coming together in our cities. It said 53 people had been arrested here. Some people said that this work was stopped after this law came into force. What action are the criminals going to take if they seek refuge in a political party and hide inside it? Will not be subject to this law because their face will be the face of a public figure and the behaviour will be that of the greatest criminals of society. How do they get along with each other?

Shri. VD Satheesan: A notorious goonda in the city of Kochi, accused in several criminal cases and murder cases, after the law came into force, R. Have you noticed that you have joined Shri. Lalu Prasad Yadav's R JD and become the president of Ernakulam district?

Sri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan: I said the same thing because goons can go anywhere. For example, if I give two to a person I do not like, there will be people with us who think that they should stay in my party.

Sri Kodyeri Balakrishnan : No politician is exempt from this. Those who commit such crimes, even if they are politicians, can be detained under this law

Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan: As you said earlier, I expect you to accept this amendment at the time of the departmental discussion of the Bill. It is hoped that this will be accepted when it comes to departmental discussions as it is not included within what is currently being given to us. This is a law introduced in 2005. For comparison, we can say UDF and LDF. When we unload the horse from here, we unload another car from there and let the circus go around in politics. If we are conducting a comparative study, do not look at the law in other states of India at present. A similar law was enacted in Maharashtra in 1981. Prevention of dangerous activities of slumlords, Boot leggers and drug offenders Act, 1981, That is the name

of the law. They are going in that form. The Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Bootleggers Act was enacted in Tamil Nadu in 1982, similar to the Maharashtra Act. In two thousand and four they have brought an amendment to it. It has been in operation since October 2004. In Karnataka, six laws, including the Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Bootleggers, have been enacted to prevent such activities. When it comes to comparative study, the important issue is not the arguments between us as to whether you did or did not in the past. If the goons want to go here, they can go here from Karnataka and from here to Tamil Nadu. Isn't this a great distance for people like in the past? It has become a form in which they can travel back and forth. My view is that our law should have been raised in such a way as to make a law in a similar form to at least all the states in South India. If you ask me a question in return that you did not think about it, a draft bill was brought that day. The Bill was put up for discussion and we will fully hear your opinion during the discussion. That is how the law is collected. There was a possibility for that so I say with the hope that you will not ask me a question like this though. They have this law which was passed in 1985 and amended in 1987 and 2001.

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One of the two most important and exemplary laws in existence in India today are those in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. Before you pass this law, I request you please look into that laws. In out state.....law like this is

Mr. Deputy Speaker : Is the point over?

Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan: You are a weakness to me. So I will obey you and I want to be a good parliamentarian. I do not want to be like the person who is subject to this act in the Assembly. Do not mislead. Do not force myself to go your own way even if I lost the way. Another important point is that this law should not be used politically. Two activists of the Indian Union Muslim League in Malappuram have been arrested under the Act. He also said that politicians would be excluded but the first arrest under this law was in Malappuram. Opposition party activists are brothers. You later assured the legislature that such things would not happen. I will end by mentioning the matter of the Advisory Board. Should this be a quasi-judicial body? Is the Advisory Board politically motivated? While replying to the objection made earlier by Shri. Aryadan Mohammad and Shri. K.M. Mani Sir, you said to the Hon'ble Speaker's reference to whether this is a permanent system that you can think about the same. The Advisory Board must be permanent because there is no legal procedure in this body to ensure

that a person is not relieved within fifteen days of his arrest. This arrest is not the only thing going on if we are trying to make it. If such arrests occur again and again for 365 days, this body cannot stand as an occasional Sunday group other than the permanent body. When it becomes a permanent body, it must stand as a quasi body. We stand for a law that even human rights can not be taken. Can human rights be denied? He could be jailed for up to a year.

Imprisonment is usually for six months. We are getting power to keep individuals in the custody even if we have process to disclose the reasons. We should have a relief above it if we get more powder like this and when it is misused.

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As I said earlier, the law in Karnataka says that the Advisory Board should be constituted on the recommendation of the High Court. If the advisory board is formed by the government here, it is likely to reflect the wishes of the governments of the time. I say that the Board should be constituted on the recommendation of the Chief Justice of the High Court as it is intended to be a law that can contain human rights abuses that have served as a body beyond the whims of the governments of the day.

I therefore request that the section of the Advisory Board on Karnataka Law be included

Mr. Saju Paul : Does the esteemed Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan's suggestion that this law should be passed and implemented very cautiously mean that there should be no such thing as democratic destruction and human rights violations in our country during the Emergency and that what happened then was wrong?

Sri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan : The state of emergency was declared by the Department of Emergency within the Constitution of India. Today is a time of no emergency

Shri K Babu : Is it not an evidence that the emergency implemented in the right way in this state that the UDF came to power with a large majority when the re-election was held and not only that do you know that the CPI also was with us?

Sri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan : That is correct. Now they are forgetting the old ones. Now some people are wearing the ruling hand bracelet that they used to see. I do not know what to say... So I am not saying that not only we but also your party carried out the liberation struggle here. After all, there were parties. But how many ruling parties were there? There were so many people sitting behind you and in front of you. When the end comes the necklace of crime is on our shoulders and I have no opinion that it is a crime. I am of the opinion that it is correct. If democracy is destroyed, a stronger struggle will be enough

Shri. Ananthlavattom Anandan : Sir I am making a point order. Sri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan said that your party was with us during the emergency.

The Congressmen organized the people against a government that led the party and the CPI, including your party, in the liberation struggle. Your party was in power then. Not in the struggle. It will be on record and need your ruling on it

Sri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan: It is true that I said that your party was with us. But I asked it looking at Sri T.U. Kuruvila. There was his party, there was the RSP, there was the Socialist Party, there was the Janata Dal of today, there were all of them.

SWhy did Sri. Ananthlawattam Anandan take up the question I asked the Sri.T U Kuruvilla who was sitting opposite me?

Shri Joseph M Puthussery: He strongly said that there was no opinion that the liberation struggle was wrong then. Did you know that during the liberation struggle, the majority of the panchayats in Kerala passed the resolution in favour of 725 out of 800 panchayats and 26 out of the 29 municipalities in Kerala at that time? In addition, the Bar Federation passed a resolution. The resolution was passed by 30 bar associations in Kerala. Jayaprakash Narayanan supported the strike. Progressives like Balakrishnan favored it. As such, it was a struggle favored by the vast majority in Kerala.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It was the vision of Mr. Joseph.M Puthussery, everyone should not need to accept it .

Sri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan: Let all issues come up, let the discussion come, let it all be in this Assembly document

Shri. C. K. P. Padmanabhan: Sir Point of Order. Joseph M Puthussery spoke here in such a way to mislead this House. It is true that the then ruling party lost the elections held after the liberation struggle. But 41 per cent of the vote increased to 44 per cent ...

Deputy Speaker: End that issue. The bill is not a liberation struggle. The bill is the Goonda Act.

Shri Raju Abraham: Hon'ble Shri AK Antony made a statement yesterday that the

liberation struggle is irrelevant in Kerala. So what is the significance of the opinion of the Honourable Joseph M. Puthussery?

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Sri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan : If you want to ask this, should you have asked me? It is not enough to ask M Puthussery, if you agree with Mr. Antony's opinion here and say they will come, we can agree with you. But Mr. A.K. You have to stand by all the comments that Antony says

Sri.C. P. Muhammad : Sir, the greatest sin in the liberation struggle is to say that the Center has dissolved a government with a majority in the Assembly. Can you explain how the government of Morarji Desai, the Marxist party-backed government, dissolved the nine-member majority legislature after the Emergency, and how the dissolution of 1957 went wrong?

Sri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan : No explanation required. When 14 people were shot dead and a misrule ensued, a popular uprising broke out in one area. That government is gone. Instead, the election came that day.

Mr: Deputy Speaker : You are not talking about the bill

Sri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan : Not only did the then ruling party lose the election, but the people rejected all the people in that cabinet. Shri. Joseph. M. Puthussery says. Let it stand there. The esteemed chair says that we should move away from the liberation struggle. Let's change anyway I'm coming to the bill, the important issue here is the will of the people. When that happens we accept you in an election because you got the majority. You approved us in 2001. We got a good majority. In 1960, we all unanimously approved the government of Pattamtanu Pillai That government defeated you and got a majority. Then we do not have to weigh in the new scales whether the struggle is right or wrong. It has already been judged by

the people. There is nothing wrong with thinking about who I was during my time as moms say old things. How many seats did you get when we got eight seats in Uttar Pradesh? In the 1951 elections in India, you got 8% more votes. Is that party there now? Didn't that party split in 1964? In what name? It went in the name of China. The Chinese ghost is haunting you again in a new form To be honest, the ghost of that China is still haunting you. Let's get to the point

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Mr.M. Prakashan Master : Sir, Shri. When people like Thiruvanchoor speak, it is usually not right to try to misrepresent the facts. The root cause of the difference of opinion between the CPI and the CPM is the issue of which party your party belongs to. Besides, China and Russia have no stake in it. When someone like Sri Thiruvanchoor speaks, isn't it true that he says things factually?

Sri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan : So what class are we in Delhi? In which category do you belong in Kerala? I do not have to argue with Prakashan Master. If there are people I don't like, let the controversy go. I don't argue with people I like. The important issue here is our law. There should be a timely change within this law. The quasi must be a judicial body. As per the law of Karnataka, not only the formation of the Advisory Board as advised by the High Court Judges but also the Advisory Board should not lead to the arrival of political beggars. Two members are already eligible to become High Court Judges and one of them should be selected from the bar. The second is that there should be selection from the judiciary. If they have a certain year of practice, they can become High Court judges from the bar. But this means that if you want a political leader with a certain year of practice in the High Court, you can put this advisory board. If you are going to change this, you will change them too.

Shri. Joseph. M. Puducherry : When the Higher Education Council was formed, did you not mention the danger that it would happen here as the Private Secretary to the Minister of Education was made a member of it?

Mr. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan : What is not only in the Higher Education Council but also in our Film Development Corporation. There are no good experts sitting inside. So the Council for Higher Education says they don't need to know education in the country, they just need to know higher education. So please do not come to the Advisory Committee in a way that would object to this law. The advisory board on this law must be one that everyone trusts.

Shri. N. Anirudhan : The law states that a lawyer is qualified to be a High Court Judge. It seems that Shri. Thiruvanchoor has an allergy as an inheritor. Are they qualified?

Sri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan : No, do not hide this in your lawyer's veil. Lawyers are so qualified. Any of the politician here, not going to court, not going to the office, and finally going inside the bar association and then walking around and having a cup of tea and returns ...do not address them as lawyers. You have good practice, I know that

Even when Padmarajan was in the lawyer's office, I knew he was a good lawyer. I have a good opinion of you, but in your veil.....

Mr. Deputy Speaker : There will be a protest by Mr. Satheeshen in saying this.

Shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan : No, there is no protest for good lawyers. The political beggars here are addressed as lawyers, so I told them not to stick a sticker on them and put them on us.

Sri Ananthavattom Anandan : Does this mean that Thiruvanchoor is a lawyer and people like Thiruvanchoor should not be included in it?

Sri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan : A good person like Sri. Ananthavattom Anandan who should be so personalized. I made my comment yesterday.

Shri K Babu : Did you mean that people like Shri Ananthavattom Anandan should not come to this under the title of a lawyer?

Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan : How can we make a law better? That is our question. When we do that, we have to have some specifications in our mind. Who are the people who can already come to the Advisory Committee? Is it possible to put on the advisory board the people who deserve to be caught under this law in the name of being our lawyer? So what I mean by this law is that someone who is not guilty should come. In order to implement our opinion with a political aim, we should not have the attitude of intimidating political opponents and making them our way. Thus, the Hon'ble Home Minister should reconsider this in order to improve the law. My belief is that if you think on your own, it will get a little better. But if the advice goes this way..... I would not say so.

You can't pay attention to this every day. Because three more days of PB, then three days of CC, then three days of Secretariat. Then the State Committee meets for three days. And after three days of reporting, there will be no time to think about it for a month.

Shri. K Babu : He is going to take on a big responsibility. Will have to pay a lot more attention. Do you know that?

Mr. Deputy Speaker : Sri. Babu will almost certainly get a doctorate when this is done. It would be recommended to get a doctorate to examine only the matter of communism.

Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan : Even Mrs. Lathika, who is usually very calm, is standing by this law in the form of rising from behind. So I move my resolution to change the shortcomings of this law and make it effective.

Shri K Kutty Ahmed Kutty : Supports the rejection resolution. Today is the time when goons rule Kerala. The violence of the killers is increasing day by day and the people of Kerala are restless
It is the duty of any government to prevent anti-social activities in the North. That is why the United Democratic Front government led by Shri Oommen Chandy has issued an ordinance for this
But the government has also been reluctant to implement the law. In this very compelling situation, it has now been brought to the point where it is not possible to spit sweet and bitter. I doubt if this is a sufficient bill to achieve our objectives. The ordinance was issued in 2006. Officers authorized by law have taken a few people into custody. But the violence here has not abated. Violence is on the rise every day. As my friends pointed out here, Kerala today is in the hands of various mafias. There are many great types of mafias. The Hon'ble Chief Minister would occasionally refer to it as the "Land Mafia" by Shri. K. P. Rajendran would call it "land banking" and he gave it a dignity; it is we are going to form land bank. It is noted that mafias like this are increasing. Even if the ordinance is there, we were not able to control this goons and anti-social activities properly. The law which U.D.F brought into effects included 3 sitting judges as members.

The Supreme Court judge is the chairman and the other two sitting judges are members. But what was done here? That law has changed. And what you did is, it is said that the High Court sitting judge is the chairman and the 2 people eligible to be the high court judge are members. There should be no political bias in nominating two people. The two nominated are people I know and have a close relationship with. But they were communist companions. Will Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan deny that if said communist comrades? I'm not saying it as disqualification. But it's very clear. We are all politicians, to some extent our interests will come. Thus, Honourable Minister should consider whether it is desirable to take the two candidates of the Communist Party to the Advisory Council to act in a very high, impartial and fair manner. Similarly, those who committed the Abkari crimes are listed as gangsters in the ordinance. Here it has taken a light approach to it. Only added as fake vats. Its main act is the National Security

Act. This is the only act that applicable all over India. Here Shri. Thiruvanjoor Radhakrishnan pointed out the Karnataka's Act and the Thailand's Act. I have a copy of both of these acts. I've checked it very well. Here we bring such an act mainly for public order. There is little difference between law and order and public order. A thief stealing without noticed by anybody is a law and order issue. On the contrary, the current laws are not enough to deal with people who threaten to attack people with a knife or a bomb, threatening them to rob their house. So, we're bringing laws to deal with such people. But I have something to point out in the law that it is written as "Notorious rowdy" or "Notorious gangster". Instead of this, it should be added as "Known rowdy", "Known gangster". If there are notorious gangsters, won't there be any other famous gangsters and well-known Rowdies? The Anti-heroes acted by the Heroes in our films are well-known Rowdies. One thing to note here is that we can only catch people under the Act if they are Notorious Rowdy or Notorious Gangster. In Rowdyism and gangsterism, graduation is not enough, and our law says that only those with post graduation are caught.

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Mr. N. Anirudhan : It is very careful that some descriptions added to nouns. Not to mention the famous rowdy. It's called notorious. It's not the right application to say he's famous because he's Rowdy.

Shri. K. Kutty Ahmed Kutty : You're talking about sociological and psychological things about it. There are anti-hero concepts in our film and literature. I said the people who beat the SP in it are well known. It does not need the word infamous. I would say Rowdy doesn't want post graduation. Why do we only say that he should be detained only if he is an infamous rowdy? So, use a better word. Isn't it better to make known rowdy and known gangster as famous rowdy and famous gangster. The English version is like that. Its operative part is section (3). Section (3) empowers a police officer not below the rank of Superintendent of Police to issue orders for the detention of notorious rowdies and notorious gangsters. It's a double-edged sword. It should be handled carefully. All of You know about our police. The Hon'ble Minister is sitting on the other side. Don't be offended when I say you'll use the police for the interests of your own party. Alimon from Ponnani was arrested using this section as pointed out here. The Review Committee has verified and left the matter. This is instead of catching gangsters....there's something the police usually do. If you do not find the Thief then catch whom you got. Mr. Ummer had made a submission here for it. When it became a big issue, someone in the Marxist party had to be caught. It would be difficult if the police handled this department without discrimination and justice. Therefore, should be very careful in this regard. Precautions should be taken for that. Article 22(5) of our Constitution says about people who are arrested and the law being adopted against them. (5) When any person is detained in pursuance of an

order made under any law providing for preventive detention , the authority making the order shall , as soon as may be, communicate to such person the grounds which the order has been made and shall afford him the earliest opportunity of making a representation against the order. This information should be communicated within five days. But I have to say, there is a court verdict that can be read.As per the said provision the officer who is passing the detention order with intention to falsely implicate a person shall be liable toThis law says, as false

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If caught someone, there's small punishment a penalty is there. This detection requires a person to be able to give all the information when he is preventive for detection.Or let him know in prison. You have to get signed receipt from him;If there is no other way to inform the client before the police, let his relatives informed should be added as an additional section.A lot of court judgments have been made in this regard and there is an amendment to it to be written down. Read to him in the know language. His relatives should be informed.

Shri. Abdurahman Randathani : Now there is section in such a way that police officers can find someone and define someone as a gangster without a court ruling earlier.Have you noticed that they don't have to go to court in this regard? There is a class in the manner in which if any two people complain before the judge gives their verdict and the policeman concerned is convinced that he committed such a crime on the basis of that complaint, he can be placed under the purview of the gangster. This can lead to very dangerous interventions.Have you noticed that there is a section in it where the ruling parties and the police officer of their choice can make anyone as a gangster?

Shri. K Kutty Ahmed Kutty:Everyone is worried that it will be misused.This is something that needs to be handled very carefully.It should include the necessary provisions so that it is not misused.He should be informed about the detention, and the word used in court is communicate. He can't give all the evidence related to this by simply writing on a white paper and saying you've been declared a rowdy. He should be informed clearly about the reasons and which are the cases. Should inform his relatives.It Must be given within five days. In COFEPOSA says not five days, but as soon as. The amendment should be made as soon as possible rather than within five days.I will read the text that appeared in an article in this regard preventive detention is an invasion on personal liberty violating the fundamental right governed by the constitution of India. Therefore, periodical review of the detention order is necessary and hence the new provision may be added in the act for the said purpose. since this is a matter of

violation on the fundamental rights. India is a country wheeled with the rule of law having constitution with fundamental rights.

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and therefore, it is the duty of the democratic government to review the detention order periodically to assess the situation and to consider whether it is necessary to continue the detention or not the stage by stage. This principle is reported in AIR 1974/SC/832/Shri Anil Dev vs State of West Bengal .The verdict was pronounced by former Chief Justice V.R. Krishnaiyar. Of course, there should not be a situation where the police take people and detain them for no apparent reason. I urge the Hon'ble Home Minister to take special care of the matter.

Shri. M. Prakashan Master: The Hon'ble Home Minister is a person who has been unjustly imprisoned for many months for related matters including the reading of this judgment. Don't you know that when he comes up with a bill like this, it is natural to think that there will be a precaution on everything?

Shri.K.Kutty Ahmed Kutty : It's natural to think so, but in experience it's not like that. So, it's something to be handled very carefully. This is not a law that can be taken like making dosa. Discussed in detail....

Mr. Deputy Speaker:It will come in class by class discussion;

Shri.K. Kutty Ahmed Kutty : We have to understand the spirit of the law of this. If you are in a hurry, I can't tell today that it will be taken on whom. Can't it be taken against C.P.I when they quarrelled with CPI (M). It is an experience that usually happens.

Mr. Saju Paul:Sri. Kutty Ahmed Kutty Sahib is very seriously talking about the most effective things. We have known about a lot of gangsters in recent times. When the notorious gangster, named Axe Sreedharan, was arrested, it has been stated that he was first appointed by the Malappuram D.C.C Treasurer for offenses and that the Thrissur D.C.C Secretary paid a huge reward for his assistance. Kutty Ahmed Kutty Sahib knows more about Malappuram district than me. What is your opinion about the political movements that breed Axe sreedharans like this?

Shri.K. Kutty Ahmed Kutty: Axe Sreedharan is a man who commits a lot of crimes. He said in front of the police that he was used by every party. He said he had ties with every party.

Mr. Saju Paul deliberately tells me that people, including gangsters, will seek help to some extent and come to every party. It's for two people to tell, its C.P.I.....

Mr. Jayarajan: Do you think the bill is intended for constituent parties? Is this in remembrance of the action taken by the Congress to threaten the Mani sir's party, which left the Congress and joined the Left during the Emergency Period?

Mr. K. Babu:Are you concerned that it will be used against the V..S group on the basis of recent factionalism in the CPI(M)?

Shri.K. Kutty Ahmed Kutty:These are things that have passed. It's something we need to take very seriously. We politicians sitting here and there, We politicians sitting here and there, we think very broadly, sometimes come to a narrow-minded, whether we or you. Then the police officers will also try to involve people they are angry about. If there is groupism, then it may be used for that groupism. It's human nature. Accordingly, we must understand the highest level.so, the police will come and advise you with this. Whoever rules they will come with them and say that the other can be taken into custody under the Gangster Act.It is terribly difficult for him; they are advised us to put it under the gangster act. Some people will fall.Some of the MLAs may have followed it.I would like to say that there should be no situation where innocent people are being harassed while suppressing gangsters. As I said earlier, there is only a slight mention of Abkari. At the same time, the forest robbers are not included in this, and they should be included. In modern times, many crimes are new.The current situation in the country is that anything can be done for money.like the vehicle bandits, there are so many people.I want to say that when it's class by class, it should come together.There should be no experiences of arresting Alimon of Ponnani, as well as people in Kasaragod. The Honourable Minister should remember that they had to be let go up to the Review Committee. As I said, if the police are given this power, it should not be like Bhasmasura was given a gift. It'll have to be taken care of. I remember one thing.

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When an amendment was introduced to the Panchayati Raj Rules do you remember the very strong objection raised by Shri. P Jayarajan when said that the detail of the criminal offenses should be given. Remember when giving the list of candidates, it is said that if they are criminals the details of their crimes should be clearly revealed. It should include those people involved in at least six such cases. Don't look at it as politicians. Those people also need to be added as well. There will be fear, those sitting on the other side, have destroyed a lot of public assets in the struggles of the last time when they were in opposition. Should try to eliminate that tendency as well. it is concluded by saying that efforts should be made to get it passed in a more impeccable manner.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Simon Brito Rodringuez, you may introduce amendment number 1 of the bill states that the bill be circulated for the public opinion.

Mr. Simon Brito Rodringuez: Sir, I'm presenting "the amendment for the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (prevention) bills 2007 to be circulated for public consultation". Today, Kochi is a city with a large number of Gangsters. I live in an area that supplies a lot of gangsters to that Kochi. let's start by telling that how these gangsters often form. Upon examining about them, I came to know in an investigation that many of the children of the most ordinary and well-to-do poor father and mother later became gangsters. How do you become gangsters? One is, unemployment. The economic crisis in this country. In this case, they often listen to the insult of many and protest against it, then going with the other gangsters to the local leaders who recruits, first stay away from it then go with them. On the way, they were given food, some money, and transport facilities and for the first time often going for vehicle seizure, on the way to the vehicle seizure, be a spectator with it and give the money at that point after that can be seen later coming into activities and getting involved in criminal cases again and then becoming a regular Gangster. How did we feel about such gangsters after this Ordinance came. I am a person, who has come to realize directly that the gangster activity in Kochi city and all over Kerala has come down drastically since this Ordinance came into force many gangsters in our country have turned

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away from this gangster activity. Similarly, criminal activities have decreased. Many gangsters gave up from this. I can say their name one by one if needed. Having said all this, the important discussion done here is that Thammanam Shaji is an accused who is in custody today. To the esteemed U.D.F people, Thammanam shaji was one of the leaders of the U.D.F booth at Tammanam during the last election and Intimidated the L.D.F, I am the one who reacted to it. Then why are you protecting these gangsters? It is often said that politicians protect gangsters. But it needs to be clarified which politicians. On the contrary, we do not have a character that is so protective like L.D.f . Some references by shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan, as well as some reference is by Shri. Kutty Ahamed Kutty Sahib; what it says is about the Acts that came to Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Tamilnadu, there are other Acts like this; there is TADA, and NSA. Should we enact an Act in Kerala like those Acts? In this regard in Maharashtra especially in Bombay it is not just the law that comes against criminal activity, at that time a police officer called Rivero carried out "shoot at sight". Since then there has been a decline in the gangster elements. yet the Riots in Bombay flared up again. Here, a law like this should be brought. How to bring this law? The first thing to examine is whether this law is Constitutional. How should we approach this constitutionally? One Article 14 -All are equal in the front of the law, that is Article 14. When article 16 comes, equality between equals comes. the other is that, when dealing with a State Article 14, we must consider Article 21 therein. It is about Liberty. It talks about absolute liberty in it. This absolute Liberty is said to be state-based. When it comes to that, the State can make law anyway, but is it possible to make a law like that anyway? This bill uses Absolute Liberty as a Democrat. I checked this bill. The previous bill of UDF was examined. When we examine both the bills, we can understand from it, this bill sent to the SELECT committee is a bill that is very perfect with every thing, that I can say. The latter words speak about it. Another one is, Criminal activities are mentioned here is "crime statics of Kerala in respect of violent crimes compared with national average in India" in we

When examined, many criminal activities have been declining in the big cities of Kerala and all over Kerala since the LDF came to power, that is what can be understood. However even in such a circumstance, when a law is enacted it should be flawless. To make that law perfect, an examination needed to why this law being enacted. We have IPC, have CRPC. When that IPC and CRPC exist, the essence of it all is called social warning. Someone commits a murder. Or, on the way, a man takes a knife in his hand and stabbing. The hand is cut off. Then it will get a punishment according to the Indian Penal Code. That punishment called; it is a social warning. But a criminal, a gangster, a scoundrel, a bully, a mafia for such people, social warning is not a problem. This is a period of anti-heroes. period of which anti-heroes were created. In a progressive civil society, in a Democratic society, in a democratic system, when we are introducing a flawless law the following Article 14, Article 21 and the crime said along with this are how the society seeing. while many are standing subjected to this IPC and CRPC some others are standing away not subjected to it, and they are saying that they are right and it does not affect us. In this bill, in one part, it is specifically mentioned about this. gangsters who are doing criminal activities freely, by standing in the existing rules, escaped through those existing rules then a new law, a new bill, is inevitable for them. That is the relevance of this bill. Then it will be asked whether N.S.A does not exist. yes. why the state government does not implement what is said N.S.A. our Honourable Home minister kodiyeeri Balakrishnan was jailed for 18 months during the emergency period. Then we all are in out. The S.f.I membership signed by Shri. kodiyeeri Balakrishnan that day, we will lift it and say that our leader is in jail. The S.f.I membership signed by Shri. kodiyeeri Balakrishnan that day, we will lift it and say that our leader is in jail. so, when Shri. kodiyeeri Balakrishnan was in jail for 18 months we were all out. The police were always behind us. Another one is, Dr. Thomas Isaac was put inside that day and someone also gave a false testimony against Dr. Thomas Isaac. Another one is, Dr. Thomas Isaac was put inside that day and someone also gave a false testimony against Dr. Thomas Isaac. Eventually, the witness collapsed shortly after the hearing. The other is, Mr. M.A Baby, who was performed that day was beaten and put inside,

Shri.G. Sudhakaran went inside. similarly, the venerable M. Vijayakumar went inside. There are respected Ministers and MLAs who have been subjected to the atrocities of the emergency period. Most of those in power are, victims of the so-called state of emergency period's oppression and terrible laws. While I'm saying that, I will not miss the esteemed members sitting opposition team. Mr. Sudhakaran the Kannur MLA, was on the other side of the socialist party and led the rally during the emergency period under the leadership of the venerable Vaikom Vishwan. I do not deny that our esteemed member was present at that rally, but as time went on, a lot has changed. Therefore, everyone has had the bitter experience of this emergency period. Respected Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan asked that; this is not a time of emergency period. No, but it is not about whether there is an emergency period, what was an important provision of that law? According to Indian law, a citizen can be detained for only 24 hours. But during the emergency period, it was always a situation where anyone could be detained. The TADA Act came into force after the emergency period, then the current National Security Act. This NSA, not implemented by the LDF government, this absolute Liberty what we say, taken in hands and as far as

article 14 is concerned and by going further against the matter of the rights of that Article 14, because it is not so democratic. Its contention is that a bill like this was brought here because the NSA did not implement it. So, it is not correct to say that this period of emergency does not exist today. But, the importance of the emergency period is that anyone can always be taken into custody. Speaking about this, one, the old bill, the condition of the bill that brought in the time of UDF was the period for detention shall not exceed 21 days. Then, will ask "Is it not enough to bring the old bill", why the old bill was not brought, why the new bill was brought, I'm going to told underlined its relevance here. In that bill, should not exceed 21 days. This bill was changed to 10 days. But there is a difference between 21 days and 10 days for a citizen. Someone who is said to be kept in custody only for 24 hours, is brought from 21 to 10. When this told person is arrested, in the old bill if the government or the officer in charge convinces himself can be detained.

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The terms of detention are very clearly stated. Accordingly, it is stated here that the officers can detain only subject to the provision of the subsection of this Act. The matter that can be handled earlier by a D.Y.S.P now switched to D.IG . When that happens, the offenses, it is said that the atrocity in the name of this law will decrease. When I read these two bills, I have a very commendable thing that is, it has a right in it and it is not in the old bill is importantly not small, that's a big thing. What is that? That is, while the bill ends by stating that the reason for detention must be informed within 5 days from the detention date and must be given an opportunity to complain to the government, happening here is, the so-called gangster person didn't get the right to speak his things. What is in an emergency period? if arrested, we cannot go to court to tell the court. Here reason for detention should be read to him at the time of the arrest, a copy of the order stating the reason for your arrest must be provided within 5 days. only that? the detainee may seek the assistance of a lawyer. Here is, an important point is saying. What is the relevance of the Lawyer? a crime happens, or when a case comes up in court, there is a MERIT and there is a legality. someone is doing wrong; the gangster kills someone. Its merit when it comes to court, was there a murder? a murder took place, or the court agrees when an appropriate offense takes place. when we are studying in law college, our teacher comes and said that The Indian Judiciary is a paradise for Advocates. Lawyers can get the case at will; it is said that can make money by arguing, but what is the duty of this lawyer? The law requires that every citizen or all citizen of India should know the Law. but everyone cannot know. So, one can hire a lawyer, that being what happens when a lawyer is hired is that the lawyer is often the subject of a legal discussion. So, such things are very structured. so, with a very clear-cut structure in this bill what is called legality regarding this does not lose drain through this bill. Another one is, a citizen has the right to proceed through this Lawyer. Who was Snehalatha Reddy she was an Actress. she was a very creative actress. She was a stage actress who was creative. Emergency period they were taken into custody and killed at the jail, is it not true?

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Isn't that true? Then U D F won the election. Agree. But the period atrocities came out only after the state of emergency. Shri. Sudhakaran is sitting on the other side. In a procession he had joined, and that day we asked, where is Rajan? Then the cases came again and again and people came to know later. That day we asked, and asked with broken heart that where is Varkala Vijayan. That day we asked again, where is Kannan? It is not correct to say that the result of the election is the benefit of the state of emergency period. Atrocities came out later. What I am saying is that during the Emergency, many people were imprisoned in various prisons in India, these things which can say through a lawyer, what I am saying which I can say, could not be said during emergency.

Shri. Saju Paul: Here the venerable Thiruvanchar Radhakrishnan strongly justifies the liberation struggle as well as the state of emergency. But, Shri. A. K. Antony the only KPCC president in India that did not welcome Sanjay Gandhi for saying that the liberation struggle was wrong. He resigned for giving support to Indira Gandhi in Chikmagalur and joined the Left progressive movements, including CPI (M). So, in fact, Shri. Thiruvanchar Radhakrishnan spoke here sitting with these parties in 1980 by ignoring the past that denied the Emergency and the liberation struggle.

Shri. Simon Brito Rodriguez: Does Congress have a single opinion? One will make a comment and the next will say it is not like that.

Deputy Speaker: Come to the bill.

Shri. Simon Brito Rodriguez: I'm talking about the most important and specific things about the bill. When presenting a lawyer, this lawyer can make things clear. That was not the case during the state of Emergency. The point I am making is that we cannot say our things through a lawyer so transparently in the TADA Act or the National Security Act. Moreover, he is in jail when he is being prosecuted by the High Court. So, a citizen's right is recognized here. One more thing to say, there are about six things in this old bill that say, I am summarizing. The crimes are six.

But so many things have not added to this periodically. But 13 things have been added. The so called hawala and including a few more offenses now it is 13 from six.

Shri. Abdurahman Randathani: It has been argued that detainees here can seek the help of a lawyer. But to whom to tell to seek the help of a lawyer. To the government, or to this advisory committee that the government says? The members of this Advisory Board are not High Court Judges, may appoint qualified persons as High Court Judges. Qualification for it is when you can form an advisory board consisting of two lawyers with any political interest practicing in a bar and put a lawyer in front of that politicized body and can you believe that you will get justice from a court as you intend?

Shri. Raju Abraham: Sir, Hon'ble Shri. Kutty Ahmed kutty While attending the discussion, he told this advisory committee left the two men you mentioned. So, is the new argument being brought to the point where you yourself agree that this advisory committee is impartial?

Shri. Abdurahman Randathani: He spoke in such a way that the advisory committee should get the consideration of the court. It was pointed out here that the face of politicization should not come from within that advisory committee itself. In such a way that those associated with a political party can destroy their political opponents on the basis of a political decision. There should not be a situation where it can be used. That is why not only should there be a very clear decision in this, but also a very important thing is to make a class to take action against those officers if they know that if someone is taken into custody and unjustly detained in such cases. As long as it is not, any official will be in a position to behave in any way.

Mr. Simon Brito Rodriguez: If the bill says this, it is enough to start the NSA. It is enough to bring a bill like TADA. Rather, it is in this way that the property and rights of the people are being protected. Arrest someone for being a rowdy, the difference between telling a lawyer the whole thing he has to say and not saying, is huge. Telling a lawyer is part of a judiciary. Who are afraid of? It is wrong to say that politically motivated things will happen in this committee.

If so, then this bill is so unintentional that the current NSA would have introduced it without bringing this bill to confront opponents politically. It's another thing to explain. But only then will we get another clarity. Here's an important point to say about not including some people

in it. It does not include people who take part in political struggles. It lists people who are not included. If you read, you know things clearly. As a member of a recognized political party, the second section, T section. as stated in the paragraph, 'there is a general involvement of party workers in an agitation, protest or event organized by the party in advance by informing the authorized police officer or magistrate in advance of the mere presence of a public figure in a criminal act without the involvement of the criminal conspiracy behind it'. Then when working in a political party, if a working person has committed a murder in that political party, he is an offender. Instead, he goes for a picketing. Going to the dharna, this applies to both the Congress and the League .Not only are they not included, but they are not included in such cases when the students are peacefully demonstrating and agitating for their rights. Let's end by mentioning one more thing as it has to be settled quickly. Here are 13 of the points I made earlier: Renters, loan fraudsters, and extortionists. Now there is the New Generation Bank. ICICI Bank As well as HDFC. These banks receive the same protection bank as the Reserve Bank and the Co-operative Bank. To them vehicle sales as they like. ICICI Banks often use goondas to recover interest. Therefore, I also take this opportunity to advise that following protection should not provide to ICICI Bank. At the same time, all of this goes perfectly in line with the Constitution. Let me end by saying one more thing. This is a structure. Apparently how many are serving prison sentences. But for someone who goes to jail every year The LDF Government is looking for the most efficient without losing any of their facilities.

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So, it is not right to insist on predicting that so many criminals will end up in jail. Therefore, this law is absolutely sufficient to end the mafiaization of Kerala. Now in the current situation, the mafia has many anti-social elements such as goons, sex racketing and drug trafficking. According to the Drug Traffic Act, the central government has introduced a law that a police officer can only arrest a person if he has more than a kilo of cannabis. Instead, does not allow a person to be arrested if he weighs 100 grams or 1/2 kilogram. I conclude by saying that this law could have been implemented more effectively if there had been changes to such laws of the Central Government.

[Shri C.P. Muhammad in the Chair]

Shri, P. Jayarajan: Sir, I am proposing an amendment to send the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill 2007 to the Select Committee for consideration. The Sixth Session of the 12th Kerala Legislative Assembly is a session for legislation only. I applaud the willingness of the Achuthanandan-led government to make effective use of the Assembly in this way. Similarly, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Hon'ble Home Minister for introducing

the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, 2007. Similar laws exist in many states of our country. also, similar laws exist in neighboring states. Now it is in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. But this law was brought considering the uniqueness of Kerala. Now many members here have discussed this. The Kerala administration has been deliberating on legislation to curb organized crime for some time. What is the background of this? The background of this is that the period of globalization has begun. The urge for money has increased as the flow of global capital has intensified. With the removal of national barriers, the flow of various forms of money has become stronger in the society. The urge to make money is strong in society, especially among the youth. It is on this basis that, this nationwide hooliganism has intensified. If we look at the age range of the perpetrators of these crimes, it can be seen that most of the perpetrators are between the ages of 18 and 25. So crime is on the rise as a result of greed for money. Similarly the cost of living also has increased. The tendency to have a royal life has increased much. All these crimes are based on this eagerness to have a luxurious life.

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Our bill has strong laws to prevent this crimes. Now there are laws to punish once convicted. But the crimes are increasing even if the laws are here. Such a situation creates the need of a law like this. For that there is no difference between ruling party or opposition. We should prevent this. The efforts to prevent the crimes are more important than the punishment for crime. This is a prevention law. Law to prevent. Here comrade Brito spoke here before me. He pointed out that the prevention also is possible by keeping the rowdies in custody along with punishment for crime. So many laws have come like this. Here shri. Brito has pointed out so many things. Respected Minister Shri. Kodyeri himself was in jail for eighteen months during emergency. He was the leader of the students movement at that time. Comrade Kodyeri was the state general secretary of S.F.I. Not only Kodyeri, In India, it was a time when Indira Gandhi had captured all the people she disliked. What was the law of that time? Internal security Act. Shri Chandrasekhar who expired recently was caught under internal security act. As per the MISA (Maintenance of Internal Security Act) respected Chief Minister was a prisoner. The left parties in India are really dangerous for the internal security. The present Chief Minister Sri. V.S.Achuthanandan, Home Minister Shri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan, Local self administration department Minister Sri. Paloli Muhammad Kutty were arrested and sent to prison as per MISA with the valuation that the political activities for the workers, farmers, and for those living in the lower level of the society are threat to the internal safety of India. Those people are now speaking loudly about the democracy. Talking about the misuse of the law. But what you have done is in the history. People have understood that. I would like to point out here that the culprits of that history are speaking here. Here not as per MISA.....

Shri. K. C. Joseph: Even when we say verbally, hired rowdies are being used to assassinate the accused in politics. Raise funds to protect them, raise funds for the culprits in murder cases, arrest and kill those who say they will not leave even if the court leaves them free, is it right that people who do all this speak without conscience?

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Shri. P. Jayarajan: That is, even when imperialism passed the Black act, Shri. KC Joseph has been made the same reasoning. What I have said here is that these were many of the laws that have come into being to prevent these crimes. MISA is one of them. Not only that, there are Defense of India Rules. Now here is Mr. Vijayakumar, Shri. Thomas Isaac, Shri. G. Sudhakaran, Shri. Baby were arrested and imprisoned according to DIR during state of emergency. I was only reminded of the heinous activity of the Congress in the past, which speaks of democracy and claims that we consider different opinions. Here is answer of Mr. K. C. Joseph's question. You mentioned the political conflict. There is another law. TADA Law. What is TADA? Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act. It is a Prevention Act and a Prevention Act like this. I am one of your government defendants in that TADA case. How can I be terrible? I understood the entire provisions of the TADA Act like you. Why did you bring 'Tada'? TADA aims to stop and imprison those who carry out destructive activities inside the country with the help of foreign powers. Accordingly, the CPI (M), including myself, is based on your directive to apply in the name of political conflict in Kannur district. Activists are accused in the case, according to TADA. In your eyes, we are terrorists. How did you deal with it? Of course, political conflicts must be avoided. If those political conflicts are to be avoided, there can be peaceful action if the violent political leadership and the main leadership that promotes it deviate from their perspectives. Then it should be understood that "TADA" is used to prevent conflicts. Shri.K.C. Joseph talks about political conflicts and the hired killer. The law, which was enacted to prevent the perpetrators of destructive activities that endanger the internal security of the country with the help of foreign powers in order to avoid political conflict, is a matter of proper justice charging against the leaders and activists of the recognized political parties in this country? We are all accused in the TADA case. The special court was in Thiruvananthapuram at that time. Do you know how 'TADA's trial is? in camara. Secret trial. Is the statement given to the police officer credible in court? It is not credible under Indian evidence law.

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A statement made to a police officer not below the rank of a DYSP is considered a confession. The Congress is a party that has used such a deadly law against the recognized political parties

in this country. I want to remind this K.C Joseph and Thiruvanchur too. When we talk about this law here, we need to be able to stop the goons from abusing the law without abusing the law, which was done by the Congress through "MISA" and "Tada". Community Should be able to maintain peace in. Crime must be prevented. Guaranteed for it. That's what I said first. I have checked the law in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Assurance to prevent abuse added to this Act. That is why I appreciate Shri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan. He knows - the abuse of it. Abused in Malappuram, abused in Kasaragod - this government has intervened, that is the government. The Advisory Board shall intervene if any police officer misuses or abuses the provisions of this Act. Who is the head of that advisory committee? The head is a judge of the High Court or a retired judge. who was then a politician, used his lawyers against political opponents; There is no basis for worrying about losing. So, this bill is not the bill you brought. It has made a good difference from that.UDF Government Issued Felonious Activities Prevention Ordinance. You will make a great speech. We are against goons and we have worked effectively to prevent crime in order to bring peace in the society. When you bring the ordinance, did you catch at least one? The ordinance was passed by the UDF on December 15, 2005. Issued by Government, There were five months to implement. What does not catch a single person. I appreciate Shri. Thiruvanchar Radhakrishnan in that he had to admit to the fact that during his passionate speech, from the government has come since then, crime has dropped. That is the will of this Government. After saying that the criminals came here, they are not committing any crime now. Then he had to admit that the crime rate had dropped. Not only what Thiruvanchar Radhakrishnan says but also the Crime Records Bureau has an account of the crimes in Kerala. There are people not at the behest of the Marxist party.

Shri. Thiruvanchar Radhakrishnan: The data of the Crime Records Bureau includes registered cases only. There will be no cases of compromise at police stations, evictions and abductions. In short, it can be argued that the number was reduced within the number of registered cases. But that is a registered case. The most unbearable part of the truth is the abuse that takes place outside the registered case. That is a fact.

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Shri. P. Jayarajan: That means there are now the same police officers who made this registered case. There are now police officers during the UDF rule. We know about Kannur district. The present SP in Kannur. The same SP who was appointed in your time. The police officers are the ones you hired. Judging by the number of cases registered by those police officers, the crimes committed during the UDF regime are now declining. It is a fact that we all need to understand that Thiruvanchur himself has to admit.

Shri. K. Kutty Ahmed Kutty: Sir, Shri.Thiruvanchoor said crime has dropped. The main reason for that the High Court said several times. The High Court itself has made it clear that the police are helping the underworld criminals and the mafia and that our police have an underworld face. The low crime rate decreased due to the fact that they do not prosecute underworld criminals and mafias.

Shri. P. Jayarajan: It is not enough to ask the question of any police officer. Listen to what I have to say. The High Court may also at times criticize the duty of any police officer. Will be criticized in the future also. But as a political leadership, crime has come down as a result of ruling with a strong will against crime. It is not a regime that promotes the mafia. The Left Democratic Front government in Kerala is taking a strong stand against the mafia. The scope of this bill covers all types of mafia activities. Here is the difference between your bill and current bill. If you put six in the number of crimes now 13 crimes fall under this category. All sorts of mafias are under the bill. If the power to issue detention orders in your time bill was vested in the District Collectors and Superintendents of Police only, now it is up to the DIG, above officers and to the District Collectors. Similarly, the conditions for detention are clearly stated in the Bill. The maximum period of detention is only six months. Similarly, as mentioned earlier,

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the reasons for detention must be stated at the time of arrest. A copy of the order must be provided within five days. So, based on these things this bill is very different from your bill. Similarly, the definition of the word "rowdy" includes those who commit crimes under the Arms Act of 1959 and the Explosives Substances Act of 1908, as well as those who cause certain social disasters. The great calamity facing our society is religious animosity. There are religious fundamentalists who cause communal riots. In order to suppress them the law has been greatly expanded to include offenders under Sections 153 (a) and 153 (b) of the IPC, as well as Sections 295 to 298 of Chapter 15 of the IPC as well as 'the shyster Gunda' and 'infamous rowdy' have already been defined. Then this law expanded to include sections that were excluded from the earlier Bill. However, the details may be flawed. Those shortcomings need to be solved through discussions in subject committee. This needs to be made more effective. Here are a few things to point out to the Hon'ble Minister. According to the order of detention, the fine imposed on an officer who commits any offense is thousand rupees. Such departments are, of course, intended to prevent its misuse, but it is doubtful that any punishment for the misconduct of these officers would prevent them from taking action against such goons. It is, of course, up to the subject committee to consider. I'm here to suggest that you fix it when it comes. Similarly, there is a need for coordination among some departments now. This is not only a matter for the police department to deal with, but also for those who commit crimes related to the forest department to the extent that the police department can only do this when it comes under the purview of the law, and then there is a need to clarify how to coordinate with other departments. By participating in this discussion here, Shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan told

such unrelated things. He said, "I am trying to be a good parliamentarian, but I do not see the complete symptom of that in today's speech,". He said, the Chinese ghost hunting the CPI (M). The Chinese ghost is not hunting us. The reality is that the image of US President Bush is haunting your party and your central government. That is what we are fighting against. Today is an important day. Our party and the CPI (M) are against the move of the Central Government to conduct a joint naval exercise with the United States. You are raising objections on the day when the Left parties start campaigning. We are not affected by the Chinese ghost.

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What affected us was the ghost of India. We uphold the national interest of India in this regard. Because India is a country of anti-socialist tradition. The Common Minimum Program assures the people that they will pursue the independent foreign policy that has been upheld since independence. In violation of that promise, Dr. Manmohan Singh signed on to what US President George W. Bush said. Not only the Left but also your own party is opposed to Manmohan Singh's planning. There is strong opposition within the Congress itself. I'm not going into more detail because it's the bill. In any case, Respected Congress members should understand that the ghost of US President George W. Bush affected Dr. Manmohan Singh. The only thing to say about it is that we need to react against it and take some remedial action to evict that ghost. I would like to end my words by saying that we should be able to pass these bill deficiencies and pass them unanimously.

Shri. V. D. Satheesan: Sir, amending the ordinance of UDF Government of 2005, the new ordinance was introduced by the government on December 13, 2006. Although the legislature convened several times, it was unable to legislate and was re-issued four times as an ordinance. The number of organized criminals and mafias in our country is increasing. In democracy, the state has a constitutional obligation to protect the lives and property of the people. People are scared and in anxiety because the government can't fulfill that obligation. even the credibility of the police force in our state have been lost. Mafia groups now control even the police as like our cities, towns and villages. In the past, when the CPI (M) came to power, we used to accuse the police station of being run by the local committee of the CPI (M). Today, local committees do not have that influence.

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Even if they are trying to rule, but the mafia groups have more influence in that area. Sand mafia, gangs, many police stations are still controlled by Sand mafia, gangs, and blade mafias. Murders are increasing in our country in a way it has never happened before. If a murder takes

place in the old days, if a murder had taken place, the newspapers would have been filled in the front pages continuing news regarding the murder. Today, cruel, even murders which are shocking to the human conscience have become news on the inside page. A mafia raj is emerging in the state where criminals influence the police in one way and threaten them in another way. Often the police are indifferent. The bench dealing with criminal cases in the High Court has repeatedly asked once whether the police in Kerala are controlled by mafias. It is controlled by the hawala people. You should remember that when the police appeared to the crowd in the matter of hawala money, it was asked by the court and not me, that from where the gangs got the courage to say publicly that our boss could solve the case, the police and the people need not interfere. There is a situation in which mafias are ruling the stage, challenging the judicial and legal system without giving any values to the law. In addition to the natives, there are also people from other states committing brutal murders and theft, then boarding the next train. There is no Investigation system in our police system. Except for paramilitary duty and escort duty for the police. The police doesn't have a separate system for investigation rather than guard duty and escort duty. The system continues as it was before. The police should have a periodic investigation system. is it possible to control the goons in Kerala only by passing this law? Several laws, including the Penal Code and the Criminal Prosecutor Code are there in the state. I do not mean to say no. There are situations where criminals escape by finding loopholes even in these laws. In the news papers, full of assassination attempts, theft and temple vandalism are occurred, after two or three days later another criminal activity which is brutal than the first incidents occurs and the first incident is being forgotten. The police force in state is looking helplessly at all these. What percentages of such cases can be investigated and the culprits brought to justice?

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G sudhakaran is a person who comments on everything under the sun. I was shocked to hear what he said . He said a total of ten temples had been robbed since the arrival of this arrival. The Hon'ble Home Minister knows it. He was in Paravur to inaugurate the circle station. In my constituency, Paravur taluk alone, there have been 16 temple thefts since this government came to power. No arrests have been made in any of the cases. There was widespread theft in temples and churches. All this now were restricted to the edition page or any area in the news. The criminal activity happening in front of the administration in Thiruvananthapuram has increased tremendously. I am not bringing political allegation. I meant not to say that criminal activity in the state has increased since home minister shri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan has come to power. Crime is a big subject. the economic and psychological aspect is behind it. It needs to be discussed and examined in great detail. I am saying that I want people to have a belief in the police. People had a belief that Police are investigating if a criminal offense was committed, they would find evidence from somewhere and bring the culprit under the law. Now people doesn't have that faith moreover criminals doesn't have fear too. The State Police are unable to

accommodate periodic changes as the gang of criminals continues to commit more crimes with modern systems and more perfect systems than the police. Criminal gangs cannot be suppressed without making the necessary changes to it. Homes with boys between the age of 15 and 30 are full of anxiety. Where has the son gone? Is it to a fake brewer team or a quotation team? Kerala has become a land of mothers who wait for their son in the evening till night with food closed on the table. When we make a law, drafting is one of the most important things to consider. The provisos mentioned here are in the second class P. (i),(ii),(iii),(iv),(v), .it is better to use the word notorious which means shyster and are better than words like known goonda, known Rowdy. Known Rowdy is not a word used in English. Known personality can be called. There are a no of provisos in the given definition of 'shyster rowdy'. This does not include conflicts between family members or his involvement as a family member or any quarrel between the neighbors.

. There will be no conflict between the institution and the individual regarding the terms of service. It does not include the issue of students in educational institutions, it is a class that protects political party workers 2 (p)(v).The only thing that is legally valid is the sixth, and because he was involved in a crime he had committed before he turned eighteen, he should be exempted from calculating the number of offenses that can be considered to determine that he is a notorious rowdy. It has legal backing. Other provisos do not exist legally. To me that seems to be the issue that needs to be presented here as a legal objection. Article 14 of the most important article of our Constitution states very clearly, 'The State shall not deny to any person equality before the law or the equal protection of the laws within the territory of India. All are equal in front of law. According to IPC how can we classify people who commit the same crime into two categories? As per IPC, is it possible to exempt the offender by saying that he was involved in a family riot or a member of a political party? According to the Criminal Procedure Code and Procedure Law, can we exempt someone who has to take legal action because he or she is a member of a political party who says he or she has committed a criminal offense in a family mutiny, or is a neighbor, or a student? There are two types of discrimination. The Supreme Court has repeatedly discussed this seriously. Do we have legislative competency when carrying out legislation, whether in Parliament or in the Legislature? In that regard *Indra Sawhney v Union of India*, in this it is very clearly stated, Parliament and the Legislatures in the country cannot run the basic feature of the Constitution namely the Principle of Equality enshrined in Article 14. It is very clear. In many cases this issue has been discussed there. As well as another case, *Northern India Caterers v State of Punjab*, it says an important consequence of the rights to Equality is the element of reasonableness. Classification which is unreasonable is open to challenge and to this extend the policy of legislation is open to judicial review. If a law is passed by the legislature, should that law exist? We already have a discriminatory definition class, an exception for people who

want to protect them all, this law prohibits anti-social activities when passing legislation, including provisions relating to exemptions, criminal acts or criminal procedures.....

Shri.M.Prakashan Master: Are you saying that people who are political party activists should also be included in this legal framework?

Shri.V.D.Satheesan: I never said that. If the provision exempts people who have committed crimes and are politicians as stated in the definition, then this will not exist.

Shri.N.Anirudhan: Could it be the restrictions set out in Article 14? It simply says that the restrictions must be reasonable. This is not General Law, it is Special Law, right? Aren't the special restrictions imposed on it barred from Legislative Competency?

Shri.V.D.Satheesan: Of course, a reasonable restriction could be done in Article 14 also. Here it's not a reasonable restriction. That's what I said; you should respectfully pay attention to where the proviso starts. If a person commits a crime and it is a member of the political party, he will not come inside it. Someone who is not part of the quarrel between the neighbors will come. This does not include the crime committed by a member of a political party. This includes the crime committed by a person who is not a member of a political party. That's where the classification is. Not a reasonable rejection. What has been done here from the Law Department is that there will be nothing involved in the agitation or event organized by the party or the general of the party's activists without being involved in a criminal conspiracy to commit a crime and informing the authentic police officer or the magistrate in advance. It is the same criminal offense. It's not clear. The political party campaigns are conducted after obtaining sanction from magistrate or a police officer. I am talking about similar incidents in Kerala related to the campaigns of political parties. There may be people who are guilty at times related to the accident. How can we protect them when they are committing crimes? It is discrimination to acquit oneself of a crime by acquiring the exemption of being a member of a political party. There is no need to add such a provision in this. When they are protected by adding such things, it becomes non-existent before the law.

Shri. N. Aniruddhan: This law is very likely to be misused. Isn't it necessary to safeguard it to avoid misuse? In order to secure from misuse, isn't it right to add restrictions as a factor of abundant caution?

Shri.V.D.Satheesan: It is not wrong to add that restriction. But it will not exist legally. You know, will this stand if someone involved in any case challenges this on discriminatory grounds in court while doing legal drafting? It is also a criminal law. In fact, according to the procedure, if an innocent person is caught, he will have to spend at least a month in jail when the advisory board decides on the time. Even innocent people can be jailed. So, this is a law that needs to be handled very carefully. The problem here is if anyone questions it in court.....

Minister for Water Resources (Shri. N. K. Premachandran) According to the definition given by Shri.V.D.Satheesan, even if the three legislations TADA, MISA and POTA falls under the scope of criminal procedure code, the defense is offended specially by considering it as a special legislation. In such a scenario, a closer look at the law reveals a reasonable distinction. This definition is therefore certainly vindicated by the court's consideration as such offenses should be banned as specialized offenses. Otherwise, POTA, MISA and TADA are all defined as special categorized offenses. Surely this too must be validated by following in the footsteps of that definition?

Shri.V. D. Satheesan: Of course, the first point you made is very correct. The laws, including the Pota, the Indian Penal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code, even when they exist, have to be recognized as another special law. This is because, as Shri N.Anirudh points out, reasonable restriction is included. But again, we have given proviso in that. It refers to people who have committed the same crime. This is done in order to deal with Habitual Offenders. Is Habitual Offender a member of a political party? It is true what Sri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan asked when he spoke. A well-known goonda in Kerala, he is a resident of Ernakulam district and is accused in several murder cases. After this news came, he has joined Shri.Lalu Prasad Yadav's party and is campaigning in Ernakulam as the district president.

Doesn't it come in this definition? Shri. Lalu Prasad Yadav's R.J.D is a nationalized recognized party. He has joined that party. Thus, goons become members of a political party for protection.

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In a colony one person is harassing the neighbours. Doesn't that neighbour need the protection of the goonda law. Is it right to give habitual offenders escape provision in the name of protection between neighbours as proviso in it? There are people in some families who harm everyone, there are goondas, criminals. There are those who treat family members as cruelly as they seem on the outside. Can they be given exemption? This exemption doesn't come within the reasonable restriction you mentioned. This legislation will come. Honourable minister N . K. Premachandran said that this is the answer to the question of why there is such a law when there is such a law when there is criminal procedure law and I.P.C. But I have already said that giving proviso again will not come under reasonable restriction. That is completely discrimination. Number of cases has been dealt with such cases. This point comes in another important point. 2(R) is the definition of money lender.

The definition of money lender is given in the sense that a recognised bank is a lender of any kind, whether it is a lender of any kind, a banking institution recognised by the reserve bank of India or a cooperative registered under the Kerala cooperative societies Act 1969. This law is meant to survive. Do not misunderstand. According to 19(1G), everyone has the opportunity to trade and do other things. So when the law is brought against someone who runs pawnshop. Why is it that banking institutions are given exemption in this? Discrimination in law? Here supreme court itself has said that even in the case of public interest, the supreme court has ruled against two types of classification under the same law giving the classification as private /public, so it's not really about removing the pawnshop from it. Here is the exemption given to recognised banks and societies

Has any police here arrested people belonging to any society or official of the nationalised bank or the schedule bank? Are the police going to arrest any of them? Will any nationalized banker or secretary of any co-operative society go with recovery proceedings and with goondas perform any procedure. There is no need for the phrase 'To give them protection 'They are not criminals in Kerala.

Conducting activities. There has not been a single case of Nationalized Banks and Scheduled Banks, People in the co-operative sector carrying out criminal activities as a part of the recovery process. If they do not pay, they will publish, no other bank in kerala will take anything by force. But as mentioned earlier it is the new generation banks which are similar to the pawnshops .If pawnshops are sending ordinary goons, these are sending goons who are well dressed. Should an exemption be given there? In the court of law

I am only referring to a few of the it's posts which indicate that this may also be subject to a legal challenge. Class 10 (1) ' the advisory Board is told that after considering the report received from the Government, or petition received from the detainee or any other applicable person in such a manner as it may deem fit and without disclosed to anyone the relevant documents to anyone, decision can be made. It's time consuming. We have somebody in our custody. The advisory board examines any of these requests or reports from the government that a person has been detained. If some has been detained, how many days after they should be checked? One month and two months later checking back and what if he is innocent? Imagine being innocent. That is why the advisory board has given the right granted by us to cancel his detention. Assume that the detainee is innocent. What if the advisory board handles the case one or two months later? so the exact timing must be set. I do not suggest how much. It should be considered practically on how many days this case will be considered by the board. Within fifteen days In terms of movement restriction, a provision has been made to have it checked. The time limit given in the authority to restrict the movement is not given in this case. Here's something new that everyone suspects is not to be misused. But what is said?

(i) "For each day of detention or in the case of detention For its part, government orders to pay an amount that does not exceed a thousand rupees per day, will be liable to pay for the government. Or

Under this Act, if any person is prevented from attending his or her normal job or work due to alleged misconduct in any activity, the victim person should be paid one hundred rupee per day

If we find it wrong to catch someone inside and decide to give that person hundred rupee every day, we should think about the inconsistency of writing it in the law. That is a great inconsistent. Once the people caught inside by the high court judges is a wrong decision, then the compensation given is one hundred rupees a day. The government is giving a compensation of hundred rupees for one day in jail, which is not a proper system. A more provision is needed if it is not to be misused. That means a strong penal provision is needed to control officials who misuse it. Now there is only one provision. It has been said that thousand rupees should be paid to the government. The provision must include a strong backing that no officer can feel to put even an innocent person inside. As well as class (17) gives the power to confiscate. "Any police officer Empowered by the government official or general or specific order to inspect the place and any vehicle or animal to prevent and check that is used to run or to be used for anti-social activities, to seize anything that makes him believe he is going to do it. There should be some clarity in the bill when discussing in the subject committee so that it is not misused. Similarly there are a lot of ordinary people living in rented buildings in the state by the definition of 2(S) and 2(R). They should not be in a situation where they cannot even collect rent. Similarly, people who lend money for vehicles should be able to recover it if it is not repaid properly. What if they are attacked if they go after it? What if they are attacked and complaints are given against them. Then we must be able to handle it with caution and keep the innocent from being punished. Landlords asked for rent, but many people do not pay. The house being rented will be built from the savings of his entire life. That is their source of income.

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People asking rents are too attacked in our place. Then there are very genuine cases in such things. If we are saying that people who lends money are a mess, then we are all borrowers. So there should not be situation in the state where no one lends money. I do not understand why all the people who have rented the building are included in this scope. Similarly, the definition of excise offense is stated in 2 (c). The counterfeiter has been defined. But it is wrong to define goonda in 2 (j). In it, goonda means a person who engages in, promotes or incites any anti-social activity and is also a counterfeiter, counterfeit note maker, environmental destroyer. It Does not exactly appear in English translation. That should be checked as well. That is something that the courts examine as a text. The extremists too are mentioned here. In a situation where a lot of people become terrorists in a way that is unpredictable even in our state, they should also specifically do it in a northerly way. As mentioned earlier the bureaucrat is given more and more excessive power by the social system in our country as well as the the mafia gangs is an issue. The legislation is aimed at ensuring the protection of the lives and property of the people and the elimination of all those who escape the scourge of existing laws. But no matter

what we say, this executive and legislature must be aware that we are giving excess power. Excessive power should not be a violation of human rights. Numerous cases of human rights violations are being reported from all over the country. Then this excessive power must be controlled so that it does not cross the line of human rights violations. That is why the previous United Democratic Front government insisted on appointing 3 sitting High Court judges. Now it is not so. I will not repeat that. He is now a retired High Court Judge. Chairman and other two members. This is a law that we reluctantly follow in a particular situation. Whichever government is in power, the bureaucrats is given excessive power. I am moving my amendment by saying that there should be three sitting judges on the advisory board who examine that authority in a very strict manner and fulfill the obligation to examine the skull of the law and ensure that not even an innocent person is unnecessarily detained.

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Sir, I support anti-social activities (Prevention) in Kerala in 2007 Amendment to be sent to the Bill Select Committee for consideration. It has a social background. In the economy, the change has led to the emergence of mafia groups. Human rights are being lost in the general society in the search of wealth. Those who lose their humanity in this way become reluctant to do anything. This new economic policy has created a generation that need to live richer and more posh life. This is the number one reason for the emergence of mafia groups. The second reason is the general anti-politicalism. Political arguments are based on the notion that citizens are not politically necessary and that politics and political parties have created a perception in society that makes the common man worse off and declares that the best citizen is non-political. I think it's the most helpful way to devalue in this social sphere. Social commitment is essential for these a politicals (whether members of a political party or not) Social commitment is the greatest duty of those who are members of a political party. For that, there are restrictions. For situations in which you are born and raised in the belief that you are not liable, anti-politic thoughts has made the community lost humanity. It was in this context that O. P. Gupta , then Principal Secretary of the Home ministry of India submitted a report on the mafia to the government. Reports from The nexus between the Police and the Mafias and along with Nexus between the mafias and politicians say the emergence of mafias. Then for that. Inevitably, there was a demand for a law. We have enacted Legislation to protect the life and property of the citizen. We have laws for stop criminal proceedings and to punish such peoples. But creating the conditions to escape from those laws is also there. It can come from the ruling party and the opposition. Regarding the Maradi report has been discussed in the Assembly. What is the Commission's conclusion? If Those involved in the first Marad riots were brought before the court and punished, there would not have been a second riot. Not only the inadequacy of the present law but also the enforcement of the law. That is what it shows.

It also indicates the lack of interest. That's the matter what comes up. The loop holes in that is making possible to survive, by using it as the loopholes for survival. Formation of mafia groups are on a financial basis. Not based on social commitment. It is formed as a result of apolitical activity. Thus there are the most powerful and most sophisticated weapons. Our law enforcement officers have far fewer warmth and weapons than they do. Under the circumstances of such weapons are scarce, after committing these crimes, criminal proceedings will be instituted against them or they will be punished when they are produced before the court. Before such measures could be taken, legislation was needed to prevent crime. So this legislation is must. Its passing is what is going on here. Similar laws have already been enacted in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. All this is in accordance with the ordinance. But, there is some difference in this. This law was bought to prevent such crimes. The Honorable Home Minister should pay attention, those who enforce that law and those in power must certainly misuse this law. All steps must be taken. This is necessary for this law. Shri V.D Satheesan said here that the manner in which the law is enforced when this law is enforced. He said the exemptions against article 14. I do not think so. It is legislated in accordance with the Special Law. It may include Reasonable Restrictions. Of the Constitution Article 14 states that the Freedom is not a such thing that we do in free will everywhere. It has restrictions. On the basis of what the Supreme Court said that restriction is reasonable restriction. Also, it is important to consider whether reasonable restrictions are included in the law here in accordance with the Constitution. And the law in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Orissa does not have this restriction. It is easy to misuse as there is no restriction. Of course any police officer has the opportunity to misuse the right by take criminal offenders into reserve custody legally. There are police officers who exercise that right. We should anticipate it. The idea is that when the law is made in its original form, it will be handled by the common people.

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In the light of the changes that have taken place in society now, it is time to conclude that those who administer this law do not have to be such decent people. When it comes to that more rigorous law is need. Here are the restrictions mentioned in this law are not in Karnataka law. Not in the ordinance issued earlier. It is not in that law, so it is easy to misuse without it. A police officer is ideal convinced.....

Shri. V.D. Satheesan: By an advance permission of a Magistrate or the Police, one of the members of a political party protesting with permission, committing a crime will not come in it. Will the fault of the cultural organization come in it if they are performing with the prior permission from the police officer? Then I'm asking, is it discrimination.

Shri. N. Aniruddhan: I understand that it is to prevent crime and to keep habitual offenders in reserve custody. It is to say that someone has committed a crime with a sudden provocation, the offense committed by sudden provocation does not fall within the scope of this Act. Should not come. There is I.P.C and C.R.P.C. to take case regarding crimes caused by sudden provocations in the march of a cultural organization. But this is not the purpose. The purpose of this act is not said here. It obeys the ordinary rule. When the performance of a political party, there may have been a sudden provocation and some crimes are committed. Those crimes are in accordance with the Bill for prohibiting anti-social activities. I have no opinion that it is right to take under this Act.

Shri. G. Karthikeyan: When our our Political and Social organizations conducted strikes and jadhha in the public place they used to throw stones to homes of those who is not participating in it and also beat with sandles and torn the dresses of women. All this has happened in Kerala. Physical assault and so on did not come under the scrutiny of women. Destroy vehicles parked on the road and essentially destroy them by fire, a political worker or an activist who does all this without bringing it to the limit and the women activists were physically abused, whoever does it gives it a political face, Is that right?

Shri. N. Aniruddhan: That is the difference of the approach. Shri. G. Karthikeyan's approach and mine are different. On the front lines of a political party Lathicharges can occur, sometimes lathi charged victim will throw stone and may make some damages, I do not agree with the statement that the damage should be brought under the purview of the Anti-Social Act and a case should be registered.

There is a law other than that. It has a general law. Accordingly, there is IPC and C.R.P.C. to control such peoples. There is a Police act. General Law is for such people. This law is not passing for that need.

Shri. V.D. Satheesan: Is it possible to make an arrest politicians with or without this proviso; The crimes mentioned in it are written by the "depredator of the environment" are unnecessarily to insult politicians and political parties too. whether they have done all this or not, whether this law is passed or not, they have protection; How do politicians get into this by thinking that they have protection? In definition is it necessary to insult political parties by writing unnecessarily?

Shri. P. Jayarajan: The things that Respected Anirudhan said was relevant. Not everyone who commits a crime falls within the scope of this law. Now there is a special provision in the law regarding habitual offenders. There are special Prisons in this country to accommodate habitual offenders. Respected Member pointed out the fact that the law treats habitual offenders. That is a very important point.

Shri G. Karthikeyan: 140 of us are sitting in a air conditioned Auditorium which nobody else can enter, is being making a law to protect the people of our kind. What do standing people think about this?, When we make a law of what we do by protecting the society, there will be external objections to this, there is no doubt. This is something that the Honorable Minister should think about.

Shri. N. Aniruddhan: I disagree with the opinion of Shri.G. Karthikeyan's. We the only political parties that accept the political views of the 140 people sitting on here and I have no idea about the people of Kerala. Rather, this legislation is being done here for the people we represent. Legislation for those people should be enacted to protect a police officer who misbehaves and acts in a hostile manner to an innocent person who is a member of a political party. I say this because we would be doomed if we did not do so.

Shri. C. P. Muhammad : There has been fights in the state, in Temples and Churches. Now the Angadippuram Thali Mahadeva Temple is on fire and had a far-reaching repercussions.

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The big problem is if community organizations and political leadership do not wake up to the context. Do you have an opinion with the people aim of setting our country on fire, no matter what, such people should be brought under the purview of this law?

Shri. N. Anirudhan: Definitely people in a political party will not do that. This is because politicians are subjected to the control of the leadership of a political party. A political plaintiffs do so. Nor do religious people. This fundamentalist argument arises from the fundamental structural deformity of religion. Those theologians taking advantage of the structural defects of religion, they are making religious bigotry. Sometimes religious people will do that. The people defined in the bill as anti-social may have done the same. After we step aside and instead of saying we are helpless, if they brought into the purview of IPC and taken in the Marad riots, then of course they would have called down to destroy more than one place of worship. It is a deliberate act of malice. But where is it? These fundamentalists or mafia groups are on one side and the police force we have entrusted to fight it is on the other side. According to a police officer, the C.R.P.C is in the same police force, good faith is the most important thing. The power of the police officer to enter in a cognizable offence area where you can walk with that

good faith, if you have to break down that door and take a person into custody. When the police officer use the power thus conferred on him, then the importance of good sense comes. Unfortunately, the goodwill of the police officer is now often shattered. Used to settle personal animosities, based on the conviction of the situation this Bill attempted to control it. People who enforce the law do not have to be qualified, like the people who bring the law. The law is based on the concept of being eligible. And so on if we want to enforce this law in the way we intend, there should be necessary restrictions in this Act. Do political parties do anything? Shri. V.D. Satheesan said 'no'. Probably ruling party politician has done anything, but an opposition politician can do that.

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I am still involved in the trial of three cases for the sole reason that I marched. I have never committed any criminal offense. I'm not a habitual offender. I'm a clean, moral person. But, the case has been taken up in my name. It is the good faith of the police officer. In good faith, Sessions Offense came in my name saying that he was the culprit. I have been told that I have obstructed the duty of the police officers. If so, it is a non-baileale offense. I won't think or do such things. How many such cases have been taken up in five years? There are currently 16 cases in the name of our party Secretary. So it is not a mere conjecture, it is not a hypothetical question. This Because it has happened in the light of experience so the law must survive it. That is why in its application in this law have to survive these restrictions where they come from. Moreover, suppose a person is being held captive. A person who is unjustly detained, according to the law, compensation should be paid in the order of Rs 100 per day. That's too bad. Honorable Minister will listen to that. In this situation where the monetary value is very low, it is necessary to make it at least Rs.500. But a police officer has an exception to what he does. A police officer arrested someone in his good faith and put him in custody, if he thing it's wrong, there is no provision in it to punish him. Of course it is in every law. If he is convinced that he has misuse the good faith, the Rs.500 which the Government needs to pay can levy charges from him. I am of the opinion that the amount should be increased conditionally in this Act. There is an another thing in the ordinance before this law is brought. In that ordinance, these restrictions do not say anything. Restrictions on that Ordinance was not brought on purpose, and not to mention that the ordinance actually needs to be implemented. It was introduced in 2005. No one has been arrested or taken into custody under the ordinance. That's it, no action has been taken under the Ordinance. So it is clear that it was not intended to be implemented when it was brought. Now a law has been brought in with the intention of being implemented. I would like to mention one more thing, Of course, when such a law is enacted,

the weapons in the hands of our police officers in the modern age, such as guns and lathi are old and outdated things.

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Therefore they cannot counter it. But these mafia groups have sophisticated weapons and communication systems. They have vehicles in their hands. Vehicles are stolen and they are the ones who do such things. There are so many groups. In this town for a while, the board said that all this was going on and that the mercenaries would be killed. There is no hesitation in killing. What I have said before is that there is no humanity, but profit is the hallmark of money in the modern economy. One of the companions in the spread patch for that profit, they does not hesitate to kill innocent people for money who have never seen each other before. That is the situation that exists here. That's the situation, we have to look at. Without understanding these social conditions, along with this, there are campaigns by non-political activists. They escape by claiming that politicians are responsible for the looting, arson and all arrangements. Some of us or some parties are doing it now to a certain extent. It is a great crime. All India as long as India is a democratic nation should also have politics. It is a lie to say that there is no politics. That hypocritical lack of politics is the key to the formation of these mafia groups. For example, I do not know in what sense the High Court opposes student organizations in schools. I have no idea what is their social outlook. They will decide their salary. They will decide their retirement age. They also decide the retirement age of their employees. It has nothing to do with the executive. It seems to me that in the law I have learned, the administration and the judiciary have set specific boundaries for all this. Times have changed a lot. And those who made the Constitution was done in imagination, that the ones who handle by gentlemen. And now they have the impression that it is not handled by gentlemen. That is why politics is denied. An 18-year-old Plus Two student living in India says it's a mistake to say no to politics. Of course, that is not the right position. The 18-year-old has the right to vote Perhaps he can say does not want to be in politics. But, saying no to politics is hypocrisy. I see this as the reason for the growth of mafia gangs. These students were expelled from schools on the basis of a court order banning them from doing so is the work of anti-socials.

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The youth in the adolescent period, for those kids who is in the early stages of youth are those who ascend, or desire to be known on their own. How do you know, you can be a political leader, you can be a member of a political party, may come in leadership, he is aware of these

things. Something, when such children came without it, they felt to do it. If the girls are passing, they think to disturb those girls. Not just harassment but things that are conducive to outside even tsI can do it inside also, no one has to ask or tell, I have no affiliation with any political party, not with any student organization, and they are moving universally independent.

Shri. K.C. Joseph: You are right. The time to time opinion that the Politics in colleges should not be correct. They have had the right to vote since they were 18 years old. Students should have politics.

But, under the nose of our capital, many of the colleges have their own party villages as well they are not allowing anyone else to enter party campuses; you know that they do not allow AISF to cross, is that trend right?

Shri. N. Aniruddhan: , As K.C Joseph said it is not right to reach a generalization about the Isolated incidents. It is my opinion that it is not right for these isolated incidents to happen. There is no difference of opinion. But it is a generalization. Is it right to think that if a fly sits on our body or is bitten by a mosquito, that part to be cut off? That's not, we need to correct it one by one. In that way saying no to politics is based on the little ones are not like me or Radhakrishnan, they are eighteen year aged. They need do some exercise. He should be medically examined.

Shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan: We are all came here by student politics. But you may not be. But here the vast majority of those sitting are from student politics. When the college union elections take place, only fifteen percent and twenty percent of the students are going to vote. This means that the majority of people abstain from voting. It is to be set aside or stand aside. Because if you go that day, you will be beaten, such abuse is ultimately anti-politics and did you know that the people are being as a weapon?

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Shri. N. Anirudhan: I disagree with the comment made by Thiruvanchoor, because if the political party place a candidate, then there is no need to go to the polls. You don't need politics, you are a student. The High Court and others say no to politics. Sothat means stand aside. Everything will be fine as your campaign progresses. That's not, need to be forced to vote.

Shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan: We stand for quality politics.

Shri. N. Anirudhan: That quality of politics that Thiruvanchoor says, no story would be right if we took it this evening. Students are teenagers. Why the teenagers are stand aside from politics? Marxism is philosophy about human love. You went there after learning the philosophy of that human love, if you hire someone to beat, no one should beat; Good assurance. Sometimes exceptions can be seen. We all deal with it, and it will come. He who

holds the banner of the philosophy of that human love does not have to do so. I just want to say one thing. What is the alternative to that philosophy of human love? I do not think that this law alone will do anything but try to reclaim the humanity that has been lost in the patchwork of profiteering. Of course, the political parties have an obligation to act as a driving force for this social change that everything can be done by law alone. When it comes to the discussion of this bill, isn't that what should be given support? I'm say this politely. Or if I was a bad person I would not be able to say what I would say if I was a wage earner or someone who does anything for profit. Shri. G. Karthikeyan knows me. So I say that sincerely. In this context, the Marxist party has said that we have made money in the society in any way and if we reach the social elite on the basis of money, they will be able to buy anything. Whoever considers his wife and son-in-law on the basis of profit and loss is the rightful owner. This law alone cannot prevent the intrusion of that right capitalism.

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Therefore, further discussion on this law is necessary. Therefore, I request that it be sent to the Select Committee.

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Shri. K. M. Mani : Sir, the UDF is trying to stop the growing goonda activities here. An ordinance was brought during the administration of UDF The enacted ordinance could not be repaired at that time. The Left government came to power after the elections canceled the ordinance that being issued. You did nothing else. The first thing you did was take away the gunda law, what justification do you have? Didn't you waste a year. Daytime robberies; Daytime robberies; Murders; Underworld activities are going on in the state and counterfeit notes are circulating. A box of counterfeit notes worth Rs 20 lakh was found at the Karipur airport. ISI, Pakistan's spy agency are also printing Counterfeit notes. Counterfeit notes are rampant throughout the country. Land mafia buys property using counterfeit notes. What I have seen here for the last one year is gunda sowing. You took away the gunda law, and then you said some principles. I have taken noted what what Shri Kodiyeeri has said the old law does not apply to anything, we will bring in a new law, i.e. Mr Kodiyeeri Balakrishnan said that according to the old law, extortionists cannot be suppressed; Its provisions can be abused; Therefore, a new model law has been introducedby Kodiyeeri Balakrishnan is going to come and it is said that all the rowdies in the state are gone now, seeing or hearing that the law. So how beautiful it would be if it were implemented. The rowdies and goondas disappear as soon as they hear that it is being

performed. Has gone to Tamil Nadu. It's very difficult now. Now you have to find and bring it from somewhere. Now what a relief is this. I am not mocking Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan. As soon as I say anything, the UDF government will say that they has brought in and we have copied it. They don't need to copy, a government is not coming for copying. When a government comes, it has a clear identity and personality. It is on this basis that when we are in opposition, we examine everything and point out any mistakes and bring them before the government. The government should correct that. If you did not fulfill that duty when you were in the Opposition, you should say that you did not fulfill that duty.

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Then in any case I'm saying that the answer is not to say that it was so during the time of the UDF government. We need to look at the criticisms that are taking place here, whether this statement is true or false is based on what has been done to resolve this statement. Or it makes no sense. So the most important thing I said about rejecting this is that there are many sections in it that are unconstitutional. If it goes to court, will it survive? If you go to court, you have to survive. That is why we say this. If you want to survive in court, you have to make some changes. For example, Article 19. Article 19 is a rejection of a law passed by Parliament. Article 19 states that offenses must be coercive and non-bailable. Any offense contained in Act 2 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, 1973 shall constitute an offense punishable under any of the provisions of this Act, including cognizable and non-bailable bail. No matter what is said in the Criminal Procedure Code passed by the Parliament, it says that all the offenses in it will be cognizable and non-bailable under the provisions of this Code. There are certain principles for being cognizable and non-bailable. According to the Indian Penal Code, the first schedule specifies which offenses can be arrested by the police without a court arrest warrant. This list tells you what is on bail, what can be bailed out by the police, what can not be bailed out by the police, what is required to go to court and get bail. Let me say one thing for the attention of Shri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan. The last part of the Criminal Procedure Code, Part 2 of the First Schedule, states that if it is cognizable only offenses punishable by 3 years or more in case of non-offense in IPC. Classification of offenses against other laws. If punishable with imprisonment for 3 years and upwards but not more than 7 years - Cognizable, non-bailable. If punishable with imprisonment for less than 3 years or with fine only Non-cognizable, bailable. So in any law except the Indian Penal Code, those offenses punishable by 3 years or more are said to be cognizable. How much is your crime under this law? Do you know what is the punishment in this law that you have brought? Under Section 16th, the penalty for hiding the detainee is only 3 months, i.e., only fine for cases issued a false order.

You imprisoned someone for a crime for 3 months and if he prisoner goes into hiding, 3 months or fine for hiding him. Thus, you have given a small fine for the offenses. If you make a cognizable offense punishable by a fine and up to 3 months imprisonment contrary to the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code, if it is to be made cognizable it is on the concurrent list. As far as our CRPC is concerned, we can change this and bring in an amenity. So, when it comes to commenting on a subject that is on the concurrent list...

Shri.N. Anirudhan: Sir, I raise a point of order. Isn't our Land Reforms Act contrary to the central law, the Transfer of Properties Act. Haven't we passed and implemented that Land Reforms Act?

Shri. K. M. Mani: Shri.N.Anirudhan don't jump the gun without hearing this out. I am about to make my argument. We can bring in provisions contrary to the Act passed by Parliament. If it's included in the concurrent list then we can. If brought in, there is only one thing, the approval of the President is required under Article 254 (2). If an ordinance is brought on a subject which requires the approval of the President under Article 254 (2), Article 213 (1) requires the prior consent and prior instruction of the President. If the ordinance is to be brought here, then the ordinance which you have brought without the prior instruction of the President of India is unconstitutional in this matter. This is the answer to the question raised by Shri.N.Anirudhan. Do you understand that? This is unconstitutional. Then such a law should not be brought in order to replace the unconstitutional ordinance. I said we can consider this matter, in fact, needed the prior instruction of the President of India. Doubt if so, read Article 213 only. No need to read every thing. Article 213-Power of Governor to promulgate Ordinances during recess of Legislature. Provided that the Governor shall not, without instructions from the President, promulgate any such Ordinance if -(b) he would have deemed it necessary to reserve a Bill containing the same provisions for the consideration of the President; or...As it is a bill reserved by the President under Article 254 (2), the Constitution states that prior instruction is required under Article 213 (1) Therefore, Shri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan, I have to say very politely, I do not know what you will answer.

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Say whatever you want. This is wrong. It is with this wrong law that you are told to replace such an ordinance. I have just come to the opposition. I state this very Clearly to Shri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan, that this is the wrong procedure, should be corrected. Legislatures should set an example, and not do anything unconstitutional. It will lose its credibility. If you want it to be passed here then you can do whatever you say, you have the majority. Everything will be passed if you always say those for, those against, whatever objection we place will be pushed

aside. We know all that. But I can only say that there are some things to think about. Likewise, Let me say one more thing, Respected Kodyeri

Minister for Water Resources (Shri.N.K Premachandran): Sir, earlier Mani sir himself had mentioned about the very same Ordinance; did anyone get the president's instruction when the ordinance was issued during the U.D.F government, was this ordinance implemented by the U.D.F government on the basis of it.

Shri. K. M. Mani: You are all quoting the UDF, that's what everyone does. You don't have to look at anything blindfolded. Your guidelines may be U.D.F..... I'm not going into that I am now in the opposition and I am now examining the bill you have introduced No... No... You have responsibility when you introduce a bill. I point out the mistakes in it. I haven't checked the previous bill for now. By taking that bill and Isn't the UDF like that. I told you first. We haven't replaced that ordinance. For one thing....

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Have you checked what was said then?

Shri. K. M. Mani: I have looked. So, let's do one thing. Let's compromise. Let's go down the same path as U.D.F did. Then you make no difference. Let's go through the path paved by U.D.F.

Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Shri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Hon'ble Mani Sir says that the ordinance was not introduced as a bill so to speak at the time. But that day you issued an ordinance. There is a similar provision within that Ordinance. In that case, why did you the Law Minister at that time, not obtain the prior approval of the President when you issued the ordinance.

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Shri. K. M. Mani: I am not speaking about the discussion with regards to the contents of previous ordinance and current ordinance. Let's postpone that discussion for another time. I'll look at all its content and discuss its content. What's before me is your bill. I'm checking your bill. Yours is not a UDF bill. Shri. Kodiyeri Balakrishnan said that things are modified from your bill. Is it right to compare the bill after stating that it is not the bill of UDF? Is there anything more offensive than this? I have critically examined the bill put forward by you. Based on that, you have to say whether what I said is right or wrong. One thing I have to say to the Hon'ble Minister here is that according to the bill you have brought, the goons here can never be completely suppressed. This is because of an error in the construction of your bill. You may have good intentions. But with a problem with the construction of this bill, it's like tying a bull to the back of a cart. There is something wrong with its definition and its style. There is a definition of "anti-social" in your law. Goondas, infamous goons, money launders, money counterfeiters, sand mafias, land mafias etc do not come under this definition. What do you say in the definition of a goon? "Gunda" means one who engages in, promotes or incites any anti-social act, in addition, illegal arrack brewers, money counterfeiters, environmental subversives, digital data and copyright hijackers, drug lords, criminals, hawala fraudsters, illegal rent-seekers, unscrupulous criminals, Extortionist and Property grabbers are included. How beautiful is it. What do you say current law minister? Everything is comprehensive. Everything is included. It's all coming out of definition. You have defined all this. But do you know what comes last? After all this is defined, the gangster comes to the end, the infamous goonda is the super goonda and the infamous rowdy is the super rowdy. Let it be anything. So, after this, in 3 (1) it says who we should detain. Let us take 3 (1) and read. This breaks like an egg shell in it. It says, "If the government or an officer authorized under sub-section two is informed of any activities of any notorious gangster or notorious rowdy from a police officer not below the rank of superintendent of police,

it is necessary to do so to prevent him from carrying out any kind of anti-social activities within the state of Kerala. What do you say Law Minister? What should people in this category do? It is not a crime if people in this category brew arracks illegally. Counterfeiting is not a crime. Stealing digital data is not a crime, hawala is not a crime, extortion is not a crime, sand lobbying is not a crime. But if such people commit anti-social activities, they are guilty. Let's detain him. Now let's see what anti-social activity is. Let's read the anti-social activity. "Anti-social activity means insecurity, fear or danger among the public or any of its category or any threat towards the safety of an individual or safety of public or public health or towards the environmental system or acting in such a way that may or may not cause loss, destruction, towards the public treasury or private or public property." This is the paragraph that states anti-social activity. Do you know what it means only what is said in this? It does not contain making illegal arracks, counterfeit currency, digital copyright, hawala, extortion, sand mafia then what are the only things included? If it's a threat to security then it's included. If it threatens public health and the environmental system, it will come. If there is a loss to the public treasury, it will come. And the threat to property. Nothing but this will come. The counterfeiter won't come. Counterfeiting is not a crime. It is also a crime not to carry out illegal arrack. Anti-social action should be done to be counted as a crime. If an illegal arrack brewer commits the antisocial activity mentioned in this definition, a sand bandit makes what it says in this definition, then it's a crime. Am I right? So, it comes to, what to say like a mountain giving birth to a rat mister Kodiya Balakrishnan. What do you mean by Gunda according to this law? We can catch a batter. A batter can be caught if there is any loss in wealth and health. You will not touch the underworld that going on here. You can't touch the black money lenders. You can't touch the false lobby. You can't touch the land mafia. What law is this., mister Kodiya Balakrishnan? Saying you're changing the law of the UDF

Why did this happen when you brought a bill a year and a half after it was canceled saying that you were changing the law of the UDF? I thought this would be an exemplary bill: you disappointed me as I thought that you would rectify if there was anything wrong with the UDF. So, I say no more. This bill cannot be passed in this way

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mani Sir is unwell.

Shri. K. M. Mani: When things like this come up, I tend to forget myself. Because, don't we have a responsibility to our country. I say only one thing. It should be sent to the Select Committee. We can send it to the select committee. Let the report come. I conclude by saying that we should pass a good law, saying that we should make up for the shortcomings, so the Hon'ble Balakrishnan should prepare for it.

Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Shri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, Leaders of various parties from Hon'ble Shri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan to Shri.K.M Mani have raised some very relevant issues by participating in the discussion here. All of that will be examined by the Subject Committee and all the suggestions proposed in various departments will be examined. Good intentions are especially considered by the government. The main objective of the government is to curb organized crime and mafia activities in the state. The idea of a new Special Act came because existing laws alone could not prevent such activities. Based on this, an ordinance has been issued by the government and further action has been taken. Here, the Hon'ble K.M. Mani said that you have been waiting for a year and a half. That's not true. An ordinance has been issued seven months ago. Its steps have begun to be taken. Currently, 40 people are in jail. Respected K.M. Mani spoke in such a way that it was not implemented. That may have been because he had not been here for a few months. In the meantime, we had the opportunity to capture all the goons and detain them. Respected V.D. Satheesan said some very relevant things here. Said some of the events that are going on here. They all asked if they could be prevented if an act like this was introduced. The government does not see this as a single corner to prevent all violence in the state. Even in states where this law was introduced years ago

it couldn't. Though the act was enacted in states like Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, there is no opinion anywhere that there has been complete peace. There are some differences between the law introduced in other states and the law brought here. There was a comment from other side that the law here was not strong enough. We see this as a very cautious legislation. There are no provisions in the law introduced in other states.

Anyone who appears to be a gangster can be arrested and detained. When we discussed whether such a law should be in Kerala, the government decided not to have such a law. We were opposed it. We were against the implementation of TADA. The NSA is not implemented here. Gujarat is a state where 1 lakh people are in jail using the NSA. [Mr. Speaker at the presiding forum] We didn't mean to put people in jail like that. Unlike all this, the Government intends to have a mechanism to prevent subversive activities, immoral activities, and mafia activities through a Special Act in addition to the laws being enacted in Kerala today. An ordinance was issued during the UDF regime itself. Such an ordinance was issued at that time because they were aware of its seriousness. Respected Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan said that there was no sincerity in this. The ordinance was issued on December 15 during the UDF as well. The ordinance was issued, and an advisory committee was formed. The Advisory Board was constituted on March 2, 2006. In fact, it was just an ordinance issued as a campaign stunt in the event of an election. An examination of its procedures reveals that its implementation was not intended. However, the ordinance issued during the UDF period was re-announced as soon as this government came to power and a decision had to be taken after scrutiny. It was intended that the legislation should now be brought in for later review and issuance of a new ordinance for its implementation. The issue was also raised on the other side of the advisory board. Similar type of provisions is found even in the Advisory Committee in the National Security Act. Most advisory committees include high court judges, retired people, and those who are qualified to be judges. What is pointed out from the other side is only in the Karnataka Act. A system subject to the direction of the Chief Justice is seen only in the Karnataka Act. Similar conditions are taken for the formation of Advisory Committee in rest of the people.

There was delay in getting the president's approval as it was written that the sitting judge should be the chairman of the advisory committee. The advisory board is currently chaired by Justice Dineshan. It contains the provisions of the Constitution. The advisory board consists of people with more than ten years of judicial service. Shri. Nisar was a district judge. Has 30 years of judicial service. He was a District and Sessions Judge for 15 years. He served as law secretary. Shri. Mohan Kumar also has a 16-year judicial service. In this way, only people with judicial service are appointed as judges. So many events have shown that being a good judge is not prevented by being a political activist. Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer was the Minister who oversaw the Home Department and the Law Department here .It was then that he became a world-renowned judge. Similarly, MP Menon was MLA of KSP. He later became a High Court judge. Was Janakiamma not a High Court Judge? Wasn't she the person who worked as the Chairperson and Member of Ernakulam Municipality? Didn't they become judge later? Wasn't she a politician? Justice P. Govinda Menon was the former Chairman of Kozhikode Municipality. Didn't he later become the best judge?

Shri. K.M. Mani: I was a junior of Justice Govinda Menon. It's very rare to get such honest people. You say that all those with political connections are good.

Shri.Kodiyeri Balakrishnan: I told you about the arguments that came from other side. Since he was once a political activist, he should not be considered to be the same if he becomes a judge later. That's why I highlighted about Govinda Menon; someone I know. It was revealed here that you were his junior. That's the quality you see now. Justice K. T. Thomas, don't everyone know that he had political connections before he came to the judicial service. Supreme Court judge and former Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir, Justice B.S. Khalid was the Kannur Municipal Councilor. He was named the best judge. Justice E. K. Moitu, before he was selected as Munsif in 1944, he was the voluntary captain of the Muslim League.

Voluntary captain of Muslim League E.K.Moithu came to Judicial service. He retired as justice. Judge Shri. Nissar is the son of that Justice E.K.Moithu. So, since these people have political connections, it is impossible to see that if they come to the judicial position later, they will stand the same way. Do they act by using the judicial authority given to them while standing in their place, we have to make a decision on this by checking whether they do so. Therefore, qualified people who comply with this ordinance are placed inside it. Therefore, the ordinance introduced during the UDF government included the same conditions. It is true that you asked for a High Court judge that day. You might have thought that you would change the bill when introduced after you are elected again .It may have been done with that in mind. But that intention was shattered. Based on what has already been pointed out, it seems that there is some ambiguity on the other side on what has been said here. It has not been said that a case will not arise in the event of an incident involving a family dispute. There will be cases in accordance with the IPC as per the action. No exemption was given for it. Also, in cases of a dispute between neighbors, it will remain in their name as per current law itself. Cases arising out of labor disputes, all existing legal cases will remain in the name of such a problem. When student conflict occurs, all cases in accordance with the existing law will remain in the conflict area. In the event of political parties, cases in accordance with the existing conditions will remain. Let me give you an example. A strike took place in front of the Secretariat. The strike, which was attended by two thousand people, carried out a stoning as part of that struggle. As part of the acquittal, a Govindan named in the charge sheet has thrown stones. Govindan will be included already. But if thousands of people are involved by presence alone, they should not be counted. This is what is intended herein. None of the offenders are exempt from this. If he is a participant in the place by mere presence, he will not be included. Now we go to picketing every day. Many cases will be charged on the days you go for picketing. The mic was used. How many cases can be counted as illegal activity for using a mic. To determine a person as a goonda by considering all such cases

doesn't seem right. Do you know who was the biggest gangster under that act that was introduced in your day? It was our Minister Shri. Paloli Muhammad Kutty. Paloli has the highest number of cases for being convenor of LDF. Case of not obtaining mic permission, it's the case relating to the strike called by the LDF. Case was charged considering such things. None of that should be included in this. Such a protection has been given in this. In the same context a perpetrator, a murderer, as Shri. V. D. Satheesan said, one of the accused joined a political party. He has no protection. Such people are also included. Some political activists were arrested. Their arrest is justified, and there is nothing wrong within it. There is nothing wrong with that under our Ordinance under this Act. But as politicians, our priority should not be to arrest such people. What the government sees is not the arrest and imprisonment of political activists. Priority should be given to detaining people involved in various forms of mafia activities as is currently the case.

Shri. V. D. Satheesan: You said it very mistakenly. What I said is an important, a very legal point. When a crime is committed, a proviso is started by giving an exemption to the number of people who have committed the crime. Exemptions have been given to many people who commit the same crime. There is no need to add such a provision. It's actually done to protect people who are already habitual offenders. Else, how real politicians and political activists came to this case. How come on the list of non-goons and non-rowdies. Only if they come to that list and show anti-social activity can they be detained. They have simply added these points. Under the guise of being a member of a political party, a saving ploy is put in place to save the Habitual Offenders. It will not last if it goes to court.

Home Minister (Shri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): All these are baseless allegations. We shouldn't be a legislator by naming the court. Let the court examine it. There is nothing wrong with adding a class like this. That's the legal advice we got. Needless to say, about going to court and being questioned. At this stage of legislation here, let us discuss

things related to legislature. If anyone wants to go to court, let them question there. We can defend it in court at that time. At the same time, when will this come in effect. The Honorable Member can point out that problem. That is the legal advice we have now. By obeying this it will last. It does not involve any problems. At the same time, it does not exclude cases in which political party activists are involved in any form of violence or other forms of criminal activity. People who are involved in cases of presence in the name of participating in mass struggles should not be among those who count this number. It will involve all those involved in other cases. No protection or exemption is provided to such persons in this Act.

Shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan: The important issue is whether or not political activity will be used as a criminal shield. That's what is intended by the question. What has come now is that when it comes to catching goons, they are infiltrating into political parties to get protection. That's not a case that we can stop from here. So, the important question is, how this law can be implemented very transparently and correctly without such a thing.

Shri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: There are no provisions for providing protection by joining the party. All such persons fall within the scope of this Act. The law does not provide any protection if a person who is currently a goon joins a political party to escape. This is just a misconception. Let us examine more in the event of a class-by-class discussion in this regard. We can examine this matter in the Subject Committee. So, the government intends to do everything by checking. We are ready to accept your suggestion. At the same time, according to the legal advice we have received, no mistake has now been reported in this Bill involving this proviso. We can discuss more. Another thing, is that Satheesan and Simon Brito were among those who spoke about the moneylender, mentioned about the exemption given to institutions and others recognized by the Reserve Bank. Regarding ICICI Bank and some other banks approved by the Reserve Bank.

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This accusation is coming .Hon'ble Sri.K.M.Mani had also pointed out this. We can examine it specially. Another point raised here is that , Forest Mafia is not included in this. That's not correct. In the definition of Environmental Destroyer, the one who commits any crime which can be punishable under wild life protection law, is clearly mentioned. It is clearly mentioned in the definition of Illicit Liquor Trader also. The one who produces, sells, transports , collects or distributes liquor or any other intoxication material , illegally or totally or partially supports or helps such activities awaringly can be included in this category.

Mr.Speaker : The drinker will be spared.

Sri .Kodiyeri Balakrishnan : No one has been given exception as everyone using intoxicating materials are included in this definition. We can check if there are any amendments for further strengthening the law.

Sri.K.M.Mani : All these have been included in the definition of Goons and notorious Goons. Then, is it possible to bring those goons and notorious goons under the definition of Anti socials ?

Sri.KodiyeriBalakrishnan : It can be checked. Is we have to add all these to the definition of Anti Social Activities, that can be discussed and decided at the subject committee stage. We can discuss this at the stage of subject committee , after examining all the constructive suggestions. We can listen to the suggestions of the members. The Govt.intendsto make this an effective law. I request to forward this to the subject committee.

Mr.Speaker: Sri.Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan, are you pressing your resolution to reject your ordinance ?

Sri.Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan : Sir, I am not pressing

Mr.Speaker : Resolution has been withdrawn with the approval of the House

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Sri.Simon Britto Rodriguous : Sir, I am not pressing.

Mr.Speaker : The amendment has been withdrawn with the approval of the assembly

Sri.P.Jayarajan : Are you pressing your Amendment No. 2(B) ?

Sri.P.Jayarajan : Sir, I am not pressing .

Mr.Speaker : The amendment has been withdrawn with the approval of the assembly

The resolution to forward the Anti Social Activities Prevention Bill, 2007 to No.10 Subject Committee, Internal affairs :

Supporting

Opposing

The resolution has been approved . Bill has been sent to the consideration of No.10 Subject Committee.

(2) The Kerala Tax Recovery (Amendment) Bill , 2007

Sri.G.Karthikeyan : We have already expressed our opinion in B.A.C. We are not against introducing new bills. The opposition is totally agreeing with the Govt. It's already late. More time is needed to discuss the bill inside the assembly. It is legislation, not rhetoric. Not saying that the bill should not be considered. So, I leave this matter to your consideration.

The Hon'ble Minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs, Sports, Youth Welfare & Sports : (Sri.M.Vijayakumar) : There is no doubt that bills need to be scrutinized and discussed. The House itself is now joining only to pass bills instead of ordinances. This is the first time in a long time the House has joined like this. In that sense, it is not just a matter of Government. Most of these ordinances came into force during the previous government. Govt. is taking it with that in mind. Today we are taking one important bill and two minor amendments. The most important bill is the Gunda Act. Normally , when an ordinance is re placed, one person will talk presenting a rejection resolution. After that, another person will talk supporting it . Then two persons will talk presenting the amendment. That's it. This is the old tradition. But today, this was done discussed liberally.

Each member has discussed this spending half an hour. Nobody objected. So it was delayed a bit. Otherwise this could have been completed by 2 p.m. The House could have adjourned by 4 p.m. So everyone should cooperate with each other, considering this as a matter of the House. The House should have the reputation of being an assembly without ordinance.

Sri.K.M.Mani : We arrived here by 8:30. Most of us had no lunch. In this context, the bills should be postponed to tomorrow.

Sri.M.Vijayakumar :Parliament is also in session at this juncture of the Kerala Legislative Assembly . 50 bills are being passed daily regardless of the busy schedule. We do have to pass at least 10. Keeping in mind that the House is also the Legislative Assembly, where laws are made, if everyone cooperates with each other, we can pass as many bills as possible without wasting much time.

Sri.K.M.Mani : Can two or three bills be passed together in the opening day ? It must be understood separately.

Mr.Speaker : We are only leaving it to the subject committee ..

Sri.K.C.Joseph : This is not the first time Kerala L A is passing a bill. But from his talks, it looks like that. We have no objection. It's 4'o clock. Two bills are pending. Bills to be presented, rejection resolution and common discussion required. All this has to happen here. Parliament session starts at 11'o clock but assembly starts at 8:30. There is no need to pass the bills throwing the members at the thorns like baking cakes. We can cooperate to pass the bills. But this indefinite prolongation is not a good practice.

Mr.Speaker : Anyway, the consensus is that today's bills can be taken. The remaining bills are small ones. The Hon'ble members are right. The Chair agrees with it.

Sri.K.M.Mani : Not possible to take two bills. One can be taken. It's not possible to sit till 7:30 p.m taking both the bills. One more bill can be taken and postpone the other bill for tomorrow.

Sri.M.Vijayakumar : We have argued this several times today in the business advisory committee. A suitable decision also has been taken.

Everyone should agree with that decision. Stay together is the need of the hour. This is not compulsion. It's a matter of the House. Ordinance cannot be prolonged like this. Even a discussion is not necessary for this.

Mr.Speaker : Everyone should cooperate.

Sri.Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan :The problem is not in cooperation. Normally when the bill comes, it has to be completed by 1.30 p.m. Now it's 3.30 p.m. First, it was said that bill could be taken up for discussion. Now it is said that the discussion should be limited. No big bill, small bill, the contents are important. It's quite natural that there will be different opinions about it. The ministers will leave the House after presenting the bills. But members are obliged to remain there. So, don't tie us without ropes. I am not arguing with the Hon'ble Law Minister. The consensus of the House to be understood. We are talking, as people sitting in the other side are not able to. So, we can adjourn the House after taking one bill, like Mani Sir said. Next bill can be taken tomorrow.

Sri.M.Vijayakumar : We have already reached an understanding. Sri.Thiruvanchoor is right. We couldn't keep up the time 1.30 p.m.Why couldn't we complete the Gunda Act bill by 1.30 p.m.? If we had completed that bill by 1.30 p.m, we could have completed all three bills by this time. The long standing practice of legislation is to complete the proceedings by 1.30 p.m. So, no arguments are valid. We need to proceed with cooperation.

Mr.Speaker : We can leave this bill to subject committee with everyone's consent.

Sri.G.Karthikeyan : For everything, there is a consensus. Here the sentiment of the Govt is imbibed by the Minister. The Govt. should imbibe our sentiments also. Don't insist on two, let's take one bill.

Mr.Speaker : Let's take this bill. Let's see after that.

Sri.M.Vijayakumar :That's not the right approach, cannot agree with that. This has been already discussed in today's B.A.C as well.

Mr.Speaker : If this is done quickly, we can take the next bill.

The Revenue Minister (Sri.K.P.Rajendran) : Sir, I am moving the Revenue Recovery (Amendment) Bill of 2007. Also putting on table, the statement explaining the situation of prompt enactment of legislation by declaration of ordinance.

Mr.Speaker : The bill has been presented.

The Revenue Minister (Sri.K.P.Rajendran) : Sir, I am presenting the resolution to forward the Revenue Recovery (Amendment) Bill, 2007 to the consideration of IInd Subject Committee on Land Tax, Forest and Fisheries .

The Minister for Defence& Tourism (Sri. KodyeriBalakrishnan) : Sir, I support that resolution.

Sri.K.P.Rajendran : This law came into being as an ordinance 7 times.Started in 2005. So there is a general consensus that this should be passed. Let me talk why I reply. Time can be decided after hearing your valuable suggestions.

Sri.AbdurahimanRandathani : Sir, I move that “ This House resolves to disapprove The Kerala Revenue Recovery (Amendment) 2007 (Ordinance No.51 of 2007) “. The Revenue Recovery (Amendment) bill 2007 is brought to the House to amend some conditions in The Kerala Revenue Recovery Act 1968. The important points mentioned in this bill are : (1) The Trivandrum District Collector is overburdened with the power to collect tax (2) Other district-based financial institutions based in Thiruvananthapuram are facing difficulties. Only some important subjects are mentioning here due to lack of time. Section 70 of the main act provides for collection charge. But no precise definition is given for collection charge. The situation is that this charge is being levied from the customers. There should not be such a situation that our financial institutions like KFC, KSIDC Bank etc. levy this collection charge also (above the normal fine on interest) from the poor customers. So a clear definition of collection charges to be given. One more thing, the collection charge has given retroactive effect from 27th February 1980. This will cause administrative inconvenience when collected with retrospective effect. No steps have been mentioned to avoid this. Public Sector and Financial establishments are already audited their accounts. Another audit with retrospective effect will be difficult for them. So, the retrospective effect should be omitted. Before the ordinance came, as per section 81 of main act, every individual has the right to approach court.

Now, that option to approach civil court, in case of any revenue recovery, has been removed. At least in some cases, the civil court impose stay on the recovery proceedings. Court can assess and understand the financial condition and hardships of the clients. Court can impose stay, if required. It is the right of a citizen. But, what's going to happen with this amendment? A beneficial condition in reasonable cases disappears. Now, there is no instance where a citizen approaching the civil court, as per civil law and there are two clients in such cases. The Govt. and the person subject to recovery. Here, the Govt. itself (being the Plaintiff) is taking the decision, which is difficult for the other party. This will create more difficulties for the common man, who has the burden of arrears. So, in this case, the Court must get a chance to check the validity of the arrears. Court is not getting the chance to check the validity of arrears, is the main drawback of the new bill. Another issue, the one who is subject to recovery can approach the court (as per the amendment of 81st section) only after the decision of the Govt. and Land Revenue Commissioner. This is really a difficult situation. This will cause a lot of delay in the proceedings. After going through the red tapes, it will take a lot of time to get the decision of the Govt. and Land Revenue Commissioner. By that time, the arrears will become a huge amount beyond the capacity of that individual. So, the provision to omit interest and fine on interest during the waiting period (to get the decision of the Govt . and Land Revenue Commissioner) to be provided in the amendment. Then only, this bill can be a useful one for the public. I move the rejection resolution , with all this details.

Sri.C.T.Ahammed Ali : Sir, I support the rejection resolution.

Sri.ThomasChazhikkadan : Sir, I present the amendment to circulate the Kerala Revenue Recovery (Amendment) bill 2007, to for public opinion till 30-10-2007. This ordinance was brought during the period of UDF Government. This was about to present in the House as Bill No. 134 in 2007. But unfortunately , it couldn't be introduced. After that it came as an ordinance in 2005. It was re-promulgated several times. Many times it came as bill.

Finally it came as a bill in the House. As pointed out here, I also request the Hon'ble Minister to examine the retrospective effect of this bill in the 1st section. It states that the conditions in the amended 3rd section will be having retrospective effect from 27th Feb 1980. But no explanation has been given in the bill, regarding implementation of the same. According to the purpose statement, corporations with headquarters in Trivandrum will submit their demands to the Collector of Trivandrum as per the act of 1968. As per those demands, the entire amount had to be recovered from the properties of people elsewhere. So, these demands to be forwarded to the concerned districts and necessary steps to be taken to recover the amount. In the circumstances, provisions should have given in the bill to avoid delay of proceedings. Some explanation regarding the implementation of the bill, in the event of retrospective effect, should have given. I would like to point out that, it is missing in the bill. As pointed out in section 72 of this act, an aggrieved person can approach court only after going through the Revenue Land Commissioner, is really difficult. It is often said that the only way to hear what people who are subject to revenue recovery is to give a petition to the Revenue Minister. If a petition is given, the person will get a temporary stay of the proceedings or instalment payment option. This has been done by all ministers at all times. The persons had the right to approach the court. The Hon'ble Minister is aware, there are more than 8000 cases pending with stay of Court, Govt. and appellate authority. At least in genuine cases, the option to be given to approach the court without going through the Land Revenue Commissioner. I would like to point out that the Govt. should reconsider this matter. I don't want to question the purpose of this bill. There is huge demand pending in the state. Recovery of Rs.83 crores is pending in Kottayam District itself, even after collector's notice. Recovery of Rs.183 crores is pending in the state. In such cases, it is acceptable to take immediate steps to increase the revenue of the Govt. by implementing recovery. There is no doubt about that. I stop, by requesting that implementation should be done after addressing the short comings.

Sri.K.Raju : I move an amendment to forward the Kerala Revenue Recovery (Amendment) Bill 2007, to the consideration of a select committee. I recommend to forward this bill (which was brought as an alternative for ordinance No.51, 2007) to select committee. Amendment of Article 83 states that the word 'Revenue Commissioner' should be added to the relevant sections on the basis of the termination of the Revenue Board and article 7 states that repeal and waiver. The ordinance is being replaced by law. Amendments from section 72 mainly say that the Revenue Board should be replaced by Revenue Commissioner. Demand is originated in Trivandrum as the head offices of public sector organisations are situated there. So, the District Collector of Trivandrum is over burdened with responsibilities and unable collect taxes efficiently. This is one of the objectives Govt is pointing out. We welcome that intent. If contracts are signed in branch areas or at the district offices, cases can be filed in the courts of that area on the basis of civil jurisdiction. Similarly, if the respective District Collectors could expedite the tax collection of their districts, Govt. and the public sector organisations will be able to recover all revenue effectively. I would like to conclude by commenting in favour of the Kerala Revenue Recovery (Amendment) Bill 2007, as it will help in the recovery of crores of rupees due to be disbursed as pointed out here.

The Minister for Revenue (Sri.K.P.Rajendran) : The issues raised in the discussion here do not need to be answered at length but some of the issues raised will be considered in the subject committee. The only problem with this is that the ordinance itself came into being , as Sri.Thomas Chazhikkadan said, ordinance came without passing the bill. It is a fact that the Govt. is unable to collect a huge amount of tax. Some cases may be valid and reasonable. We will give stay for some of them. Stay will be given normally at the time of foreclosure. Payment option will be given for 10 or 15 instalments , as per the merit of the case.Hon'ble MLAs are aware of this. We are doing this at all times. This is good for the Govt. Arrears will be cleared in instalments . But during fore closure, Govt. is not benefitting on most of the cases as the amount recovered will be lesser than the dues.

But if the Govt. give stay, people are paying their dues in instalments regularly. There may be defaulters but most of them pay regularly. So, Govt is giving stay for the last couple of years, with good intent. People are getting chance to pay more and the Govt is benefitting. As Sri.Randathani pointed out, 8236 such cases are in the court till 31-08-2007. 2119 stays are there in the court cases. Later this stay will take many years when it comes to paying for it. Govt. should check what it needs to be checked. That is section 72 and 81. It's a contradiction in this act. That's why it was pointed out. Commissioner must listen what he must . Collector should take decision where he should be. It is clearly pointed out in this act itself. Section 72 of Revenue Recovery Act, 1968, ensures that issues relating to recovery are not filed in civil court. It clearly states in the Civil Court. If the order is issued by the Collector, it should be heard by the Land Revenue Commissioner, and orders issued by other lower level authorities, it should be heard by the District Collector. Civil courts can be approached in the cases of alleged fraud. Some contradictions are there in sections 72& 81. It should be corrected. Since it is based on law, the Government must first be heard. So, it's not for them to miss the opportunity to go to court or natural justice, but the delay in the proceedings. Govt. should take decision without delay. The common problem in the revenue recovery cases is the delay in the proceedings and verdict. That's why stay is given in many cases. They will come again after a couple of months of stay, as their cases will not be settled yet. In the sales tax cases, the Hon'ble Minister himself had intervened and taken the steps to expedite the proceedings. As a result of this, some changes have come in collection. But 4145 cases are still in appellate stay. Govt. stay is comparatively low, but there are some. Problems can arise even if the appellate court decides quickly. Because some people do not have to pay. There are problems with addressing it and even taking action on it. But if we take decisions in cases where the money has to be paid, it will be easy to collect money as well as to take necessary steps. After all this, if they go to court and

do not get justice or the action taken by the Govt is not right, their right to question the Government's decision is not denied.

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Those who wants to go to the court, can do that but there should be some restrictions. Otherwise if the court impose stay on all this, Govt. will not get crores of rupees which is pending. This will definitely affect the revenue income of the Govt. Direct tax to Govt . is duly collected by the statutory establishments and public sector establishments as per this recovery act. Collection charge is being introduced as the amount collected the by above mentioned organisations is not going directly to the Govt.

Sri.ThomasChazhikkadan : The section 3 of this act is presumed to have come into force on 27th February 1980 and the remaining provisions are deemed to have come into force on 12th December 2005. The relevance of the statement that the remaining provisions came into force on 12th December 2005 will be understood. Because the first ordinance about this was promulgated in December 2005. But it is not mentioned in the purpose, the reason for assuming the collection charges is effective from Feb 27th 1980. This is to be explained.

Sri.K.P.Rajendran : I shall tell you that. If there is such a drawback, it has to be corrected. Revenue recovery rule 5 was introduced by fixing the revenue recovery collection charges as per the notification on 27/02/1980. Some conditions in this act has been given retrospective effect only to give statutory validity to the collection charges levied as per the notification.Sri.Chazhikadan was right. It should have been pointed out. Since this is sales tax due to Govt. , we should not go for less. As maximum dues are from Sales Tax, the finance department is strongly interfering in that. Rs.20871 lakh was collected as revenue recovery in 2005-2006. We were able to collect Rs. 224.62 till 31st March, in 2006-2007. So, there is a

difference of Rs.16 crores. That's not enough. We have to make it bigger and bigger.All pending cases to be settled soon. As Sri.Chazhikadan pointed out, if anything is missed out in purposes, it can be approved after examining by the subject committee .If there are no restrictions, it will significantly affect the revenue income of the government. The collection charges have been given retrospective effect only to give statutory validity. Further considerations may be given while examining by subject committee.

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Mr.Speaker :Sri.Abdurahiman Randathani : Are you pressing your resolution to reject the ordinance ?

Sri.Abdurahiman Randathani : No Sir, I am not pressing.

Mr.Speaker :The resolution to withdraw the ordinance has been withdrawn with the approval of the House. Sri. Thomas Chazhikkadan : Are you pressing your amendment No. 1(A) ?

Sri.ThomasC hazhikkadan : Sir, I am not pressing.

Mr.Speaker : Amendment has been withdrawn with your consent. Sri.K.Raju : Are you pressing your amendment No. 2(B) ?

Sri.K.Raju : Sir, I am not pressing.

Mr.Speaker :Amendment has been withdrawn with your consent.

The resolution to send Kerala Revenue Recovery (Amendment) Bill 2007 to II number subject committee of Land Tax, Forest & Fisheries , for consideration :

Supporting :

Opposing :

The resolution has been approved by the House.

(3) Parish Rights Purchase (Amendment) Bill 2007

The Minister of Revenue : (Sri.K.P.Rajendran) : Sir, I present Parish Rights Purchase (Amendment) Bill 2007. Also tabling the statement explaining the situation for speedy legislation by announcing the ordinance.

Mr.Speaker : Bill has been presented.

Minister for Revenue :(Sri.K.P.Rajendran) : Sir, I move the resolution to forward the Parish Rights Purchase (Amendment) Bill 2007 to II No. subject committee of Land Tax, Forest & Fisheries.

The Minister for Energy & Scheduled Caste Welfare :(Sri.A.K.Balan) : Sir, I support the resolution.

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The Minister for Revenue :(Sri.K.P.Rajendran) : There have been 7 ordinances for this and there have been in the past as well. After hearing the suggestions of the esteemed members, I will say if I have anything to say.

Sri.K.C.Joseph : Sir,I move the resolution to reject the Parish Rights Purchase (Ordinance) 2007. The Hon'ble Minister was not heard saying anything while introducing the bill. This ordinance has been brought to the House for 8 times for replacing. This bill seeks to make two relevant changes in Section 6 of the Parish Act,1955. The interest rate for the amount entrusted (Rs. 2,43,666.56) for the administration of Poonjar, Kilimanoor, Vanchipuzha parishes was 4%. In the event when the treasury savings interest rates continues to rise from time to time, this interest rate also to be increased. That is an increase of up to 7% and as a result of this, Devaswams of Kilimanur, Vanjipuzha and Poonjar also will be getting an increase in revenue. In connection with this, a fixed annuity will be increased for the chiefs and other members of the Devaswams, at the end of every year. Presently the annuity of the chief of PoonjarKoyikkal is Rs.1500. Rs.900 is given as annuity to the senior woman member of this Devaswam. Rs.360 is given for each member of Poonjar Koyikkal Devaswam. A n amount like this is fixed for the chief of Kilimanur Palace. This shows the pathetic condition of our Devaswams.

Guruvayur&Sabarimala Devaswams are very rich. But there are many temples in Kerala who are struggling for funds for the daily activities. A small increment had given when we brought an amendment in 2005. The amount for the chief of Poonjar Koyikkal has been increased from Rs.1500 to Rs.15,000 and that of Kilimanur Palace Chief from Rs.900 to Rs.9000. And the amount for the senior woman member of Poonjar Koyikkal has been increased from Rs.900 to Rs.9000. For all other members of Poonjar and Kilimanur Koyikkal, the amount(Rs.360) has been increased by 10 times. Still the annuity amount is nothing . When a manual labour's daily wages is Rs.150, it is not possible to run the daily activities/administration of the Devaswams/temples, with that annuity amount. Of course, no one can hold on to the beliefs. The current increase is welcome, but Govt. should consider about a situation at least ,later,

where the plight of the poor devaswams are bettered by clubbing the rich devaswams. While passing the bill regarding parishes, necessary measures to be taken to protect our poor temples.

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Mr.Speaker : The first thing I thought of, when you said parish, was that it would be a church.

Sri.K.C. Joseph :It's not a diocese like Sri.M.A.Baby's. It's a different parish. One more thing I want to say, something I know very well. The King of Poonjar was a great landlord. He was known as the King of Aalakkad. But today that family is finding it difficult to make both ends meet. There has been a huge economic downturn. Once this law is passed, we should consider protecting low income temples in our state.

Sri.C.T.AhammedAli :Sir, I support the resolution. As far as our country is concerned, there is a situation today where there is no interest in protecting the old royal families as well as the institutions of our state. As you know, countries like Indonesia and china are protecting royal families like this. This bill had come as ordinance 8 times. The law has now come in to force now. This act has expired. As per the 6th section (2 A,3 A & 4 A) of Purchase of Parish Rights Act , 1955, an amount of Rs.2,43,666.56 was entrusted with the Govt with 4% annual interest, for the administration & maintenance of devaswams under parishes of Poonjar, Vanjippuzha and Kilimanur. Due to the increase in the cost of maintenance, it has become very difficult to manage the day to day expenses from the interest rates that devaswams are getting. So, the Govt has to deposit money in the treasury savings bank for a period less than five years. The

law includes an amendment to require an increase in the interest rate on this deposits from time to time. There is a provision in this law to provide an annuity of Rs.900 for the chief of the palace and Rs.168 for the other members each. The present chief of Poonjar Koyikkal is getting an annuity of Rs.1500. The senior woman member of Poonjar Koyikkal is getting Rs.900 and other members Rs.360. Due to the rising cost of living and the depreciation of the rupee, there was a demand for the increase of annuity. It has been increased now, as per the demand .

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As per the increase, the chief of Poonjar Koyikkal will get an annuity of Rs.15,000, Chief of Kilimanur palace Rs.9000 and the senior woman member of Poonjar Koyikkal Rs.9000. As per the amendment, all the other members of Kilimanur and Poonjar will get an annuity of Rs.3600. At the same time, due to this increase, when calculating the interest at a rate of 7%, the total amount comes is Rs.18,296. Due to the increase in interest rate for Rs.2,43,666.56, the Govt. will be getting an additional burden of Rs.9,60,972 , while passing the bill. Govt is getting only Rs.18,296 as interest (when the interest was increased to 7%) for the amount Rs.2,43,666.56. There is a situation where this huge amount will become an additional burden for the Govt. every year. So the Govt. should take necessary measures to find extra funds to be deposited so that , the Govt will get more amount as interest which will be adequate for the expenses of the Devaswams. The Govt. has taken an approach to help such institutions. Govt. is hereby requested to take steps to increase the assistance to such institutions in a timely manner.

Sri.N.Rajan :I move the Amendment to circulate the Parish Rights Purchase (Amendment) Act 2007 for public opinion. The first demand is to increase the interest rate of the amount (

Rs.2,43,666.56) entrusted for the protection and maintenance of Poonjar, Kilimanoor and Vanjipuzha parishes. Second matter is about Kilimanoor Temple. It is the birth place of the world famous painter Sri.Raja Ravi Varma. There are 5 temples connected to this palace. All of them are in pathetic condition. There are more than 200 residents inside the palace. Their plight is also very bad. Govt. representatives, especially Minister of Culture had visited here several times. Many efforts were taken in the matters of the palace, by Sri.G.Karthikeyan and many others. But none of them were successful. Central Minister Sri.Ravindra Verma was a member of this royal family. Still the condition of the palace is really pathetic. This legislation is to help them. This law was brought to increase their family pension and annuity. Some restrictions have been mentioned to increase the family pension and annuity. Family pension is given only to those born till 1949.

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Such 75 persons are there in the palace now. They have been paying an amount of Rs.600 monthly as family pension. No reference about this was given in the bill. I am saying as someone who knows the plight of the palace. Referring to increasing of annuity. There is a restriction for that also. Only those who born till 1953 are eligible. Nothing is mentioned in the law for others. All inmates of the palace should be benefitted. Annuity should be given as Rs.300 per month (instead of Rs.3600 annually) for those who are eligible, born till 1953. There are 150 persons like this. A family is living on this Rs.300. I wish to say that it should be increased. As the Minister said earlier, this is an ordinance that has been renewed nine times and it has now been enacted.

Mr.Speaker :Are all the people in the palace are sitting idle or are they doing any job ?

Sri.N.Rajan : Many of our representatives had already visited there. The palace is in a dilapidated condition. They can't even protect the studio of Raja Ravi Verma, inside the palace. Govt. had taken some efforts, I am not denying. It's a big palace and about 300 people are living there. So their life annuity to be increased. The restriction in the bill to be removed. Family pension is given only for 75 people who were born before 1949. We can understand their age. Most of the inmates of the palace are are very old. They were erstwhile Kings lived in luxury and pomp. How can they live on Rs.300 ? This also should be brought under the purview of the bill. It is also reminded that the efforts to protect the palace must be made on the part of the Govt. as in the past.

Sri.G.Karthikeyan : I move the amendment to forward the Purchase of Parish Rights (Amendment) Bill 2007, to a select committee. There are a lot of people living in our country who are suffering a lot in the name of birth and feudalism. Sri Rajan presented their story here. Your good self and Sri.Krishnaprasad had asked , whether these people are not doing any job . It is a relevant question. They are the people who ruled the whole country. Educated people are also there who got good jobs and living outside the state /country. But the plight of those uneducated, especially women, is very bad, who never had even a good marriage or family life.

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There is a pitiful image of them, like living corpses, all wandering around the palace as ghosts . No wealth, no job, not even in a mental condition to do any job. If there is a desire to work, there is no health. Such a category is also there which we cannot change through discussion. That's what we are seeing in Kilimanoor and Poonjar. There are many palaces in our state. Rich palaces are very few. Cauvdiar Palace is a rich one with lot of wealth. They are holding share in many companies. So, Political and Cultural leaders are queuing up to celebrate the birthdays and Remembrance days of the Kings. Many Kings passed away in our state, but nobody cares. Why it's here has its own background. It just stops saying that. Here the same people who pay tributes on the birthday of the exiled Swadesabhimani Ramakrishna Pillai, do the same on the birthday of the King who had deported him. It's another face of Thiruvananthapuram. I am also a native of Thiruvananthapuram. We have no hesitation in doing so. I have not gone yet. Taking the case of the temples here; God is present everywhere. God is idolatry, adorned with all kinds of ornaments . When Lord Guruvayurappan is sitting on crores, Lord Krishna of Thiruvananthapuram is sitting with one bangle and one chain. When the Goddesses are sitting fully ornamented, the Poor Devis of the palaces are sitting without even having a nose pin or bangle. Eventhough it is worship, but no money for that. No one will go there and offer money.

No Ministers are going there. Only because it was Guruvayur, Minister Sri.Sudhakaran went there, even though he is not a believer . He went there in the pretext of doing something good for the devotees, but didn't even bother to have a look at the sanctorum and idol, when devotees were praying. If this is what they called ' Revolution' , let it be. I have no complaint. Then, he shouldn't have gone there. I have just pointed out, that's all. After entering the temple, he returned without even looking at the idol and hold hands in prayer. If this is progressive thinking, then its okay. Public will see and discuss this. Being a powerful deity, lot of people will come there. The same Lord Krishna is sitting in Thiruvananthapuram as well. There is an old saying, if you borrow money, do it from a rich. You need the intention as well. Lord Guruvayurappanis really powerful but not the Lord Krishna in Thiruvananthapuram. That's why, despite being pretends to be an atheist, the Hon'ble Minister went to Guruvayur. The idol in Guruvayur is really powerful. We are believers in God. I used to go to Guruvayur.

Sri. AnathalavattomA nandan : He went there to inaugurate the Drinking Water Supply.

Sri.G.Karthikeyan :There are many temples in Kerala without drinking water facility. But he didn't go there, that's what I refer. Nothing wrong in his visit to Guruvayur. You are seeing the act without knowing the story. You must know the story to watch Kathakali.....(Uproar in the house) My respected Sri.Anathalavattom Anandan , I was not commenting . I didn't say that Minister's visit to Guruvayur was wrong..... (Uproar in the House)... ..With humility, let me tell you that, what the Minister did inside the temple was nothing but arrogance, being gone there in the pretext of providing drinking water facility to the devotees. I am not into a dispute. It's a matter of faith in God. When a Minister who went there showed

contempt of God (atheism) , I just pointed out, that's all. There is no other dispute in this. Just mentioned , connecting with this matter.

Mr.Speaker :We can come to the point .

Sri.G.Karthikeyan : I have just pointed out the areas where the political leadership of our government needs to be more active, whether today or tomorrow. Of course, giving them something is nothing more.

Sri.P.Jayarajan : I am asking this question for a clarification regarding an important matter referred by the Hon'ble Deputy Leader of Opposition. Was it wrong for Shri.G.Sudhakaran to go inside the temple ?

Sri.G.Karthikeyan : Didn't say it was wrong.

Sri.P.Krishnaprasad : You said that Sri.G.Sudhakaran went to the temple, but not entered the sanctorum. This is what you said. To enter Guruvayur temple, one must remove the shirt. He went like that but didn't worship the diety as it was against his belief. But he didn't do anything to show disrespect to the diety. He went inside the temple without shirt as it was the system there. Earlier it became a big news when Sri.Achuthanandan visited a temple in Malappuram District. He went inside removing his juba, but no complaint was heard (noise) .. Let me finish..

It's a society with many different beliefs. In that society, Sri.G.Sudhakaran is the Minister who is the head of that society. His visit to the temple was indeed a happy occasion for the

devotees. He didn't do anything to disrespect the devotees or beliefs. If he had gone there with any political intent, he would have shown fake worship. It could have been avoided.

Sri.G.Karthikeyan : In fact, I am coming to your point. That means, belief, worship, customs, traditions all are inter related. No shirts/joobas are allowed inside Guruvayur temple. So, by entering without shirt, he has abide by half of the traditions. Otherwise, the inauguration could have been done by the Secretary of Devaswam. Sri.G.Sudhakaran has entered half of the territory of belief. Customs and traditions are a part of belief..... (Uproar in the House)

Mr.Speaker : Please come back to the bill..

Sri.K.C.Joseph :Hon'bleSri.Sudhakaran is the Minister of Devawam. He may be an atheist or devotee. If he had no intention to worship, he shouldn't have gone inside the temple. But in stead of that, he went there and showed his natural arrogance.

Sri.G.Karthikeyan :Sir, these people are talking without knowing the facts. What Sri.K.C.Joseph said is right. He shouldn't have entered the temple, if doesn't have belief in God. Why did he do half of it. While discussing a matter like this, just mentioned the activity of the minister who rules that department. I didn't mean that Sri.Sudhakaran doesn't have any right to go there.. I am not finding any mistake in Sri.Sudhakaran's visit to the temple.

Sri.P.Krishnaprasad : You made a big accusation. You said, if there is no belief, he shouldn't have gone to the temple. During election campaign, I had visited the Bishop, in the church. Entered the church removing my slippers as it is the rule there. There is a custom to kiss the hand of the Bishop. Person who accompanied me, kissed the hand of the Bishop. But I just bowed to him in respect with claps. He didn't feel bad about me. He wished me also. I mean to say that, I could have entered the church without removing my slippers. But it is against custom.

That's a decent thing to do, obeying the custom. We should not do any thing against something a society /community values a lot, when you get inside that society/community. So, it's not fair to criticise Minister's entry into the temple as per custom.

Sri.G.Karthikeyan : No matter how loudly you speak, what the Hon'ble Minister did yesterday was not right. Either he should not have entered the temple. But what he did, after entering the temple was not right. This is my firm opinion.

Sri.AnathalavattamAnandan : Minister Sudhakaran didn't go to the temple to worship. He went there to carry out his duties as a minister. In that case, he has to enter the temple premises. He entered there obeying the custom. He went there to inaugurate the Drinking Water Project. What's wrong in that ?We cannot understand. It's not right to say that he should not have gone to the temple or worship the God if he had gone there.

Sri.G.Karthikeyan : I didn't refer to the Cooperative Minister, but the Devaswam Minister. So, all should cooperate with this category. I also agree with that.

Sri.P.Jayarajan :Hon'ble Deputy Leader of Opposition has mentioned an important matter here. He is a leader of Congress. Some people propagate that the Devaswam Minister should be a believer. It remains to be seen whether Congress party has this opinion.

Sri.G.Karthikeyan : What's wrong if the Devaswam Minister is a believer ?

Minister of Revenue (Sri.K.P.Rajendran) : What is said here is not something that needs to be answered in detail and everyone agrees with it.As Sri.C.T. Ahamed Ali said, a good this is done, albeit a little late.Sri.N.Rajanmentioned some matters related to Kilimanoor Kovilakam and it is too late but we have been able to make a fair decision. That's what this ordinance is all about. Once this is passed, we need to think about how we can incorporate the suggestions that came here. Especially when Sri.Rajan spoke, a proper picture was presented here.S ri.K.C.Joseph and some other Hon'ble members said it. These are facts. So, we need to think about how we can help more.

Sri.K.C.Joseph : Only those who born before 1952 are benefitting. Others are not getting any benefits.

Sri.K.P.Rajendran : I will be mentioning that. Considering the rate of increase, what we have given now is a huge increase. 1500-15000, 360-3600, is indeed a huge increase. But, in effect, what they are getting is only a nominal amount. But it was a great relief for them, when they

got the increase since the ordinance came into effect. This palace is near to Sri.Rajan's residence. If possible, increment should be given. But, one thing was clearly mentioned in the act when it was passed in 1955. These benefits were limited to the Current Chief of Kilimanur palace, Chief of Poonjar Koyikkal, all other members, the senior most woman member of Poonjar Koyikkal and unborn children of pregnant woman. We can think about that limitation. Then, there is a question asked by the Chair. There are lots of palaces in Kondungallur. It's a fact that there is a downturn in their lives. They are famous artists of various fields like, painting, music etc. But their condition is really pathetic, especially old women. We are visiting there only during some festivals or functions. Otherwise, we are seeing them only from outside. We are seeing the huge buildings and doors only from outside. But the picture inside is entirely different and pathetic. May be one or two exceptions which are rich. We know only those who got lot of wealth, share and income. So, something definitely to be done to improve their pitiable condition.

Sri.AnathalavattamAnandan : We were talking about Poonjar and Kilimanoor only. There is another place called Vanjipuzha. It's a different place and different temple. Will that also be covered in this ?As per the act of 1955, there are three parishes mentioned, Poonjar, Kilimanoor and Vanjipuzha. Is Vanjipuzha and Poonjar Koyikkal are same ? or is Vanjipuzha different ? That's the first thing. Second, the matter of jobs. In mates of Kilimanoor palace are doing some jobs now. Those who can stand up and walk, are selling pickles and chips made at home. When we provide these benefits to them, the extra burden is only Rs.9 lakhs. Decision to be taken to give that with retrospective effect, since this Govt. came into power. Not telling , from which date ; It should be clarified, when will this come into effect.

Sri.ThiruvanchoorRadhakrishnan : Kerala Govt. (regardless of any parties) always given importance to social welfare. Agriculture Labour Pension is being given. There are 10 to 12 pension projects for other social welfare programmes. To be honest, these people doesn't even have a monthly income of Rs.50. The condition of these starving poor is really pathetic and cannot be explained. Here I agree with the point Sri.Anathalavattam Anandan had mentioned. We must do the needful to increase the benefits given to the Agriculture Labours and make it on monthly basis.

Sri.K.P.Rajendran : In the list Sri.Anathalavattam Anandan mentioned, no gratuity for families of Vanjipuzha parish. It was given to the children when they become major. Now it is giving to the two...

Sri.Anathalavattom Anandan : The annuity was increased to Rs.9000 in Kilimanoor. In mates of Kilimanoor palace are poor. Shall we consolidate both ?

Sri.K.P.Rajendran : What we can understand from the law is that , the increase is proportional to what was created when the Act came into force in 1955. Everyone has a supportive approach to this. It should be a help we do to the most eligible and deserved. No big financial burden for the Govt. either. It's a common decision taken by all of us. It has come as a common opinion and decision of this House. Will be discussed in the subject committee. One more word for the temples. It is 4% in the act. It was decided as 4% when the act was introduced. Then, the amount was RS.2,43,000. It may be a big amount on that day. 7.5% increase to be introduced . One more thing, I want to point out is that, when the act was introduced, the Govt. might have thought that , these palaces have lot of wealth and everything will be gradually merge to Govt. So, we must consider something (social matters) to improve the pathetic condition of these palaces, even though it may not be included in the act. I wish to bring it in the subject committee, after necessary amendment, based on public opinion. Welcoming the suggestions came out of the discussions.

Mr.Speaker :Sri.K.C.Joseph : Are you pressing your resolution ?

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Sri.K.C.Joseph : I am not pressing

Mr.Speaker : Withdrawing the resolution with the consent of the House

Sri.N.Rajan , Are you pressing your 1 (A) amendment ?

Sri.N.Rajan : I am not pressing

Mr.Speaker : Withdrawing the amendment with the consent of the House.

Sri.G.Karthikeyan, Are you pressing your amendment 1(B) ?

Sri.G.Karthikeyan : I am not pressing

Mr.Speaker : Withdrawing the amendment with the consent of the House

The Resolution to forward The Parish Right Purchase (Amendment) Bill, 2007 for the consideration of II Subject Committee of Land Revenue, Forest & Fisheries..

[Supporting]

[Opposing]

The Resolution has been approved by the House. Forwarding the bill to the consideration of the Subject Committee.

Mr.Speaker :Order,Order .. The House will be adjourned now and will be joining again at 8:30 am tomorrow.

The House adjourned at 4:50 p.m to join again at 8:30 am on 5th September 2007, Wednesday.



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I Question and Answers

(The questions that are allowed in the conference time are numbered as inbrackets)

(1) Answers given by testimony

Mr. Speaker: Order, Order Question No: 271

Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Welfare Programs

1 (* 271) Sri. M. V. Shreyams Kumar:

Sri. M. K. Premnath:

Sri. Jose Thettayil: Will the Minister for Community Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) What programs have been implemented for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to start Labor, Industry and Commerce;

(B) What schemes have been implemented to assist medicinal needs of tribes who Living in the forest;

(C) Can you clarify your position regarding the implementation of a health insurance scheme for them?

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Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy (Sri. AK Balan): Sir,

(A) Programs for launching employment, Industry and Commerce for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are:

I. Schemes implemented by the Scheduled Caste Development Department

1. Self-Employment Schemes: For Scheduled Caste youth acquired agro-industrial enterprises under the self-employment scheme 1 lakh rupee as Government subsidy is provided for a project with an investment of 3 lakh per person and for project worth Rs.10.5 lakh for a group of 7 persons, a subsidy of 3.5 lakh is provided. For the project an amount of 200 lakh has been set apart for the current year.

2. Shopping Complex: To enhance the interest of educated and unemployed Scheduled Castes in trade and industry, the department directly buys a shopping complex of 28 room in Thrissur district and will be provided by a moderate rent.

3. Special Central Component for Special Component Plan: Under this scheme, for the advancement of the Scheduled Castes through income generation programs, employment programs, training programs, to fill critical gap etc. an amount of 1500 lakh has been set aside for the current year.

4. Women Enterprises: The project envisages the upliftment and empowerment of women belonging to Scheduled Castes. Finance formed by self-help groups included women from 20 families are used for implementing uplifting projects. The government subsidy will be provided for 1.2 lakh or at a rate of 10000 depending which of them have least rate. A group is created by adding only one from each family where they lie in between 10 and 20 in the poverty line. An amount of Rs.1 crore is included for the above scheme.

5. Financial Assistance for co-operative societies to nurture cluster development: For employment to Scheduled Caste Co-operative Societies enterprises in the traditional sector that are conducive to income generation, the project is envisioned to be implemented. For this in the year 2007-08 Rs 50 lakh has been earmarked.

6. Allotment of land to agricultural laborer's: It aims at the social upliftment of Scheduled Caste agricultural workers those who do not own or only a few plots of land. According to this, the beneficiaries will get 50% or 50000 rupees as grand depending which is smaller on buying 25 cents land or 50 cents field. An amount of 50 lakh has been earmarked for the same.

7. Funding through local bodies to co-operatives: An amount of 25 lakh has been included in the current year for providing Financial assistance to Co-operative Societies operating in areas like Agriculture, Industry, Khadi, Coir and Silk Cultivation under this scheme.

8. Industrial Training Centers: For 1031 students each year in 41 ITCs in 11 different trades, training is being provided under Scheduled Caste Development Group. A stipend of rupee 1,000, Rs. 1,600 and Rs. 1,800 per month for the year is paid to Scheduled Castes with Educational qualification in Engineering Degree, I. T. I. / I. T. C., Diploma in Engineering.

9. Center of Excellence: To gain access in institutions of higher learning and to obtain employment requiring skills, training is provided to increase the required capacity and efficiency through center of excellence with the help of Indian Institute of Management headquartered in Kozhikode.

1183 Educated and unemployed Scheduled Caste are appointed as S C promoters they are being provided by an honorarium of Rs 2,000 per month.

II. Projects implemented by the Scheduled Tribes Development Department

100% centrally assisted schemes to start employment and commercial ventures for the Scheduled Tribes are included and implemented under the "Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub Plan" Scheme. Under this scheme based on cluster basis mainly agriculture and regular income-based self-employment earnings are implemented. Self-help groups/ neighborhoods consisting tribal women under the leadership of Kudambasree Mission are formed to provide regular income earning job activities. And from educated young women and men, 1,000 are appointed as tribal promoters and 75 as apprentices' clerks by the department.

Also, tribal women and men are appointed as wardens in premetric hostels under the department on a contractual basis.

III. Projects implemented by Kerala State Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation

Beneficiary oriented scheme, foreign employment Loan Scheme, petrol Autorickshaw Loan Scheme for Women, A Medical Assistance Scheme for Traditional Healers, Agricultural Land Loan Scheme ,Micro Credit finance Scheme ,mahila Samridhi Yojana, Mini venture Schemes, Vehicle Loan Scheme(petrol autorickshaw), vehicle loan(3 wheeler auto pickup van), small Enterprise Schemes , Adivasi Mahila shakthekaran yojana, In addition a computer loan scheme intends to implement the Swarna Gayanti Sroozgar Yojana(SGSY) policy in collaboration with the Central Government.

IV Projects implemented by Kerala state scheduled castes and scheduled tribes' development Cooperative Federation

(A) the federation has provided an amount of rupee 15,82,296 for different schemes as working capital, 6,80,000 as loan for 34 co-operative societies to run Mavelistore,240,000 as loan for 24 co-operative societies to run consumer stores and 47,40,000 for 49 co-operative societies to implement career-oriented plans. In addition, financial assistance is provided for the collection of M.F.P by the Scheduled Tribes Co-operative Societies engaged in small to large resource collection. As a result, more than 6,000 ST families are getting employment. To address this, member products are being sold through federation showrooms and exhibitions.

(B)A total of 13 mobile medical units, including two mobile medical units of the Scheduled Tribes Development Department and eleven of the Health Department, are presently functioning for services including medical care to the adivasis living in the forest. In addition, 6 Outpatient Clinics, 17 Ayurvedic Dispensaries and an Ayurvedic Hospital are functioning under the department. Under the Department of Health, there is one sub center for every 3,000 people in the tribal areas and hinterlands and a primary health center for 20,000 people are functioning. Noolpuzha in Wayanad district and Attappadi in Palakkad district have specialty hospitals.

(C) Out of the total 36 categories of Adivasis in the State of Kerala, out of which 4500 families are included in the Janashree Bhima Yojana Project of Life Insurance Corporation for 5 years under the Central Government with 100% Central Assistance in accordance to Insurance scheme for Prakthana insurance for tribes.

In the current year's budget, Rs 10 lakh has been set aside to insure the remaining 2,000 families. In addition, a comprehensive health insurance scheme will be implemented in the financial year to provide complete and free treatment to all the Adivasi is in the State with an additional Central assistance of 10 crore received from the Central Government in the year 2003-2004. An order has been issued in this regard on 13-08-2007.

Sri. M V Shreyas Kumar: Sir, most of the tribes in the state belong to the 'paniya' community. Their level of financial education is very backward these days. The upliftment of this section will pave the way for the upliftment of the majority tribes in the state. Would you be willing to give them special consideration and implement special plans for them?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, the Paniya community does not belongs to the Praktana tribe. They will only get the same benefits as other tribes.

Sri. M V Shreyas Kumar: Sir, Wayanad has the largest tribal population in the state. There is no mobile medical unit here. At this time, we only have mobile medical units in Thiruvananthapuram and Idukki. Will action be taken to provide a mobile medical service in Wayanad?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, this will be considered.

Sri. M K premnad: Sir, what are the benefits being provided to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the field of self-financed education?

Sri. M K Balan: Sir, all the educational benefits of the State Government will be available to the students belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes who are admitted through the examination conducted by the Entrance Commission in the dependent professional educational institutions.

Sri. M K premnad: Sir, what steps have been taken to address the tribal land issue?

Sri. M K Balan: Sir, Government has formulated comprehensive action plans to address the tribal land issue. Meanwhile, Central Government passed the scheduled Tribes and Traditional Dwellers Act. Unfortunately, the law has not been notified. The rule has been sent to all the states. Even so, the rule has not been able to implement since it has not been notified. If it can be implemented then the problem can be solved. Anyway, a strong stand has now been taken to distribute the available land. On this 22nd, an acre of land will be allotted to 1117 families in Aralam in Kannur by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Sri. Jose Thettiylil: Sir, it can be seen from the note of the Committee on Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Development that not even 50 per cent of the amount set aside for various projects during the last five years has been spent. For example, crores of rupees with capital outlay have not been spent on the construction of model residential school buildings. It is under the control of the Public Works Department. Will action be taken to spend this directly under the Scheduled Caste category?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, the PWD has crores of rupees in it for building construction. The funds available to this department in the Corpus Fund are being handed over to them as a deposit. It is not normally reviewed. A review was performed twice during the period of the respected T U Kuruvila. There has been a lot of progress as part of this. However, the question of the esteemed member that the money allotted for the construction of the building allotted to this section is not utilized from time to time is very correct. Realizing that a strong stand will be taken.

Sri. Jose Thettiylil: Sir, how many houses have been built for SC / ST this year? Do you have a plan for that? Can you tell me what measures are taken to complete it?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, when this government came to power, there were 8538 spills over houses. Of that, 4006 houses were completed last year. 25 crore was provided for the same. Last year, 5,000 houses were acquired and handed over to the Housing Board. They, too, have now begun work. It plans to take over 10,000 homes this year. Of this, 52 crores for 7500 households were able to reach all the districts within the next month with almost the budget pass of the financial year.

Sri. V D Satheesan: Sir, the money set aside in the budget for the welfare schemes of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are not being spent in full. Not only that since it is not possible to spend the money, it is wasted and in last minute it is being spend for another purposes. During the last financial year, the Director of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes applied for permission for 154 projects. Of these, 129 projects were sanctioned. But a year later, only 36 projects have been implemented. More than Rs 40 crore was wasted. Will the government be prepared to conduct a serious study on the matter and take strong action against such wastage of project funds?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, 2006-07 was one of the highest funding years for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Department as well as grand-in-aided for Local Governments during the last eight years. The SC were able to spend 86 per cent. The S T were able to spend 91 per cent. 88% of the expenditure was on local bodies. In 2003-04, 63 percent was spent. In 2004-05, 65 percent was spent. In 2005-06, 70.84 percent was spent. Then there is an increase of ten per cent. However, as Adv V D Satheesan said, the main reason for not being able to fully utilize the funds is the delay in formulating the funds available here from the Central. As I mentioned earlier, the medical fund of 10 crore was received in 2002-03. The plan was formulated last year and is now intended to be implemented. We take a strong stand that under no circumstances should there be a situation where the funds set aside for these poor people are not utilized.

Sri. C K Sadasivan: Sir, Scheduled Castes, who are agricultural laborers, mostly live-in low-lying areas. They actually lead a miserable life from being tied up in the water during the rainy season. Are there any plans currently underway to fill their backyards with soil? If not, will any action be taken to uplift that backyard? I am asking this question in the context of Alappuzha.

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, given the background of Alappuzha, the esteemed member is correct. We have discussed this topic. This problem can only be solved if there is a slight increase in the fund that normally provide for housing. The matter will be examined.

Sri. Thiruvanjur Radhakrishnan: Sir, there is a system in place to provide land and houses to the poor people belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The system is meant to take the lot. Did government noticed that many complaints are arriving that lots are not limited to certain people? Whether steps will be taken to eliminate the programs within and give to the people who really deserve it?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, the Venerable Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan asked a very important question. As part of this, the Planning Commission directed that the beneficiaries should not be selected by lot but should be taken over by the local bodies as the local government. Based on that, we selected the beneficiaries last year. Members on your side have written that it is better not to give to the local bodies as it is better to take a lot of money. But today the process of selecting the beneficiaries is entirely left to the local bodies as the most transparent is that of the local government which today interacts with the people.

Sri. K C Kunhiraman: Sir, during the previous governments, land and plantations were given to the tribes in many parts of the state. But others are taking over, including extensive rubber plantations. Does the government intend to take steps to reclaim the estates held by these others and give them to the Adivasis and to bring in a strict law to prevent further encroachment?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, the Government has noticed that the rubber plantations are being encroached upon and that there has been some unauthorized interference from some quarters in possession of the best rubber plantations from the hands of the Adivasis. It is being examined very seriously. District and taluk level officers have been directed to pay special attention in this regard. For that alone a review meeting was called here.

Sri. PallipramBalan: Sir, you talked in great detail about these training programs. I have to ask, when Sri. M A Kuttappan was minister, for one year computer training program in Pathanamthitta, Kollam district, they did not get the certificate till yesterday. Therefore, they cannot apply for jobs. They only request certificate, even if stipend is not provided. Whether it has come to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister? If so, will action be taken to obtain the certificate for them?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, in the year 2003-04 there was a fund belonging to the category Central Assistance to SC/ST. Vigilance has been asked to look into the alleged misappropriation of funds during the previous government. One problem that arose as part of this was that we could not issue an utilization certificate. So naturally the Central Government has shown great reluctance to give any additional Central Assistance or Special Central Assistance to the Government of Kerala as part of the non-issuance of Utilization Certificate to the Center. Steps have now been taken to address this issue. As part of this, the government has taken steps to reinstate Special Central Assistance from next year. The department does not have any statistics related to computer courses.

Mr. Speaker: It is said that these students were not given a certificate.

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, certificate will not be issued. Because computer courses are run by people illegally. They are illegal institutions. The government cannot certify the computer course they run.

Sri. C T Ahammad Ali: Sir, many houses in SC / ST colonies in the state have become uninhabitable due to age. For many, there is no doors and the wiring is in a state of total disrepair. Are there any plans to renovate such houses? If not, will the necessary steps be taken to take immediate action against such houses by collecting the correct amount of funds set aside for this purpose?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, 63% of the budget of Scheduled Castes and 50 per cent of Scheduled Tribes as a Grant-In-Aid Local to Self-Government Institutions. Local Governments then have the power to set up a special scheme to carry out maintenance on such matters. They can do this by using this fund.

Sri. P Jayarajan: Sir, the issues of landless is one of the most important problems of the Adivasi's in Kerala. The program to give land to those landless tribes is now being talked about by the Hon'ble Minister here- as the Hon'ble Chief Minister will inaugurate the program in Aralam Farm on the 22nd. There, more than 1,700 families are given land titles. Then naturally, families from different cultural of life come there. We need

to clarify what measures the government is taking to prevent it from becoming a major social problem. This is because 1700 families from ST only are coming to the area. Does the Government intend to formulate any plans for their economic, cultural and social development?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, in fact, it had to be turned into a model village in the first place. We have not been able to do that. Provide one acres of land to 1117 the families, provide them with a home, provide road, water and lighting as infrastructure facilities, facilitate the schooling of the students there, create a convoy to transport the children from home to school, and so on. I do not want to go into details because it can be announced there in connection with the inauguration.

Sri. Abdurahiman Randathani: sir, the worst shortage of drinking water in Kerala is experienced in the areas inhabited by the Scheduled Castes. However, at the time of implementation of the Jalanidhi scheme, they were required to contribute Beneficiary share of 15 per cent by beneficiaries and 10 per cent by Scheduled Castes. It is certain that this will be very difficult for the Scheduled Castes. Therefore, there should be a mechanism to exclude beneficiary share. Or will the government be prepared to issue an order for payment of this amount from the plan outlay of the panchayat?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, there is no difficulty in taking beneficiary share from the funds of the panchayats. But the beneficiary committees formed in this form could not afford the electricity charge. When this government came, it was Rs 3.25 per unit. After the government came in act, it was brought down to 95 paise. As a part of it, drinking water is available in the Scheduled Caste colonies today. In terms of electricity there were always a project.

Minister of Water resources (Sri. N K Premachandran): Sir, under the Jalanidhi scheme, the earlier contribution was 10% for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. They had to pay two and a half per cent of that 10% in cash. As per the plan submitted to the World Bank, which is scheduled to start on January 1, 2008, the Government has proposed to reduce the 10% contribution to 5%, limit the cash cantonment to 1% and convert it to 4% labor. When those conditions are accepted and it comes into action from 2008, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes will only have to pay one per cent cash component. Because it is essential to pay the contribution although nominal as beneficiary Contribution.

Sri. Ramachandran Kadannappalli: Sir, so far, SC housing has been handed over directly to the beneficiaries. The government has announced that it will hand over the responsibility of housing to two government agencies to avoid it in case it goes on indefinitely. Which are those agencies? Whether the operations of the agencies are going on efficiently. How far the work has come to start the Model Tribal Village.

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, this has been said many times in the Assembly itself. This time the cash will be given directly to the selected beneficiaries. Last time there was strong criticism from the opposition. But if that money had not been paid then it would have been lapses. So that fund was given to the housing board and construction. Now the Honorable Minister and I have reviewed. That work is now under way. It gave them 5000 houses. If anyone is unable to complete these houses under any circumstances, 12 per cent penalty will be refunded to the fund department. It is given on the basis of M.O.U.

Sri. K. B. Ganesh Kumar: Sir, we live in a time when tribal land is often encroached upon and built resorts. It was then when Sri. AK Antony was the Chief Minister that most of the land was given to the Adivasis. He has given over 100 acres of land in a constituency called Kuriottumala in my constituency to about 100 families. The money was used to pay for housing and electricity on the land. I thank you for bringing it to your attention and for bringing the electricity to your place in a matter of days. This is a topic that has been raised in this house for the last two sessions. Two plans to give them a home were shown to them. They were told they could choose any of them. They were told that after the selection, the collector would make it. When asked later, they said the drinking water project has been submitted and tribal department is not getting permission and building cannot be constructed due to lack of water. They are dreaming of the plan they shown for the house for the last two years. They are not able to live. It is a situation where they return to the forest. Because it is a windy place, if you stay in a hut here, it will fly away. When I asked the Kollam Collector the other day, he said, "I don't know about that, I will ask and tell". What steps can be taken to save these poor people from the clutter of government procedures by paying attention to such matters?

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Sri. A K Balan: Sir, thank you so much for providing power. After we arrived, land titles have given to 2388 Adivasis. It is going to be given to 1717 people now. In five years, you have only given a total of 595 acres of land to 1802 families. The adivasis never visited or inhabited many places. Even so, we need to get 19,000 acres of land with the help of the central government as part of the old government's strong stance. This problem can be solved if we can implement the SC Act introduced by the Central Government along with taking permanent action for it. The housing problem will be examined very seriously and strong action will be taken to make land available to the adivas is. The issue of the house will be resolved within the tenure of the Honorable Member.

Sri. B D Devassi: Sir, for the adivasis who have been living in the Sholayar, Peringalkuthu project area in my constituency have not received electricity for the last 50 years till date. Since you became the Minister of Power, electricity has already been provided to three colonies here. The adivasis are very happy. Special thanks to you for taking steps to provide electricity to other colonies. Tribal colleges are located 90 meters from Chalakudy town. They have no medical facilities. Can you elaborate on the Comprehensive Treatment Plan for Adivasis along with taking steps to start a Health Center and a Mobile Unit at Malakappara?

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Sri. A K Balan: Sir, for ten or fifty years, there has been no electricity in the homes of the poor tribes. When we went to Athirappally, there was nothing there. Steps were taken to provide electricity to all the adivasis. The problem is that they do not have land in their hands by law. According to the law, if the panchayat number is put on the land, it will be used as the only criteria to provide electricity. As part of that, electricity was now provided there. A scheme has now been prepared in connection with medical care. In Kerala, there is no situation where even a single adivasis denied treatment due to lack of cash. As part of this, the hospital superintendent can spend up to Rs 10,000 in case of an illness of an adivasis. HCC can spend 10,000 to 50,000. Out of this, a project of 10 crore was launched and the money was handed down. In Kerala, adivasis will no longer be denied treatment for the sole reason that they do not have cash on hand.

Leader of the Opposition (Sri. OOmman chandy): Sir, Aralam Farm was purchased from Central Government for 42 crores during the tenure of Sri. AK Antony as the Chief Minister. It was decided to give half of it to the Scheduled Tribes and keep half as farm. The Chief Minister said that after completing all the

procedures for the decision to hand over to the Adivasis, he would give it the next day. Half of the land set aside for the farm is about 7,000 acres. What decision has been made regarding that. Have all the procedures related to that been completed?

Sri. A.K. Balan: Sir, Aralam has a total land area of 7000 acres. Of this, 3500 acres was decided for distribution by Sri. AK Antony in the past. About 800 acres of land were given. A situation came where rest of the land could not be given. We were scared that a catastrophic event as soon as this government comes in action. But it was by taking them into confidence that the land could now be distributed. In it a good help was provided by esteemed Leader of the Opposition. We are going to form a company to keep the remaining land as a farm. The concept of the company dates back to the time of the venerable AK Antony. A project is underway to a value-added product and to rehabilitate one of the most notable farms in Kerala to benefit the adivasis as well.

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Sri. N Rajan: Sir, it is said that department had directly purchased a 28-room building in Thrissur district. It is for rent to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for trade. Even when the rooms were purchased, there were suspicious reports to the Accountant General. Can you tell me if it has been given to anyone now or if any Scheduled Castes have rented it or if any inquiries have been made about it?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, I am not saying that a small inaccuracy in the selection of the beneficiary for that occurred consciously during the old government period. Therefore, it has been suggested that the Beneficiary should be selected by the SC/ST Corporation. As part of this, SC/ST Corporation is currently selecting Beneficiaries.

Sri. B Babu Prasad: Sir, Last year, only about 20 per cent of the Scheduled Castes in my constituency of Haripad received benefits due to non-implementation of financial assistance for housing for Scheduled Castes, which is currently being provided through block panchayats and three tier panchayats due to some weak technical reasons. This year, money to distribute about 400 such houses through the Trithala Panchayat has arrived. But officials are blocking it for technical reasons, leaving many beneficiaries without access to it. Will it be investigated and take any action?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, that is correct. Because no matter how active the department is, the negligence of some of the lower-level officials is a major obstacle to the implementation of the projects. The government came to notice that. The condition of the house, especially in the Harippad area, is being actively inspected. The solution will be implemented.

Sri. T P Kunhunni: Sir, about 10% of the total population of Kerala are Scheduled Castes. However, in Kerala, 19% of the people living below the poverty line are Scheduled Castes. This is about twice the ratio of the total population to the Scheduled Castes in terms of poverty. It indicates that in the past, there is a lack of projects that we have implemented with the aim of making comprehensive progress in any of these areas or that these projects are not reaching the intended population. My question is what is the conscious effort from the government to bridge this gap in terms of poverty?

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Sri. A K Balan: Sir, there is a difference in this as mentioned by the esteemed member TP Kunhunni. What we have now done here in connection with the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission is to enact legislation which will help to examine this, to involve the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the plan process, to make comments and to make positive changes in the formulation of plans accordingly. We can solve this problem as it will come under the purview of that commission.

Sri. K C Joseph: Sir, On Saturday, we spoke about giving land in Aralam. Earlier the Tribal Mission had said to give 50 or 100 houses as a cluster without spreading the land to 1200 people. Or if 1200 acres are spread out, there will not be the required primary facilities; there will be no drinking water or electricity. Instead, once 50 or 100 houses are given as a cluster, a community development can take place there. Instead, a change in the way 1200 acres is given should be considered. It is said it's late but it's not. There are still things that can be done about it.

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, this is the proposal that we are now going to present in Neryamangalam. Here we identified an acre and decided to give it to each of the people. It is no longer practical to say about building a house as cluster. This is the best way to do it. What we needed there was the best planning. Then we could have got some land by ourselves. It does not seem possible in today's situation, but we can examine it.

Sri. S Rajendran: Sir, the fact that the Hon'ble Minister is focusing on the effective tribal area was made clear through many successful projects. Family cards of people from many tribal areas were seen being included in the APL list. Their standard of living is deteriorating, making even daily life difficult. So will there be any suggestions or steps to keep those who have entered the APL list through central interventions on the BPL list very accurately as per the actual financial survey?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, it has come to the notice of the government that the APL list includes tribal families who are actually starving. This will be brought to the notice of the Local Self Government Department as noted by the Hon'ble Member and brought to the notice of the Central Government. The opinion is that there is no point in including poor tribes in the APL list under any circumstances.

Sri. A P Anil kumar: Sir, From the documents and files in your possession, you know that the UDF government has given the most land to the tribes last year. The land to be given by this government and the Aaralam farm purchased by the previous government are being announced here. I am so grateful to have been able to spend 85% of the project outlay last year. But even 60% of the money could not be spent until February and to make it 85%, money is given to housing boards to build houses as well as housing centers. It is welcome to say that this was done so as not to become lapses. But it said it would take action to charge 12% interest on defaults from institutions, including housing. What is the current financial situation of institutions like the Housing Board? It is a known fact that the Housing Board is in a situation where it cannot go 12% and charge even 1% interest. In this case, will immediate steps be taken to ensure that such institutions allocated with funds for so many houses will properly handle?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, Honorable Member, when they handled this department, would they be well aware of all its contents? How many houses have not been completed for four or five years? The foundation has been laid and then the work will not take place. Then they will not reach the roof. Then they cover it using coconut leaves or plastic. To solve this, it was decided to hand over this to Govt. agencies. Do not take it for granted that it is a government agency. It is the duty of the Government to strengthen the Government Agency to carry out their responsibilities which have been entrusted to them. That's one part of it. Another is that once the money is handed over to the Beneficiaries to complete the work on time, we know that once the

money reaches the tribal areas, they are often not spent. That is why houses are not completed. This is done in good faith but I rethink it after being told by people including the esteemed member. Again, we are giving the benefits themselves.

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Sri. P Krishnaprasad: Sir, Although the relatively small number of Kurumar, Kurichars in the tribal areas are relatively better off culturally and economically but the majority class Paniyar live in miserable conditions. In Tamil Nadu, the Paniya, Adiya people are included in the Praktana tribe. So, will the government ask Kirtads to include them in Kerala as well?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, the Kurumar as well as the Kurichiyar and Paniya community are not part of the Praktana tribe. As mentioned by the esteemed member, the socio-economic and cultural status can be checked and reported to Kirthads.

Sri. K Babu: Sir, all projects are approved at the end of the financial year. Earlier here, in a question asked by Sri. V D Satheesan, he pointed out that the projects had failed last year. Saturday was the last day for the Grama Panchayats to submit their plans. It is understood that the majority of the panchayats have not submitted their plans. The maladaptation of the planning board is already cited as a major reason. My question is that what measures are taken by department of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Development to ensure that such projects do not lapse every year and that the projects are clearly implemented this year. There is also the allegation that educational benefits are not properly distributed. Has this matter come to the notice of the Government? If so, will action be taken?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, as mentioned by Hon'ble K Babu, the amount has not been lapsed. It is wrong to say that Rs 40 crore has been lapsed. Mathrubhumi and Malayala Manorama reported that Rs 650 crore was lost during the last UDF government. I checked that figure as well. It is not a complete lapse calculation. There will be an unavoidable situation where we will not be able to spend some amount. But we are not in a position to complete the available funds in the current financial year. The main reason for this is that we present the schemes received from the government here at the end of the financial year. So, when it comes down to it, we can never fully spend that fund. No one can afford to spend. But during the last government, about Rs 40 crore was left to be given for education benefits. That was given after we came. Sofar I have not received a

single complaint from any student or student organization saying I am not receiving educational benefits. Educational benefits are fully paid out in the first month of this financial year.

Sri. K Ajith: Sir, the Scheduled Caste colonies in our state are already in a very deplorable condition. All the housing schemes of the three tier panchayats are about to stop as part of the land price hike across the state. Reaching a terrible state. In that situation, will there be a centralized development work by uniting all the scattered Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and constructing a flat?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, this is a good suggestion, especially in the area of the municipal/corporation. There is no great difficulty in getting land in the countryside. But getting land in an urban area is difficult. So if we have 10 or 15 cents of space, we can make a flat there and build several houses. Corporations have made some of the worst failures in local government bodies in the past with fund lapses. Funds can be utilized once these forms of projects are told to them. As mentioned by the esteemed member in the urban areas, instructions have been given to formulate plans.

Sri. P K Abdurabb: Sir, Whether the Hon'ble Minister has taken note of the fact that many of the pre-metric post-metric hostels built with their plan funds in the local self-government institutions are locked up due to lack of warden, cook as well as furniture required for them, will it take necessary steps to keep it open?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, the locking of hostels has not yet come to the attention of the government. Of the 245 hostels, all hostels will be upgraded this year. The required funds have been provided for it.

Last time, 35 hostels were renovated at the beginning itself. This time around, plans have been made to renovate about 140 hostels. Funds have also been disbursed. It was correct to say that there was no bed for the need, no blanket to cover, no furniture and no accessories for the kitchen. Now all that has been given. Now the hostels have good food and accommodation. This kind of hell was in the hostels in Idamalayar. When

I went to Idamalayar I saw two tribal hostels and then the two bungalows of KSEB were given for those tribal hostels. 8 lakh was also given. Two Adivasi hostels have now been shifted into beautiful KSEB bungalows.

Sri. Thomas Chazhikadan: Sir, the Hon'ble Minister is also aware of the Nursing School for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students which has been functioning at Kottayam Medical College since 2000. As the school did not have infrastructure, the Hon'ble Chief Minister himself convened the meeting and the Hon'ble Minister of Health took special interest and gave administrative approval for it, but the process has not progressed yet. The students have been suffering for six or seven years. Whether action will be taken to complete its further steps?

Sri. A K Balan: Sir, Steps have been taken to complete the nursing hostel. This year, the department will provide all assistance to complete the work.

Tree planting project on river banks

2*(272) Sri. mati K. K. Shailaja Teacher:

Sri. M. Chandran:

Sri. K.C. Rajagopal:

Sri. A M Yusuf:

Sri. V N Vasavan: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions?

(A) Whether the Forest Department has taken up the project of planting trees on the banks of rivers to prevent landslides; In which districts has the scheme been implemented;

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(B) Does it ensure coordination of various departments for project implementation;

(C) Which trees have been planted under this scheme and whether arrangements will be made to preserve them?

Minister of Forests and Housing (Sri. Binoy. Vishwam): Sir,

(A&B) The Forest Department does not specifically implement such a scheme. However, in 2005-06 such a scheme was implemented on the banks of Bharathapuzha in Palakkad district with the assistance of the Central Government. In addition, the Forest Department is cooperating and participating in tree planting programs on the banks of rivers selected by the local bodies.

(C)The following is a list of tree planting programs jointly implemented by the Forest Department, Local Self Governments and other departments during the last financial year-

Thiruvananthapuram District

With the participation of the Panchayats on both sides of the Karamanayar, 8300 bamboo saplings were planted on both sides of the river with the participation of the District Panchayat.

Kollam District

5100 saplings were planted on both sides of Kalladayar by the Punalur Municipality with the participation of Self-help groups and the general public including Kudumbasree.

Thrissur District

10,500 bamboo saplings planted in Thrissur district on the banks of Manali river in association with Soil Conservation Department with public participation.

Palakkad District

On the banks of Bharathapuzha, 83,900 bamboo saplings were planted by three Municipalities and 14 Panchayats of Palakkad District with the participation of the public using the RSVY Fund of the Central Government.

The Forest Department has only distributed the required saplings.

Sri. M. Chandran: Sir, this year's monsoon was very strong. As part of this, the Bharathapuzha and its tributaries flowed through the old banks. Only then did people really understand the boundaries of the river. Will the department be prepared to take over this boundary shown by the rivers with the help of the Revenue Department to plant saplings there?

Sri. BinoyVishwam: Sir, the forest department is considering those plans. The project is envisaged as a fund of around Rs 1.5 crore which can be completed in three years. It is being considered by Govt.

Sri. M Chandran: Sir, 'Ente Maram' project was an event that was celebrated by all. The children bought lakhs of saplings from schools and planted them at home. Has there been any scrutiny of the subsequent functioning of that program? If not, will the Department of Education come up with any plan to examine it?

Sri. Binoy Vishwam: Sir, we are doing it and will continue. The project was a major turning point in the field of community afforestation. 25 lakh students participated in it. That is something the education department and the forest department can proudly say. Its inspection is ongoing. I am willing to give detailed figures but not with time constraints. In all the districts an average of 80% of the seedlings are planted and growing. Students are sure to keep the seedlings as their own children.

Sri. K. C. Rajagopal: Sir, has any precaution been taken to avoid dispute over the ownership of the trees planted along these river banks?

Sri. Binoy Vishwam: Sir, Neither the forest department nor the government is going to make any claim on any of those saplings.

Sri. K C Rajagopal: Sir, it grows mostly eetta and bamboo shoots along the river banks in the forest. It's going being ruined. Will steps be taken to plant eetta and bamboo there instead?

Sri. Binoy Vishwam: Sir, Of course we will do it.

Sri. A M Yusuf: Sir, how many trees have already been planted on the river banks as per the river bank protection program; What is the plan for this year? What amount will be spent this year; What is the responsibility of local governments?

Sri. BinoyVishwam: Sir, I already told the exact number of those seedlings on the riverbank. There is no need to repeat that. It will only succeed if the panchayats and municipalities cooperate in all places. All these

projects need the participation of the people if they are to succeed. All the saplings will be planted by the Minister, MP or MLA. The next day a photo will appear in the newspaper, after which the seedlings will be left alone. That situation is changing. Now each of these seedlings has its own owner. It can be students, workers or people. If they help, all these seedlings will grow. It can make a huge difference.

Sri. A M Yusuf: Sir, in which districts has the Nadan Manthop project been implemented which helps in balancing the environment? Does the government intend to expand the scheme?

Sri. Binoy Vishwam: Sir, The Nadan only project has taken place everywhere except in one district. The district of the speaker is best-performing district. It is your constituency. The experience is generally exciting in all districts.

Sri. V N Vasavan: Sir, Once the riverbanks have receded during the floods, the Irrigation Department will tie up the side and if the Forest Department takes the initiative to plant trees in such areas, it will be transformed into a flood mitigation site in the future. Do you intend to organize activities of that kind?

Sri. Binoy Vishwam: Sir, studies from around the world have shown that a shield of trees along with this granite wall can be very effective. The government will take this matter seriously.

Sri. V N Vasavan: Sir, in an area like Kumarakom, a backwater region blessed with natural beauty, the Central Tourism Department has decided to build a walkway. Will you try to create an attractive environment for tourists by planting shade trees in the area?

Sri. Binoy Vishwam: Sir, the attraction of Kumarakom is the shade trees. We must do whatever it takes to strengthen it.

Sri. K Raju: Sir, Thousands of saplings were planted in the Punalur municipal area on the banks of the Kallada river which you inaugurated. It is an event that people enthusiastically embraced. But now a good portion of those seedlings have been destroyed. Will steps be taken by the Forest Department to provide the saplings required for replanting there?

Sri. Binoy Vishwam: Sir, the good part is not ruined. But a lot is gone. Ready to give seedlings instead of ruined. Already planted a few seedlings.

Sri. M. Prakashan Master: Sir, a lot of land related to irrigation projects in Kerala is actually lying vacant today, especially on the banks of the canal. Will action be taken in connection with afforestation and irrigation department in those places? Similarly, tree planting is being done extensively as part of this Haritha Theeram project. But there is no one to consider or pay attention to it. Will the Forest Department be willing to employ temporary staff to protect the forest, at least until the saplings grow, in connection with this Harithatheeram project?

Sri. BinoyVishwam: Sir, we welcome any project to plant trees on the banks of the canal in collaboration with the Irrigation Department. Ready to cooperate with the Irrigation Department. The HarithaTheeram project, which is looking forward to the whole of Kerala, is not such a unattended project. T.S.V.S. is available in all concerned departments. All of them should be overseen by the Coastal Forestry Committees. At their initiative it is now well maintained. We can strengthen it again.

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3(*273) Sri. A. M. Aarif:

Sri. A.C. Moyteen:

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Sri. M. K. Purushothaman:

Sri. P. T. A. Rahim: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions?

(A)What are the objectives of FishFed; What schemes is being implemented by FishFed;

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(B)whether more fish outlets will be set up by FishFed to avoid exploitation of middlemen in the fish market and to provide fish to consumers at reasonable prices;

(C) Will the scheme be implemented in collaboration with the Civil Supplies Corporation for setting up of fish stalls?

Minister of Fisheries and Registration (Sri. S Sharma): Sir,

(A) The objective of FishFed is to formulate and implement various schemes in the field of fish production, processing and marketing for the social and economic upliftment of the fishermen. The following 9 schemes are being implemented for this purpose.

- 1) Integrated Fisheries Development Scheme funded by the National Co-operative Development Corporation.
- 2) Renovation of folk boats.
- 3) Financial assistance with a maximum subsidy of Rs. 6000 / - for purchase of fishing nets.
- 4) Low interest rate loans for self-employment.
- 5) Swarna Jayanti Grama swarosgar project for production and marketing of value-added products from fish, mussels, prawns and squid.
- 6) Insurance Scheme for Fishing Equipment.
- 7) Interest Free Loan Scheme for Coastal Auction Groups.
- 8) Low interest rate loan scheme for women fishmongers.
- 9) Accident Insurance Scheme for Fishermen.

(B) Measures have been taken to start 250 units under the Fisheries Facility for Fish Marketing, 45 units under the Fish Marketing Booths Sub-Scheme and 40 units under the Seafood Kitchen project Included in the Tsunami Emergency Assistance / Rehabilitation Project (TEEP, TRP), to avoid exploitation of middlemen in the fish marketing sector and to provide fish to consumers at reasonable prices.

(C) Plans are already underway to set up mini supermarkets in collaboration with Supplyco under the Tsunami Emergency Relief Program (TIP). The facility of selling fish products in the supermarkets thus established has also been envisaged.

Sri. A M Aarif: Sir, are there any plans to settle the debt of this fish Fed and the fishermen's co-operative societies? Can you explain what it is? One more thing to add is that how do you intend to use the money allocated in the Tsunami Project for the assistance of these fishing communities and others? An amount of 162 crore has been sanctioned for the assistance of these groups under the Tsunami Project. How it is intended to be utilized. At the same time, the debt of Fish Fed and the SHGs is still high. How do you intend to fix it?

Sri. S Sharma: Sir, a debt relief bill on this debt has now been introduced in the House and left to the Select Committee for discussion. The Government has agreed to take a general decision after gathering the views of the institutions and individuals concerned in the evidence taking place in that Select Committee. Steps to ensure vehicle facilities for fish marketing through Fish Fed under the Tsunami Emergency Assistance Scheme are intended to implement, for that subsidize up to 80 per cent of it, take 5 per cent from the beneficiary's share, take 15 per cent as bank loan and the fund is intended to be used as a revolving fund for various projects - booths with modern facilities for fish marketing etc.

Sri. A M Moyteen: Sir, does the government intend to implement an interest free loan scheme to help people, including women working in the fisheries sector? Whether its steps have been taken; can you explain?

Sri. S Sharma: sir, the government has taken a policy decision on interest free loans. It is hoped that the leadership meeting of the banks will approve it next week. It has been approved by the Planning Board and the Finance Department. It has been submitted to the banks for approval. In principle they have agreed. A written decision will be made next week.

Sri. A Pradeep Kumar: Sir, you mentioned in the House yesterday about the great progress made by Kerala in the export of fish. He said that the export revenue of more than Rs 1500 crore was generated. But the full benefits of this are being borne by the big private exporters. Does Fish Fed intend to intervene in this area? If so, will it be possible to prevent the exploitation on fishermen?

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Sri. S Sharma: Sir, In the export sector, Fish Fed is now Intervening in production, procurement and marketing. Fish Fed does not now recognize that export intervention is a major goal. Exports have increased this year. It cannot be said that there has been any particular improvement in the lives of the fishermen due to the increase. But naturally the increase in exports will help create more jobs so that more workers will be relieved.

Sri. M. K. Purushothaman: Sir, this government has announced a fish safety plan in this area. Can you explain the details of this project?

Sri. S Sharma: Sir, it is an extensive insurance plan. 3 levels of discussions have already taken place with those insurance companies and their associates. The final discussion is scheduled to be held on the 25th with the concerned institutions. Today's insurance scheme has many limitations. Therefore, the Fisheries Protection Scheme is aimed at extending the benefit of insurance to the sector in a broader sense. The aim is therefore to have a detailed insurance scheme on that basis.

Sri. P T A Rahim: Sir, does Fish Fed have any work to do in the field of this ornamental fish? Does the government intend to do that?

Sri. S Sharma: Sir, Fish Fed has now started some activities in the ornamental fisheries sector. Fish Fed is taking the initiative as an ornamental fish farm by utilizing the financial assistance of Fish Fed by selecting certain panchayats in Kerala as well as coordinating various institutions and utilizing Kudumbasree units. In addition, the State Government itself has approved in principle the formation of a joint venture with a company in view of the potential for large export exports of ornamental fish. The rules and other procedures for this are being expedited. Soon a joint venture called 'Aqua Technology Park' will be set up in Kerala to promote ornamental fish farming.

(time is over for question and answers)

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(ii) Written answers

(1) Answers to starred questions

Objectives of Fish fed

3[*273] Sri. A M Aarif:

Sri. A C Moyteen:

Sri. M M. Monay:

Sri. M K Purushothaman:

Sri. P T A Rahim: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions?

(A)What are the objectives of Fish Fed? What are the projects being implemented by Fish Fed?

(B) Should more fish stalls be set up to avoid middlemen exploiting in the field of fish marketing and to get fish to consumers at reasonable prices?

(C) Will the project be implemented in collaboration with the Civil Supply Corporation to start fish stalls?

Minister of Fisheries and Registration (Sri. S Sharma):

(A) The objective of Fish Fed is to formulate and implement various schemes in the field of fish production, processing and marketing for the social and economic upliftment of the fishermen. The following 9 schemes are being implemented for this purpose.

1) Integrated Fisheries Development Scheme funded by the National Co-operative Development Corporation.

2) Renovation of folk boats.

3) Financial assistance with a maximum subsidy of Rs. 6000 / - for purchase of fishing nets.

4) Low interest rate loans for self-employment.

5) Swarna Jayanti Grama swarosgar project for production and marketing of value-added products from fish, mussels, prawns and squid.

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6) Insurance Scheme for Fishing Equipment.

7) Interest Free Loan Scheme for Coastal Auction Groups.

8) Low interest rate loan scheme for women fishmongers.

9) Accident Insurance Scheme for Fishermen.

(B) Measures have been taken to start 250 units under the Fisheries Facility for Fish Marketing, 45 units under the Fish Marketing Booths Sub-Scheme and 40 units under the Seafood Kitchen project Included in the Tsunami Emergency Assistance / Rehabilitation Project (TEEP, TRP), to avoid exploitation of middlemen in the fish marketing sector and to provide fish to consumers at reasonable prices.

(C) Plans are already underway to set up mini supermarkets in collaboration with Supplyco under the Tsunami Emergency Relief Program (TIP). The facility of selling fish products in the supermarkets thus established has also been envisaged.

National Savings scheme

4[*274] Sri. M Prakashan Master:

Sri. K KJayachandran:

Sri. MuraliPerunelli:

Sri. B D Devasi:

Sri. Alphonse Kannanthanam: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions?

(A) Has it been noticed that the investments under the National Savings Plan in the State have been significantly reduced?

(B) Can you explain the reason for this? Will you ask the Central Government to increase interest rates on deposits for National Economic Plan?

(C) Will action be taken to provide the necessary incentives to the collection agents?

Minister of Finance (Dr. Thomas Issac):

(A) Yes

(B) The Central Government stopped investing through institutions (Welfare Fund Board / Trust) in the National Economic Plan, the Center has imposed penalty interest on monthly income plan deposits that are withdrawn before maturity, no increase in interest rates to the National Economic Plan in proportion to the increase in interest rates in nationalized banks, these led to a significant reduction in investment in the National Economic Plan.

(C) Currently agents are given adequate incentives.

Electricity for agricultural purposes

5[*275] Sri. PallipramBalan:

Sri. N Rajan:

Sri. MangodeRadhakrishnan:

Sri. A K Chandran: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) It is intended to provide electricity for agriculture for free

(B) What are the concessions given for electricity used for paddy cultivation?

(C) Whether the applications for connection sent for electricity needs for agricultural purpose are pending; If so, can you disclose how many such applications are pending in each district?

Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy (Sri. A K Balan):

(A&B) As per Government Order (MS) 30/99 issued in 4-2-1999, from 1-8-1995, paddy cultivation has been provided without any area limit and from 1-4-1997 onwards other agricultural crops not exceeding 2 hectares have been provided free of cost.

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(C) Yes. District wise information is given below.

District	No post required	Post required
1.Thiruvananthapuram	—	10
2.Kollam	—	4
3.Pathananthitta	—	—

4.Alappuzha	43	11
5.Kottayam	—	15
6.Ernakulam	66	108
7.Idukki	15	47
8.Thrissur	178	336
9.Palakkad	81	421
10.Kozhikode	38	127
11.Wayanad	8	13
12.Malappuram	268	1251
13.Kannur	81	279
14.Kasargod	339	617

Smuggling using tourist buses

6[*276] Sri. K V Kunhiraman:

Sri. M Hamsa:

Sri. C H Kunhunni:

Sri.mati K S Saleela:

Sri. R Selvaraj: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions?

(A) Has the smuggling through inter-state tourist buses been noticed?

(B) If so, how many cases has this government registered in this regard?

(C) Can you elaborate on the steps taken to curb smuggling along with tourist buses?

Minister of Finance (Dr. Thomas Issac):

(A) Yes.

(B) 1065 cases.

(C) It has been noticed that a large number of taxable goods are being smuggled on inter-state tourist buses. Buses have passengers in it, so there are practical difficulties in carrying out rigorous inspections at check posts. The Intelligence Division of the Commercial Taxes Department is inspecting the buses at the end of the journey. If the inspection reveals the smuggling of goods, the price of the goods is ascertained and security is levied accordingly. In addition, the bus owner is being fined according to the law.

Housing law

7[*277] Sri. V Chendamarakshan:

Sri. Anathalavattam Anandan:

Sri. Babu M Palissery:

Sri. P Krishnaprasad:

Sri. B Raghavan: Will the Minister of Forests and Forest Construction kindly answer the following questions?

(A) What is the focus of the government's housing policy?

(B) Will steps be taken to provide modern technology to reduce the cost and improve the quality of housing construction;

(C) Will arrangements be made to procure and supply construction materials and other components from small producers;

(D) Will action be taken to reorganize the State Housing Board, State Construction Center and District Construction Networks?

Minister of Forests and Forest Construction (Sri. Binoy Vishwam):

(A) In Karad Housing Policy 2007, it ensures availability of housing land, affordable fundraising for various projects, reforms in the field of legal regulation, technical assistance and transfer, infrastructure development, environmental survival issues, participating Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe, older women

and persons with disabilities that comes under the weaker section of society in community planning and other schemes, establishment of Housing and Housing Development to withstand natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods, landslides, tsunamis and earthquakes, work issues such as employment issues in the housing sector and rehabilitation of slum areas have been given special consideration. Karad Housing Policy 2007 has left a lot to be desired. All of the above are just some of the things that are aimed at.

(B) Kerala Housing Policy 2007 Karad envisages reduction of cost, quality improvement, availability of modern technology and increase in productivity of housing. Low-cost technology for housing construction is being developed and implemented by the Kerala State Construction Center.

(C) The draft policy includes a proposal to procure construction materials and other essential components procured from small producers.

(D) The draft housing policy proposes to reorganize and strengthen the State Housing Board, State Construction Center and District Construction Horns.

Tribal Settlements in the State

8[*278] Sri. G Karthikeyan:

Sri. George Mezhsiyer: Will the Minister of Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions?

- (A) How many ST settlements are there in the state;
- (B) How many government colonies have been established in these settlements;
- (C) Whether electricity and drinking water have been provided to the tribal colonies established by the government;
- (D) If not, whether a plan has been prepared for it; Can you say when will electricity and drinking water can be supplied to the all-tribal colonies?

Minister of Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy (Sri.A K Balan):

(A) 4082 scheduled caste colonies are there.

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(B) The government does not build colonies for the adivasis directly. The adivasis traditionally lived in colonial style. Thus, there are 4052 colonies.

(C) The government has not established tribal colonies. Out of 4052 ST colonies, 2185 colonies have been provided with electricity and 2795 colonies with drinking water scheme.

(D) Plans are afoot to provide electricity and drinking water to the tribal colonies in the State for the next three years.

Assistance to dependents of fishermen

9[*279] Sri. K Shivadas Nair:

Sri. K Sudhakaran:

Prof. K V Thomas: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions;

(A) What is the assistance provided to the dependents of fishermen who go missing at sea;

(B) Is there any plan to adopt the dependents of those who die or disappear at sea;

(C) Will action be taken to provide employment to one of their dependents;

Minister of Fisheries and Registration (Sri. S Sharma):

(A)(1) Group Insurance Scheme for Rs. 1 lakh based on RDO certificate for dependents of missing fishermen at sea.

(2) Widow's pension of Rs 120 per month.

(3) 1.5 lakh insurance compensation to the claimant if he has joined the Matsyafed Accident Insurance Scheme by paying personal premium.

(B) There is currently no plan to adopt dependents of those who die or go missing at sea.

(C) Not currently under consideration.

Permanent System for free ration

10[*280] Sri. K C Venugopal:

Sri. M A Vaheed:

Sri. T N Prathapan: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration Department kindly answer the following questions;

- (A) Have you noticed that the availability of fish in the sea is very low;
- (B) Have the families who make a living from fishing starved because of this;
- (C) What plans are in place to find other jobs for such people;
- (D) Will free rations be made permanent during the famine on the coast until other jobs are available for such people;

Minister of Fisheries and Registration (Sri. S Sharma):

(A)According to the Fisheries Survey of India, there is no significant reduction in the availability of fish in coastal waters. Only minor fluctuations have been experienced in fish production.

(B)Families who depend on fishing for their livelihood due to low availability of fish have not been noticed as starving.

(C)The Tsunami Rehabilitation Program (TRP) and the Tsunami Emergency Relief Program (TEEP), funded by the Central Government and the Asian Development Bank, are being implemented to increase the employment opportunities of the coastal people and lead them to self-sufficiency.

(D)Free rations are provided to unemployed fishermen and allied workers / peeling workers during the monsoon trawling ban.

Kuriyakutty-Karapara Hydropower Project

11[*281] Sri. P C George: Will the Minister of Scheduled Tribes Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions;

(A) Whether Kuriyarkutti-Karapara hydropower project is to be started; If not, what is the reason;

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(B) Can you elaborate on the steps taken so far in relation to this scheme;

(C) Will it be willing to undertake the construction work of this project;

Minister for Scheduled Tribes Welfare and Energy (Sri. A K Balan);

(A) The Government is considering the implementation of the Kuriyarkutti-Karapara Hydropower Project as a joint venture between the Irrigation and Power Departments.

(B) A total of 823.87 hectares (2060 acres) of land is required for this project. Of this, 76.90 hectares (192 acres) is forest land and 746.97 hectares (1868 acres) is leased forest plantations. Efforts have been made for Forest Clearance and Environmental Clearance since 1994. These clearances have not yet been received. The technical and economic aspects of the project have been discussed at the government level and between the Electricity Board and the Irrigation Department.

Concession of electricity for rural fresh water projects

12 [* 282] Profs. N. Jayaraj:

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan:

Sri. C. F. Thomas: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following question:

Whether there is any law in place to provide electricity concessions to rural fresh water schemes; If so, can you elaborate?

Minister for Scheduled Tribes Welfare and Energy (Sri. A K Balan):

As per the policy of the Government, the Board will provide electricity to Jalanidhi, Jaladhara and Swajaladhara drinking water schemes, drinking water schemes installed in SC / ST lakh housing colonies and

taken over by Trithala Panchayats, MP / MLA Fund / Rajiv Gandhi drinking water schemes and drinking water schemes run by Beneficiary Committees.

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Compulsory education for Scheduled Caste students

13 [* 283] Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju:

Sri. M. Ummer: Will the Minister for Scheduled Castes Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) What steps have been taken to provide compulsory education to the children of Scheduled Castes?

(B) whether provide any financial assistance for parents to enroll all children in school; If not, will it be considered?

Minister for Scheduled Tribes Welfare and Energy (Sri. AK Balan):

(A) Compulsory education is provided by the Department of Education to all categories of students up to the age of fourteen. Students belonging to the Scheduled Castes are entitled to all kinds of fee concessions, stipend and lump sum grant from nursery level to professional courses. Integrated Tribal Development Project Officers / Tribal Development Officers, Tribal Extension Officers, Pre-Metric Hostel Wardens and all school promoters required for admission to various schools for the purpose of identifying and enrolling ST students between the ages of 5 and 15 years in schools take necessary steps for the compulsory education of ST community children. The Scheduled Tribes Development Department is providing free accommodation and meals to the Scheduled Caste students who are unable to come home from school every day. There are also 25 Ashram / Model Residential Schools for providing quality education to the economically backward children belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(B) An incentive of 500/- per annum for an academic year at the rate of 50/- per month is given to the parents of the students to send the ST students studying in classes one to four to the aided schools without

interruption. At least 75% attendance is required for each month of the academic year. Funding is based on attendance sent by the relevant school headmaster. There are currently no schemes for Scheduled Castes.

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Fish Import Policy of the Central Government

14 [* 284] Sri. V. Sasikumar:

Sri. K. Kunhiraman:

Sri. T. P. Kunhunnij:

Sri.mati. K. K. Latika:

Sri. R. Selvaraj: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether attention has been paid to the adverse effects of the Central Government's fish import policy on the traditional fishermen of the State;

(B) whether fish such as ayala, chala, kora and para caught by traditional fishermen have been imported in the past;

(C) Will the Central Government be asked to revise the import policy which is starving the traditional fishermen?

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Minister for Fisheries and Registration (Sri. S. Sharma):

(A) Yes.

(B) The Government has not noticed that it has been imported before.

(C) Has been requested. A letter has been written to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala, Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh and Union Agriculture Minister Sri. Sharad Pawar and Union Commerce Minister Sri. Kamal Nath asking to restrict imports.

Coastal Fisheries

15 [* 285] Sri. Adoor Prakash:

Prof. K. V. Thomas;

Sri. M. A. Waheed: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether any plan has been prepared to increase the coastal fisheries; If so, can you explain?

(B) whether the increase in fish stocks is due to the introduction of artificial insemination in the sea; If so, will action be taken?

(C) whether the fish stocks in the coastal waters will increase due to the spawning of marine fish and the release of fry; If so, will the details of such schemes be revealed?

Minister for Fisheries and Registration (Sri. S. Sharma):

(A) Yes. The State Government has taken steps to prepare a master plan in the fisheries sector for the comprehensive development of the fisheries sector. Accordingly, it has been asked to submit necessary proposals to increase the fish stocks in the coastal waters. Currently, the Sea Ranching Project is being implemented to augment coastal fisheries. In addition, a project is underway to prepare boats for deep sea fishing to reduce coastal pressure. As part of diversification, steps are being taken to cultivate crab, mussels, seaweed and seaweed along the coast and in estuaries. Strong measures have been taken to complete the life cycle and breeding from the sea to the lakes and against illegal captive practices such as 'EettamKetta' which destroy the swarming fish and fry. The mangrove conservation project, which is very beneficial for fish breeding, is being carried out in collaboration with the Forest Department.

(B) Investment in artificial insemination has been shown to create safer breeding grounds for fish and thereby increase fish stocks. In developed countries, the project to increase fisheries by investing in artificial insemination is being vigorously implemented.

Under the Tsunami Rehabilitation Project, ADAC is taking steps to set up five artificial insemination units in Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala at a cost of 79.90 lakh.

(C) The scientific conclusion is that the deposition of Sri.mp fry of species Cara and Naaran in estuaries and backwaters will increase coastal fish stocks. Steps have been taken to conduct a study to check whether the fish stocks have increased due to the implementation of this scheme in the last few years.

Sea Ranching is a project to raise quality fish / Sri.mp fry in estuaries and backwaters by rearing them in government-run fish / Sri.mp hatcheries. The scheme has been implemented in the state since 1997-98. The scheme is being implemented with the assistance of elected representatives of the self-governing bodies, locals and fishermen.

Power consumption for Illuminations and adv. boards

16 [* 286] Sri. Rajaji Mathew Thomas: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the Electricity Board has imposed any restrictions on the use of electricity for lighting and billboards;

(B) Are proposals under consideration for the installation of special meters for lighting and billboards and for the imposition of special tariffs?

Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy (Sri. A K Balan):

(A) No restrictions have been imposed on the use of electricity for lighting and billboards.

(B) Electricity connection is provided by installing special meters for lighting. Advertising agencies are required to install kiosk electricity meters near the display board at their own expense.

According to the notification dated 24-10-2002 approved by the State Electricity Regulatory Commission, there is an LT III tariff for lamps and an LT VII A tariff for billboards.

Activities of the Housing Board

17 [* 287] Sri. C. P. Muhammad:

Sri. T. N. Prathapan:

Sri. M. Murali: Will

the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) what consultancy activities the Housing Board is currently undertaking;

(B) explain to whom the Board provides consultancy services and its rules

(C) Will the Board consider nomination as the Official Technical Consultancy of Local Self Government Institutions in the State which does not have its own Technical Division?

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Minister for Forests and Housing (Sri. BinoyVishwam);

(A) The list of consultancy and jobs currently being undertaken by the Housing Board is appended. This includes consultancy jobs such as architectural drawings, structural drawings, estimate preparation, tendering construction supervision, measurement taking, check measuring, as well as deposit work and tender work.

(B) The Board's consultancy services are provided to all sections, ie other public sector entities, quasi-government agencies, private agencies, local bodies and other institutions in need of technical services at the rates approved by the Board. Details of maximum rates approved by the Board are included in Appendix II.¹

(C) The proposal to set up a separate technical division for Local Self Government Institutions may be considered.

Action to make kerosene available to fishing boats

18 (* 288] Sri. K KDivakaran:

Sri. V. J. Thankappan:

Sri. C. K. Sathasivan:

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Sri. A. Pradeep Kumar:

Sri. P. T. A. Raheem: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether it has been noticed that the reduction of the State Kerosene quota by the Central Government has adversely affected the fisheries sector;

(B) how many liters of kerosene is required per year for the fisheries sector; How many liters of this are allowed;

(C) Will immediate action be taken to provide the required kerosene to the fishing boats?

Minister for Fisheries and Registration (Sri. S. Sharma):

(A) has been noted.

(B) 18070 outboard engines are used for fishing. They need about 159016 kiloliters of kerosene per year. Of this, only about 30580.80 kiloliters is distributed to the fishermen through the Public Distribution Network.

(C) Diesel subsidy is provided to fishing boats.

Action to make double houses single houses in Laksham housing colonies

19 [* 289] Sri. Kovoorkunjumon:

Sri. A. A. Aziz: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) To what stage is the plan to convert double houses into single houses in the Laksham housing scheme;

(B) Will it be revealed that it has been implemented from and by which agency?

Minister for Forests and Housing (Sri. BinoyVishwam):

(A) The Government has sanctioned `5 crore as per Government Order dated 26-11-04 for renovation of Laksham houses. This amount can be used to finance 2500 houses at the rate of Rs. 20,000 per house. Out of this 1328 houses have been completed till 31-8-07. Construction of the rest is in progress.

(B) Laksham Housing Renovation Scheme is implementing according to Government Order (M S) No. 57/04/Housing dated 26-11-04 through the Housing Board.

Post Metric Hostels

20 (*290] Sri. C. F. Thomas:

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan:

Prof. N. Jayaraj; Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) How many Post Metric Hostels are there in the State for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

(B) Will the criteria for admission to these hostels be clarified;

(C) whether such hostels are functioning in all the districts;

(D) If not, will steps be taken to start such hostels in all districts?

Minister for Scheduled Tribes Welfare and Energy (Sri. AK Balan);

(A) There are 15 Post Metric Hostels functioning in the State under the Scheduled Caste Development Department. Of these, 10 are for boys and 5 are for girls. District wise list is appended as Appendix-1¹. There are 3 Post Medic Hostels in Thiruvananthapuram, Palakkad and Kozhikode under the Scheduled Tribes Development Department.

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(B) Admission to these hostels is open to students studying Post Medic courses in Government / Aided Institutions. Admission is given to those who do not have access to hostel facilities and to those who are homeless at the rate of daily commute. 68% of the seats in post-metric hostels under the Scheduled Caste Development Department are reserved for SCs, 17% for STs, 5% for OBCs and 10% for others. Of these, 5% are ITC and 5% are PETC students. A copy of the order is attached as Appendix-II*

(C) None. There are no post-metric hostels in Pathanamthitta, Idukki, Alappuzha, Thrissur, Malappuram and Wayanad districts.

(D) Steps are being taken to start new hostels as per the availability of funds and availability of students.

Fishermen's Housing Scheme

21 [* 291] Sri. Simon Brito Rodrigues:

Sri. B. Raghavan:

Sri. C. K. Sathasivan:

Sri. A. M. Arif:

Sri.mati. P. Aishapotty: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) How many houses have been constructed under the Tsunami Affected Fishermen's Housing Scheme;

(B) the number of houses constructed by this Government after coming to power;

(C) how many more houses are to be built; Whether vigorous action will be taken to complete the said housing project;

(D) What are the steps taken under the scheme of providing shelter to the fishermen in the areas which are frequently affected by the storm?

Minister for Fisheries and Registration (Sri. S. Sharma):

(A-C) Information is being collected.

(D) Under the Tsunami Rehabilitation Scheme 325.54 crore has been made available for this purpose. Out of these 280 crores is for relocation of people living in areas affected by the tsunami to safer areas.

Tens of thousands of families are being relocated in this way. It was implemented in 2007-08 and 2008-09. An amount of 45.54 crore has been sanctioned for construction of more houses in tsunami affected areas and for providing houses to the victims of the tsunami. Guidelines have also been issued for transparent selection of beneficiaries.

Pre-metric hostels

22 [* 292] Sri. N. Aniruddhan:

Sri. PallipramBalan:

Sri. K. Ajith:

Sri. N. Rajan: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) how many pre-metric hostels are available for SC students to stay and study; How many of them have their own buildings;

(B) whether action will be taken to construct buildings for hostels which do not have their own building;

(C) whether complaints have been received that many of the pre-metric hostels do not even have basic facilities; Do you intend to take any action to resolve it?

Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy (Sri. A K Balan):

(A) There are 91 pre-metric hostels under the Scheduled Caste Development Department for the accommodation of Scheduled Caste students. Of these, 46 are for boys and 45 for girls. About 60 of them have their own buildings. The list of hostels is appended to Appendix-I. In addition, SC students are being given

admission in the 10% seats reserved for non-Scheduled Tribes in 110 pre-metric hostels under the Scheduled Tribes Development Department.

(B) There are 31 hostels operating in rented premises in the State. The management of pre-metric hostels has now been handed over to the concerned local bodies. Out of these, those who have found their own land are given financial assistance by the department with the administrative approval from the department as per the availability of funds for the construction of the building through the District Scheduled Caste Development Officers. Steps are also being taken to find land for those for whom land is not available.

(C) Infrastructure has been improved in most of the hostels operating in their own buildings other than rented premises. Hostels operating in rented premises are experiencing a lack of infrastructure. There is also the situation where the building owners are not ready to carry out the repairs in time. Steps are being taken for hostels operating in rented premises to construct their own building as soon as possible with the help of local bodies. Since coming to power, the Government has given administrative sanction of Rs.1,38,12,057 for improving and maintaining the infrastructure of hostels and for providing utensils, furniture and other ancillary facilities to hostels. In addition, new projects worth Rs 96,70,833 are under consideration. The list is included as Appendix-II¹.

Rajiv Gandhi VidyutYojana

23 [* 293] Sri. K. Kunammed Master:

Sri. M.Chandran:

Sri. K. C. Kunhircaman:

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Smt. K. K. Latika:

Sri. ManjalamKuzhi Ali: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the working progress of the Rajiv Gandhi VidyutYojana can be explained; What amount has the Central Government sanctioned for the project for this year?

(B) in which districts the scheme is being implemented;

(C) When can be the project completed;

(D) How many people will be provided electricity connection on completion of the project?

Minister for Scheduled Tribes Welfare and Energy (Sri. AK Balan);

(A&B) Steps have been taken to implement Rajiv Gandhi GrameenVidyuthikaranYojana (RGGVY in all the districts of Kerala. The first phase of the project is being implemented in Kasaragod, Kannur, Wayanad, Kozhikode, Malappuram, Palakkad and Idukki districts of Kerala. The project has received approval from the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), the funding agency of the project. The remaining seven districts have received in-principal approval for the project.

ICSA (India) Ltd., Hyderabad has been entrusted with the responsibility of implementing the project in Idukki District. The first installment of `5.02 crore for the implementation of the scheme was received by the Board from the Central Government through REC on 21-3-2007. ICSA (India) Ltd. has already started the initial steps to start work on the project.

The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), a public sector undertaking, has been entrusted by the Central Government to start the project in Kasaragod, Kannur, Wayanad, Kozhikode, Malappuram and Palakkad districts. The work related to the project will start after obtaining the approval after preparing a detailed report (DPR) on the project approved by NTPC and submitting it to the REC. Further steps are being taken to implement the scheme in the remaining seven districts.

(C) The project is to be completed within two years from the date of receipt of the first installment from the REC. Based on this the project in Idukki district should be completed on 21-3-2009. The projects in the remaining districts will be completed within two years from the date of receipt of the first installment.

(D) It is expected to provide electricity connection to about four and a half Laksham households in Kerala on completion of this project.

Housing Scheme for Scheduled Castes

24 [* 294]. Sri. S. Rajendran:

Prof. C. RaVindranath:

Sri. M. Hamsa:

Smt J. Arundhathi:

Sri. Raju Abraham: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the housing scheme for the Scheduled Castes has been handed over to the government agencies instead of the beneficiaries;

(B) if so, the reasons therefor; How much money is allotted for a house?

(C) How many houses will be constructed for the Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes this year?

(D) Which department is responsible for the selection of beneficiaries?

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Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy (Sri. A K Balan):

(A) Yes.

(B) When the above project implemented directly by the Scheduled Caste Development Department in the previous years was evaluated, it was found that the implementation of the project was not systematic and

often the project did not achieve its target and it was decided to hand over the responsibility of construction to other agencies. Rs 70,000 has been allotted for a house.

(C) 7,500 houses will be constructed for the Scheduled Castes and 228 new houses for the Scheduled Tribes.

(D) The Gram Sabhas for the year 2007-08 select the Scheduled Caste Beneficiaries and the Tribal Beneficiaries through groups of settlers.

Group insurance scheme of Fishermen

25[*295] Sri. M K Purushothaman:

Sri. P Vishvan:

Sri. C M Dineesh Mani:

Sri. K V Abdul Qadar:

Sri. P PAbdullakutty: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration answer the following questions:

(A) whether the details of the group insurance scheme for workers engaged in fishing will be explained;

(B) How many persons insured under the scheme; Whether the Central Government provides assistance for insurance premiums; If so, please clarify;

(C) Will action be taken to cover losses incurred due to loss of boats, nets and other work equipment due to sea turbulence during fishing?

Minister for Fisheries and Registration (Sri. S. Sharma):

(A) Under the Group Insurance Scheme implemented by the Fishermen's Welfare Fund Board, financial assistance of 1 lakh is provided for death and missing person's dependents and Rs 50,000 for permanent and partial disability. This insurance scheme is implemented through the State Insurance Department. The term of insurance is 1 year. All workers and allied workers who are members of the Welfare Fund Board are insured under this scheme. No premium is charged from the fishermen for this. The scheme is being renewed every year and new members of the Fisheries Board are being added to the scheme.

(B) Under the Group Insurance Scheme implemented by the Fisheries Board, 232388 fishermen and 50775 allied workers are insured. The scheme for insuring fishermen is 50% Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The amount allocated in the government budget is paid to the Fisheries Board through the Department of Fisheries. The Central Government's share is provided to the State Government under the Reimbursement Scheme.

(C) A comprehensive insurance scheme called 'Fish Safety' is under active consideration to cover losses incurred due to loss of boats, nets and other equipment due to sea turbulence during fishing. Talks are underway with insurance companies in this regard.

D.A arrears

26 [* 296] Sri. K. Sudhakaran:

Sri. V. D. Satheesan:

Sri. ThiruvanchurRadhakrishnan: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether attention has been paid to the decision of the Central Government to increase the famine allowance for Central employees from 1st July 2007;

(B) What percentage of DA is currently paid to state employees; How many installments of DDA allotted to Central employees are due to State employees;

(C) Can it be clarified that the arrears can be paid as DA installment?

Minister of Finance (Dr. Thomas Isaac):

(A) has been noted. However, no office memorandum has been received from the Central Government in this regard.

(B) 4 installments DA from 1-1-05, 1-7-05, 1-1-06, 1-7-06 for state employees as per GO (P) No. 120/07/Fin Dated 20-3-07 (15% DA) is allowed. 3% DA from 1-1-5 with March 2007 salary and 4% DA from 1-7-05 with September 2007 salary and 3% DA from 1-1-06 and 5% DA from 1-7-06 has ordered to pay along with February 2008 salary. A total of 20% is accounted for by DA employees. However, the 6% DR allotted to

Central employees from 1-1-07 Granted to State Pensioners and State Employees who retired on or after 1-1-07 as per G O (P) No. 236/07/Fin Dated 12-6-07. This has not yet been allowed for employees in service.

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The 6% DR allotted to Central employees from 1-1-07 Granted to State Pensioners and State Employees who retired on or after 1-1-07 as per G O (P) No. 236/07/Fin Dated 12-6-07. This has not yet been allowed for employees in service. State employees will be allowed 6% DA from 1-1-07 and 6% DA from 1-7-07 as the financial position of the Government improves.

Community Reserves

27 [* 297) Sri. Mons Joseph:

Sri. V. Surendran Pillai: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) whether any study has recommended the establishment of community reserves in Kerala;
- (B) whether details of these studies will be provided;
- (C) what steps have been taken to establish community reserves on this basis;
- (D) Can you explain the benefits thereby;
- (E) Do you intend to implement this scheme in more areas?

Minister for Forests and Forestry (Sri. BinoyVishwam):

(A) was recommended.

(B) The report submitted on the basis of a consultancy study submitted to the French Institute of Research, Pondicherry as part of the Kerala Forestry Project implemented by the State Forest Department with the assistance of the World Bank, recommended the establishment of a few community reserves in Kerala.

(C) On this basis, the Government has received a proposal to declare an area of about 150 hectares, including the Kadalundi estuary and adjoining area, as a community reserve.

(D) Extra-forest cover habitats and biodiversity in Kerala are declining due to increasing population density and environmental degradation. The formation of a community reserve will help protect such ecologically and biologically important areas.

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The Community Reserve will be further maintained under the supervision of a committee consisting of five representatives from the Gram Panchayat and one representative from the Forest Department in the area declared as Community Reserve. Community reservations do not disrupt the ongoing activities of the people in the area. In addition, with the financial assistance of the Central Government, it is possible to carry out eco-friendly development activities and tourism and to design projects that are conducive to the betterment of the lives of the people.

(E) Local bodies in suitable places will be considered if they come forward.

Aqua Technology Park

28 [* 298) Sri. B. D. Devassi:

Sri. M. J. Jacob:

Sri. MuraliPerunelli:

Sri. Sajupaul:

Sri. K. K. Jayachandran: Will the Minister for Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) When will the commencement of construction of the proposed Aqua Technology Park for the purpose of export of ornamental fish will begin;

(B) whether it intends to form a company for its operation; If so, will the details be disclosed;

(C) whether satellite factories will be set up in connection with the park;

(D) how much the project is expected to cost;

(J) How many people will get employment due to this?

Minister of Fisheries and Registration (Sri. S. Sharma);

(A) The construction work of the Aqua Technology Park has been commissioned by KITCO.

(B) intends. Procedures have been initiated to form a company for the operation of Aqua Technology Park. The company includes the Department of Fisheries, affiliates, banks, KSIDC and self-employed persons. Thus, a company with private participation will be formed and will function.

(C) Will start.

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(D) An outlay of `14 crore is expected for the scheme.

(E) Once the Aqua Technology Park comes into existence, it will provide direct employment to 5,000 people and indirect employment to 10,000 people.

Manthop Project

29 [* 299] Sri. Babu M. Palissery:

Sri. V. Chentamarakshan:

Sri. P. Krishnaprasad:

Sri. V. Sasikumar:

Sri. George M. Thomas: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the details of the Manthop project started in connection with the 50th anniversary of the birth of Kerala will be disclosed;

(B) How many acres of land has already been cleared for the Manthop project;

(C) What is the assistance provided by the Forest Department for the Manthop project;

(D) whether the scheme has been implemented in all the districts;

(E) Has action been taken to get the co-operation of the Local Self Government Institutions for the scheme?

Minister for Forests and Housing (Sri. Binoy Vishwam);

(A) On the occasion of the 50th birth anniversary of Kerala, 50 or more seedlings of various varieties of native mango have been planted in one place in all the districts except Kozhikode. The mango seedlings required for this purpose were collected by seeds from various sources and produced by the Forest Department. Mango saplings were planted under the leadership of local people's representatives and socio-cultural leaders. The project could not be implemented in Kozhikode district due to unavailability of suitable land in time.

(B) Indigenous mango saplings have been planted on 21.664 acres in thirteen districts.

(C) Apart from the above, the Forest Department does not provide any other assistance for the Manthop project.

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(D) The above project has been implemented in all the 13 districts except Kozhikode district.

(E) The co-operation of the Local Self Government Institutions and the ownership of the land is being sought for the protection and maintenance of the Mango seedlings.

Silt in reservoirs

30 [* 300) Sri. U. C. Raman:

Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali:

Sri. M. Ummer: Will the Minister for Scheduled Castes Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether any action has been taken to remove the silt in the reservoirs of the State;

(B) in which reservoirs it is intended to do so;

(C) whether silt has been removed from these reservoirs before;

(D) If so, will it be disclosed;

(D) What is the time frame for removal of silt?

Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy (Sri. A K Balan):

(A&B) It is impractical and costly to collect silt from vast storage areas due to siltation and sludge discharge into water reservoirs. The efficiency of silt reservoirs can only be affected if the slit comes above water extraction system for power generation. Dams have a system for discharging silt. When the problem of slit is exacerbated by the siltation, steps are taken to drain it.

(C&D) Silt removal at Kallarkutty and Pambala dams is carried out during monsoon season if required.

(E) No specific time limit has been fixed for removal of silt.

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(2) Answers to unstarred questions

Amount allotted to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the last financial year

1 (1875) Sri. K. Muhammadunni Haji: Will the Minister for Scheduled Castes Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you clarify the amount of money allotted to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the Centrally and State funded schemes sanctioned during the last financial year and how much of these were spent?

(B) Whether the amount allotted in the last financial year could not be spent on this item; if so, will the details be clear;

(C) What steps have been taken to make efficient use of the money allotted for the welfare of this category?

Answer

(A) An amount of 200.89 crore was set apart for Central and State schemes and an amount of 172.73 crore was spent for the Scheduled Castes during the last financial year. An amount of 83.06 crore was set

apart for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes during the last financial year for Centrally Sponsored and Similar Schemes. Out of this 76.09 crore was spent.

(B) 85.98 per cent of the budget allocation for the Scheduled Caste Development Department and 91.62 per cent of the budget allocation for the Scheduled Tribes Development Department was spent. The amount allocated for construction activities and additional central assistance in the state plan was unspent. The amount allocated for central assistance schemes is not lapsed. The balance of the expenditure is allocated to the budget for subsequent years.

(C) The scheme is reviewed every month at the district level and every two months at the state level for efficient utilization of funds allocated for the welfare of the Scheduled Castes. In addition, a weekly review is conducted at the ministerial level. At the district level, administrative approval and monitoring of projects is done by the District Level Working Group chaired by the District Collector.

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Necessary instructions are being given by the government to make the functioning of these working groups more efficient. The Director and Secretary of the Department conducts review meetings and field level inspections at the district level to evaluate the progress of the schemes and to ensure that the real beneficiaries themselves are benefiting from the scheme.

Attappady Development

2 (1876). Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you elaborate on the outline of the AHADS project aimed at environment-development-rehabilitation;

(B) whether the scheme has been reduced to a tribal development scheme;

(C) the amount spent on construction, administration and purchase under the scheme;

(D) the amount spent on environmental development and soil conservation;

(E) whether the construction activities have had an environmental impact;

(F) whether the planting of trees imported from abroad in the name of afforestation has caused any environmental impact;

(G) whether the Medicinal Plants Cultivation Scheme has been implemented;

(H) What is the Government's observation on the implementation of the scheme?

Answer

(A) The project, which was started with the financial assistance of the Bank of Japan for International Co-operation with the objective of restoring the degraded environment of the 745 sq. km Attappady area, has an outlay of 219.31 crore. Construction of the project began on April 22, 2000. The scheme includes various programs for social development taking into account the social backwardness of Attappady especially the social situation of the tribal community. It also implements a comprehensive urban development program that includes afforestation, agricultural afforestation, soil and water conservation activities, education, health and housing, income generating activities, arts development, environment and literacy.

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(B) No.

(C)

(A) Construction Activities

Village Construction	10.12	crore
Beneficiary Group		
Office Construction	0.61	"
AHADS Office		
Construction	3.70	"
Bridge Construction	1.42	"
Total	15.85	Crore

(B) Administrative expenses

(1) `18.52 crore including taxes, levies and other indirect expenses.

(2) `1.89 crore including equipment, furniture and vehicles.

(D) An amount of `34 crore has been spent for environmental development and `16.42 crore for soil conservation.

(G) No.

(F) No.

(G) Medicinal plants have been cultivated on 22.27 hectares of private fallow land in various parts of Attappady.

(H) The Accountant General has completed the audit of Kerala for the financial year 2005-2006 and since the institution is operating under the AHADS Charitable Societies Act, the audit report has been submitted to the Board and approved. In addition, the auditing process has been completed with the Chartered Accountant appointed by AHADS prior to the 2006-2007 audit.

Disease and starvation deaths in tribal settlements

3 [1877] Sri. Thiruvanchur Radhakrishnan:

Sri. A. P. Anilkumar:

Sri. Varkala Kahar: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

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(A) what steps have been taken to provide treatment and rations to those living in tribal settlements;

(B) whether this facility is available in all tribal settlements; If not, whether it intends to take action;

(C) if so, whether these facilities will be included in tribal settlements;

(D) How many people in the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes Colonies and Tribal Settlements have died due to malnutrition and starvation since this Government came to power?

Answer

(A) All tribes in Kerala are receiving free treatment in government hospitals. The Project Officer / Tribal Development Officer has the power to sanction a maximum of Rs.500 / - and the Director / Tribal Development Department a maximum of Rs.9999 / - for medical assistance in case of emergency. Under the Special Relief Scheme of the Minister, up to a maximum of Rs. 25,000 is sanctioned by the Department for the treatment of diseases that require long-term treatment like cancer, cardiovascular diseases and chronic diseases. In addition to the above schemes, the Government has formulated and given administrative sanction for a comprehensive health care scheme with the additional assistance of 10 crores from the Central Government. In addition, each hospital has two mobile medical units, 17 Ayurvedic dispensaries, 2 ANM centers and 6 OP clinics at Nedumangad and Thodupuzha to provide free treatment to tribes in Nallur Nadu, Wayanad and Attappadi (Kottathara) in Palakkad district.

During the five months of June, July, August and September, all the Scheduled Tribes residing in the settlements are included in the Food Support Scheme and rice and pulses are provided free of cost in certain special circumstances.

(B) Enforced, not applicable.

(C) Not applicable.

(D) Since the coming to power of this Government, it has not been noticed that any member of the Scheduled Tribes has died due to malnutrition or starvation.

Housing Loans for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

4 [1878] Sri. P. C. Vishnunad: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) What are the steps taken for the welfare of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes since this Government came to power;

(B) what are the criteria and procedures for housing loan for Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes;

(C) How many persons in Chengannur constituency have been given housing loans and to whom?

Answer

(A) The schemes implemented for the educational, economic and social upliftment of the Scheduled Castes after the coming to power of this Government are given in Appendix I[¥], and the schemes implemented for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes are given in Appendix II[¥].

(B) The norms and procedures for interest free housing loan for Scheduled Castes are given in Appendix III[¥]. The housing loan scheme through the Scheduled Tribes Development Department is not being implemented.

(C) No housing loan has been given to anyone in Chengannur constituency since this Government came to power.

Housing for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

5 (1879] Sri. K. Babu:

Prof. K. V. Thomas: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the number of houses provided to the Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes by this Government after coming to power; Will the district wise figures be disclosed;

(B) How many houses are planned to be built for this category this year;

(C) what amount you intend to spend on it;

(D) the number of houses built so far this year; Where?

Answer

(A) Since the coming to power of this Government, 12,500 houses have been sanctioned for the Scheduled Castes in the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 and the construction of 4006 houses which were to be completed in the previous years has been completed. District wise figures are given in the appendix[¥].

[¥] Stored in Library

The details of the houses allotted to the Scheduled Tribes after this Government came to power are given below.

Out of the allocation of 2 crore in the budget for the year 2006-07, 262 houses have been allotted in different districts as follows:

Serial No.	District	No. of Houses Allotted
1	Thiruvanthapuram	5
2	Kottayam	5
3	Kannur	15
4	Idukki	30
5	Palakkad	25
6	Malappuram	10
7	Wayanad	127
8	Kollam/Alappuzha	5
9	Pathanamthitta	10
10	Ernakulam	5
11	Thrissur	5
12	Kozhikode	10
13	Kasargod	10
	Total	262 Houses

An amount of 10 crore received as additional central assistance has been allotted for 1111 houses for the Praktana tribes. District wise information is given below:

Serial No.	District	No. of Houses Allotted
1	Wayanad	520
2	Kozhikode	4
3	Palakkad	261
4	Malappuram	156
5	Thrissur	50
6	Kasargod	120
	Total	1111 Houses

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2) Out of the `2 crore allocated in the budget for the financial year 2007-08, an amount of ` 1,28,45,070 has been sanctioned for construction of 172 houses for various districts as follows:

Serial No.	District	No. of Houses Allotted
1	Thiruvananthapuram	4
2	Kottayam	5
3	Idukki	23
4	Palakkad	17
5	Wayand	75
6	Malappuram	7
7	Kannur	8
8	Kollam/Alappuzha	5
9	Pathanamthitta	7
10	Ernakulam	4
11	Kozhikode	6

12	Thrissur	4
13	Kasargod	7
	Total	172 Houses

The remaining 71,54,930 has been sanctioned for completion of houses (spill over housing) which were taken over by the department in previous years.

(B) It is proposed to construct 7,500 houses for Scheduled Castes and 228 houses for Scheduled Tribes this year.

(C) It is proposed to spend 52.50 crore for housing of Scheduled Castes and 2 crore 28 lakh for housing of Scheduled Tribes.

D). As on 31-8-2007, 120 houses have been constructed by the Scheduled Caste Development Department till this year. District wise figures can be found in the appendix. Information on houses constructed under the Tribal Housing Scheme for the year 2007-08 will be collected.

Amount allotted for treatment of Scheduled Tribes

6 [1880] Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Will the district wise figures show the number of patients belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the State and the amount of medical assistance provided from the Disaster Relief Fund for their treatment;

(B) The district wise number of such applications received by this Government after coming to power;

(C) Can you clarify how many of these applications are eligible for medical assistance;

(D) Will it be made clear that when can the said applicants can be given medical assistance?

Answer

(A) An amount of 2,22,01,441 has been sanctioned to 4403 Scheduled Castes in the State till 31-8-07 and an amount of 90,44,096 has been sanctioned to 19,355 Scheduled Tribes for medical treatment. District wise statistics of Scheduled Tribes are given in Appendix 1[¥]. District wise information of Scheduled Castes will be collected and provided.

(B) The department has received 3701 applications from Scheduled Castes. District wise figures are given in Appendix 2[¥]. Information on applicants belonging to Scheduled Tribes is being collected.

(C) Medical assistance is to be provided to 334 applicants belonging to Scheduled Castes. Information on Scheduled Tribes is being collected.

(D) All eligible applicants may be offered immediate medical assistance.

Medical assistance to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Ottapalam

7 [1881] Sri. M. Hamsa: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you please explain how many Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Ottapalam constituency were given medical aid after this government came to power?

(B) How many applications were received for medical assistance; How many were funded; Can you explain to whom and how much was paid?

Answers

(A) In Ottapalam constituency, financial assistance has been given to 13 persons belonging to Scheduled Castes. Applications from Scheduled tribes have not been received.

(B) Out of a total of 21 applicants from Scheduled Castes, 13 were given financial assistance. The amount has not been disbursed as the required certificates have not been produced for the remaining 8 persons. The details of the payers are appended †.

No applications were received from the Scheduled Tribes.

SC/ST Corpus Fund in Wayanad district

8 [1882] Sri. K. C. Kunhiraman: Will the Minister for Scheduled Castes Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following question:

Will the amount and schemes sanctioned in SC/ST Corpus Fund in Wayanad district be made available on taluk basis after this Government comes to power?

Answer

The details of the amount sanctioned from SC / ST Corpus Fund for various projects in Wayanad district by taluk are given below.

I. Scheduled Caste Development Department1. Housing

Kalpetta	Rs.51,30,000
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Bathery	Rs.24,88,000
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Mananthavady	Rs.24,42,250
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2. Landless Rehabilitation Project

Kalpetta	Rs.12,65,000
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Bathery	Rs.8,50,000
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Mananthavady Rs.6,00,000

II. Tribal Development Department

1. Mananthavady Taluk

Plan	Amount (Lakh)
Colony electrification	59.17
Rehabilitation and construction of colony roads	44.70
Drinking Water Project	9.00
Bridge	23.60
AgathiMandir Working fund	3.00
Total	<u>139.47</u>

2. Sulthambathery Taluk

Amount (Lakh)

Colony Electrification 69.15

3. Vythiri Taluk

Amount (Lakh)

Operation of Honorarium /

AgatiMandir for

Apprentice Clerks 9.57

Anti-social harassment in Pettumtadayil

9 [1883] Sri. U. C. Raman: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether attention has been paid to the destruction of the pump house and pump set equipment for the supply of fresh water in the Scheduled Caste Colony at Pettumtadayil in Chathamangalam Grama Panchayat in Kozhikode District;

(B) What steps have been taken by this Government to provide clean water, roads and electricity to the colony?

(C) What action has been taken on the petitions filed with the Scheduled Caste Development Department in this regard?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) The Chathamangalam Grama Panchayat has allocated funds for the supply of fresh water, road tarring and electricity supply to these colonies during the year 2007-08.

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(C) Discussions have been initiated with the Gram Panchayat to resolve the issue.

Assistance for SC students to join tutorial institutes

10 [1884] Sri. C. K. P. Padmanabhan:

Sri. T. P. Kunhunni:

Sri. K. C. Kunhiraman:

Sri. S. Rajendran:

Sri.mati J. Arundhati: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether there is a scheme in place to provide financial assistance to the ST students who fail the SSLC / Plus Two examination to join the tutorial institutes and appear for the examinations; If so, will the details of the project be disclosed;

(B) how many children have availed this facility every year for the last 3 years;

(C) Will arrangements be made to bring the Scheduled Tribe students who failed the first examination to the tutorial?

Answer

(A) Yes. Details are given in the appendix[¥].

(B) In the year 2004-2005 1184, in the year 2005-2006 793 and in the year 2006-2007 796 ST students have availed the scheme of financial assistance for joining in tutorials who failed in SSLC, Plus Two.

(C) Those who fail the first chance for SSLC and Plus Two courses will be given financial assistance to re-sit the tutorial and appear for the examination.

Scholarship to be paid to Sanoop M, a student of Pazhashiraja College, Wayanad District

11 [1885] Sri. A. P. Anil Kumar: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the scholarship amount due for tuition fees, special fees and examination fees for the year 2005-06 has not been paid to Sanoop M, a Scheduled Caste student studying MSc course in Micro Biology (M.Sc.) at Pazhashiraja College, Wayanad District;

(B) if so, the reasons therefor;

(C) whether the Wayanad District Scheduled Caste Development Office has informed that the Government has not ordered to pay the amount due on this item when the bill for the said student is sent;

(D): Why the Government has not issued an order for payment of fees on these items;

(E) whether such fees are paid to SC / ST students pursuing self-financed courses in aided colleges in other districts;

(F) m. Will action be taken to pay Sanoop special fee and examination fee?

Answer

(A&B) No. Permissible fees are paid at government rates. As MSC Micro Biology is a self-financed course, there is currently no law to allow higher fees.

(C) Yes.

(D) The matter is being examined.

(E) Fee concession at government rates is being provided other districts.

(F) An amount of Rs.5700 has been sanctioned for the first semester in the form of fees, stipend and lump sum grant.

Model Residential School in Koyilandy Constituency

12 [1886] Sri. P. Vishwan: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether any steps have been taken to set up a Model Residential School under the Scheduled Caste Welfare Department in Koyilandy constituency; can you explain;

(B). If not, will action be taken?

Answer

(A&B) The Malabar Organics Limited Company of Koyilandy constituency, which has been recommended for setting up a Kozhikode Model Residential School in a rented building at Vadakara under the Scheduled Caste Development Department, has a liability of about Rs. 250 lakhs for various buildings and 8.14 acres of land. There is no provision under the Land Acquisition Act for the acquisition of liable land and building. Therefore, it is being examined whether the land and the building can be acquired without any liability.

Pandalam Cherikkal ITI

13 (1887), Sri. K. K. Shaju: Will the Minister for Scheduled Castes Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you clarify what steps need to be taken for the modernization of the ITI functioning under the Scheduled Caste Development Department in Cherikkal, Pandalam;

(B) what new courses will be started here;

(C) Will it be clarified that Pandalam Addition ITI will implement development programs including hostel facilities?

Answer

(A) Steps are being taken to make Pandalam ITI a Model Residential ITC.

(B) Steps are being taken to start a new computer course (Computer Operator and Programming Assistant).

(C) Steps are being taken to commence construction work including hostel facilities in the current financial year.

Renovation of Vadakkancherry ITC

14 (1888) Sri. A C Moideen: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether any plans are to be implemented this financial year for the modernization and development of the ITC of the Scheduled Castes Department in Vadakkancherry constituency; If so, please provide details;

(B) Will steps be taken to start vocational training courses here?

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Answer

(A) There are two ITCs functioning under the department in Vadakkancherry constituency, namely Enkakkad and Erumappetti. Steps are being taken to make Enkakkad ITC a Model Residential ITC.

(B) At present there is a surveyor trade in Engakadu ITC and a draftsman, civil and plumber trade in Erumappetti ITC. The launch of new courses is under consideration.

Tribal Traditional Forest Act

15 (1889) Sri. M. V. Shreyams Kumar: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether it has been observed that the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights-2006) Act passed by the Parliament are against the interests of the State; If so, can you clarify your position on this?

(B) whether the provisions of the Act are detrimental to the Scheduled Tribes Co-operative Societies in the State;

C) if so, the details thereof;

(D) Will the Center be asked to rectify the deficiencies in the law?

Answer

(A) Is not considered contrary to the interests of the State.

(B) Such concerns do not appear to be grounds under the said Act.

(C) Not relevant.

(D) No irregularities were found in the law. The Center has been recommended to include in the rules the provisions conducive to tribal rehabilitation.

Activity of the Tribal Mission

16 [1890] Sri. M. V. Shreyams Kumar: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) The details of the amount allocated and expended during the last financial year for the project activities of the State Tribal Mission;

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(B) The district wise details of the existing schemes and activities under the State Tribal Mission;

(C) The details of the expenditure incurred for the residents of Sugandhagiri during the last financial year under the Tribal Mission;

(D) the details of the programs implemented for the welfare of the Adivasis in Sugandhagiri after the coming to power of this Government;

(E) Can you elaborate on the programs under consideration for the infrastructure development of Sugandhagiri in the current year?

Answer

(A-E) An amount of `10 crore was set apart for the last financial year. Other information will be collected and provided.

Government job for at least one household in Scheduled Tribes

17 (1891) Sri. A. P. Anilkumar:

Sri. K. Sudhakaran:

Sri. V. D. Satheesan: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the number of persons under the age of 20 who have passed the SSLC among the Scheduled Tribes;

(B) the number of persons with educational qualifications above that; Whether there are unemployed Scheduled Tribes who have passed SSLC or above educational qualification; If so, how many? Will the government make any plans to provide employment to them;

(C) Will the Government prepare an action plan to ensure employment for at least one household in the Scheduled Tribes?

Answer

(A&B) Information will be collected and provided.

(C) There are no special schemes in this regard.

Health scheme for tribes

18 (1892) Sri. M. V. Shreyams Kumar: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

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(A) whether details of the new health care scheme being implemented by the Government with central assistance for tribes will be clarified;

(B) in what respects the scheme is different from the Central Plan;

(C) the progress of the project and the details of the amount allotted to the districts;

(D) whether a copy of the project document will be made available;

(E) which hospitals in Wayanad district are included in the scheme;

(F) the position regarding the inclusion of Kalpetta General Hospital in Wayanad district in the project;

(G) Will clear guidelines be issued regarding the duties and powers of the hospital authorities as part of the implementation of the scheme?

Answers

Under the Comprehensive Health Care Scheme for Adivasis formulated with an additional Central assistance of 10 crore, 14 District Hospitals, selected Government Health Centers in Wayanad, Kannur, Palakkad and Idukki Districts, 5 Government Medical College Hospitals and Co-operative Medical College Hospitals in Ernakulam and Kannur Districts, Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute for Medical Science & Research, Regional Cancer Center and Malabar Cancer Center, Scheduled Tribes will get free treatment for over the next five years. Treatment above Rs 10,000 will be for BPL category only. Government Superintendents of 14 District Hospitals, Selected Health Centers in Wayanad, Kannur, Palakkad and Idukki Districts, Superintendents of 5 Government Medical Colleges and two Co-operative Medical Colleges, Directors of Sri. ChithaThirunal Institute for Medical Science Research, Regional Cancer Center and Malabar Cancer Center, the amount will be sanctioned and can be utilized as per the guidelines of Order (Manuscript) No. 45/2007 / SCSTDD from 13-8-2007.

(B) An additional Central assistance of `10 crore was sanctioned during the financial year 2003-04 for the implementation of an insurance scheme for the Scheduled Tribes in the State. The central plan was to provide free treatment. However, the Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme was formulated on the basis of previous experience that the Scheduled Tribes in the State would not benefit significantly from the implementation of the above Scheme in collaboration with any insurance company as the State Government had studied the Central Proposal in dept. There is no involvement of insurance companies in this scheme. Health cards will be issued under the scheme in lieu of insurance policy.

(C) The Government has given administrative sanction to the scheme as per Government Order (Manuscript) No. 45/2007 / SCSTDD dated 13-8-2007 and the amount has been allotted to each district (for the year 2007-2008) as follows:

I. Thiruvananthapuram

(1) General Hospital Thiruvananthapuram	Rs.2 Lakh
(2) Medical College Hospital	Rs.10 “
(3) Regional Cancer Center	Rs.20 “
(4) SreeChitraThirunal Institute for Medical Science & Research	Rs.10 “
Total	<u>Rs.42 Lakh</u>

II. Kollam

(1) District Hospital	Rs.2 Lakh
Total	<u>Rs.2 Lakh</u>

III. Pathanamthitta

(1) District Hospital	Rs.2 Lakh
Total	<u>Rs.2 Lakh</u>

IV. Kottayam

(1) District Hospital	Rs.2 Lakh
(2) Medical College Hospital, Kottayam	Rs.10 “
Total	<u>Rs.12 Lakh</u>

V. Idukki

(1) District Hospital	Rs.20 Lakh
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	Total	<u>Rs.20 Lakh</u>
VI. Alappuzha		
(1) District Hospital		Rs.1 Lakh
(2) Medical College Hospital, Alappuzha		Rs.5 Lakh
	Total	<u>Rs.6 Lakh</u>
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VII. Ernakulam		
(1) District Hospital		Rs.2 Lakh
(2) Co-operative Medical College Hospital		Rs.5 Lakh
	Total	<u>Rs.7 Lakh</u>
VIII. Thrissur		
(1) District Hospital		Rs.5 Lakh
(2) Medical College Hospital, Thrissur		Rs.20 Lakh
	Total	<u>Rs.25 Lakh</u>
IX. Malappuram		
(1) District Hospital		Rs.5 Lakh
	Total	<u>Rs.5 Lakh</u>
X. Palakkad		
(1) District Hospital		Rs.10 Lakh
	Total	<u>Rs.10 Lakh</u>
XI. Kozhikode		

(1) District Hospital	Rs.5 Lakh
(2) Medical College Hospital	Rs.40 “
Total	<u>Rs.45 Lakh</u>

XII. Wayanad

(1) District Hospital, Mananthavady	Rs.30 Lakh
Total	<u>Rs.30 Lakh</u>

XIII. Kannur

(1) District Hospital	Rs.10 Lakh
(2) Co-operative Medical College Hospital, Pariyaram	Rs.5 “
(3) Malabar Cancer Center	Rs.5 “
Total	<u>Rs.20 Lakh</u>

XIV. Kasargod

(1) District Hospital	Rs.10 Lakh
Total	<u>Rs.10 Lakh</u>

The scheme will be implemented on receipt of payment through Additional Authorization

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(D) is attached[¥].

(E&F) The scheme will cover all the hospitals in the district including the primary health centers.

(G) Government Order (Manuscript) No. 45/2007/SCSTDD dated 13-8-2007 clearly defines the powers and duties of the hospital authorities.

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Tribal Colonies in Thrissur District

19 (1893) Sri. Babu M. Palissery: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) How many tribal colonies are there in Thrissur district;

(B) the number of ST families living in these colonies;

(C) whether it has been noticed that only one post of Tribal Extension Officer has been sanctioned in the district to look after the welfare of so many Scheduled Tribe families;

(D) Will steps be taken to set up a Tribal Extension Office at Vazhachalbn in the district to provide timely benefits to the tribal families living in the hinterland?

Answer

(A) 93.

(B): 1517.

(C) Yes.

(D) Action is being taken.

Mobile Medical Unit under Tribal Department at Malakappara

20 (1894) Sri. B. D. Devassi: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether it has been noticed that the medical facilities in the colonies of Malakappara area of Athirappillypanchayath are inadequate;

(B) At what stage is the process of setting up a mobile medical unit under the Scheduled Tribes Department to provide medical facilities in the colonies of AthirappillyPanchayath?

(A) has been noted.

(B) The Government does not intend to start a mobile medical unit under the Scheduled Tribes Department to provide medical facilities in the colonies of Athirappilly Panchayath. But in Idukki district as per Government Order (Ordinary) No. 1028/07/Paja.Pava.Viva dated 6-9-200 it has been issued to shift the above OP Clinic from Adimali to Malakappara in Athirappilly Panchayath as the Elamplassery OP Clinic in Adimali is now in a state of disrepair and there is a need to improve the medical facilities in the colonies in the Malakappara area.

Ration for tribes in Sabarimala forest

21 [1995] Sri. Raju Abraham: Will the Minister for Scheduled Castes Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following question:

Will steps be taken to deliver rations to the adivasis living in the Sabarimala forest without any contact with the outside world?

Answer

The foodgrains allotted under the Food Support Scheme to the Scheduled Tribes in the State are being delivered directly to the Scheduled Tribes through Tribal Promoters under the supervision of the officials of the Scheduled Tribes Development Department during the monsoon season and when there is no work due to rains. It is not practical to deliver the ration items received through the ration shops to the homes as the ration card holder has to pay the ration items and collect them from the ration shop.

Cheengeri Tribal Extension Scheme

22 (1896) Sri. P. Krishnaprasad: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) What are the schemes implemented by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department so far in connection with the colony and agricultural farm under the Ambalavayal Cheengeri Tribal Extension Scheme in Sultan Bathery Taluk;

(B) What are the recommendations made by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Welfare Committee of the Kerala Legislative Assembly for granting title deeds and maintaining farms to the adivasis who are the beneficiaries of this scheme;

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(C) whether GO (MS) 50/05-SC / STDD No. dated 20-12-2005 has issued an order for distribution of entire land contrary to these recommendations;

(D) whether petitions have been received seeking the revocation of this order and the protection of 182 acres of farmland under the Extension Scheme as plantations and the issuance of title deeds to the families in the colony who have not been granted title to the land held;

(E) if so, the length of the procedures for approving these requirements;

(F) Will the above order be revoked and a time limit be declared for the maintenance of the farm and the issuance of title deeds to the tribal families in possession?

Answer

(A) The Cheengeri Extension Scheme was started in 1958. The scheme was envisaged to resettle 100 ST families, provide them with houses and other facilities and to cultivate the land and generate income. The project was implemented on a total of 526.35 acres of land.

Launched in 1958, the scheme has implemented a number of projects to date. Their approximate information is given below:

- 1, Housing-371 houses have been constructed.
2. Steps have been taken to provide drinking water to the colony.
3. Electricity has been supplied to the colony.
4. Coffee is grown on 100 acres of land.

5. Vanilla was cultivated on 32 acres under the leadership of the Department of Agriculture but later vanilla cultivation was destroyed and other crops are being cultivated on this land.

6. The model farm is working on 50 acres under the leadership of the Department of Agriculture. There is an extensive nursery working here under the Department of Agriculture. In addition, the following institutions are functioning under the Cheengeri Extension Scheme:

1. GLP School, Cheengeri
2. Premetric Hostel Girls, Mattappara
3. Premetric Hostel Boys, Vaduvanchal
4. Premetric Hostel Girls, Ambalavayal
5. Tribal Extension Office, Cheengeri
6. Govt. Ayurveda Dispensary, Cheengeri

(B) As per the recommendations of the Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes Welfare Committee of the Kerala Legislative Assembly, 270.95 acres of land included in the Chingeri Extension Scheme has been ordered to be distributed to the Scheduled Tribes as per 30-1-95 SO (Ordinary) No. 8/95/Paja.Pava.Viva and handed over to the Revenue Department for distribution. So far, 227 people have been issued licenses.

(C) In connection with the distribution of land in the Cheengeri Tribal Colony, a decision was taken after examining the demand of the Hon. High Court to transfer the land in OP No. 4999/05 filed in the Hon. Kerala High Court by 4 persons from Sri. Mathan. Based on this, 100 acres of coffee plantation, 50 acres of model farm and 32 acres of vanilla plantation owned by the Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department and supervised by the Department of Agriculture should be handed over to TRDM for the distribution to deserving families in Cheengeri Colony as per the order GO (Ms.) 50/2005/ SCSTDD dated 20-12-05.

(D) On behalf of the Chingeri Colony Protection Committee, a petition was received on 24-1-2005 seeking cancellation of the above Government order and issuance of title deeds to all the occupants.

(E) The District Collector has asked the Agriculture Department to prepare a detailed report in this regard.

(F) The decision will be taken after considering whether the said order should be revoked or not.

Process of allotment of land to Adivasis in Alakadu Estate

23[1897] Sri. M Prakashan Master: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) How many adivasis do you intend to allot land in Aralam and Alakkad estates in Kannur district?

(B) Can you clarify when the land distribution process in Aralam-Alakkad estate is intended to be implemented?

Answer

(A)The Aralam firm has already been allotted land to 840 people. Of these, 751 were issued with possession documents. The process of issuance of title deeds to 1717 persons has been completed. Beneficiaries were selected to give land to 340 persons in Alakkad Estate and 57 persons were given title deeds but the distribution of land could not be completed due to complaints received that some of the beneficiaries in final list own land.

The recommendations of the group meetings will be examined and follow-up action will be taken to re-examine the eligibility of the above 340 persons.

(B) Land distribution procedures are ongoing. Land will be distributed to 1717 tribal families in Aralam Farm in September itself.

Increasing educational benefits for SC / ST students

24 (1898) Sri. K. C. Rajagopalan:

Sri. K. Kunhiraman:

Sri. K. K. Divakaran:

Sri. K. T. Jaleel:

Sri. K. Kunhammed Master: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) What are the new courses for which action has been taken to provide educational benefits to SC / ST students;

(B) whether steps have been taken to increase the mess charge for Scheduled Caste students in various hostels;

(C) Will action be taken to disburse educational benefits without arrears?

Answer

(A) The answer is appended[¥].

(B) The monthly mess charge of the inmates of Pre-Medic Hostel and Post-Medic Hostel under section has been increased to Rs.700 and Rs.900 respectively. The mess charge for students studying in pre-metric hostels for +2 has been increased from Rs 700 to Rs 900.

(C) has been accepted.

Marathi community in Kasaragod district

25 (1899) Sri. K. Kunhiraman: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

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(A) The action taken on the petitions filed over the years to keep the Marathi community in Kasaragod district in the Scheduled Castes and to include the Muwari-Mukhari community in this district in the OBC;

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(B) Can you clarify when favorable decisions will be taken in this regard?

Answer

(A) The Marathi community in Kasaragod district has been removed from the list of Scheduled Tribes under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Act, 2002 issued on 8-1-2003. However, the state government has again recommended the inclusion of those communities in the tribal list, but the central government has demanded a clearer justification and has asked the director of Kirthads for a detailed anthropological and tribal report. After receiving it, it will be examined and the recommendation will be submitted to the Central Government again.

Based on the study conducted by Kirthads in 2005, a report has been submitted to the Kerala Backward Classes Commission for inclusion of Marathi in other backward classes. This is under the consideration of the Commission.

The Government examined the 1993 petition for inclusion of the Muwari-Mukhari community in Kasargod district in the OBC and decided that the above community should not be included in the OBC as per GO (MS) 16/03/Paja.Pava.Viva dated 13-2-2003.

(B) The report of Kirthads on the inclusion of the Marathi community in the OBC is being considered by the Kerala Backward Classes Commission for decision making.

The Backward Classes Commission is also considering a petition to include the Muwari-Mukhari community in the OBC.

Headquarters of Backward Development Corporation, Thrissur

26 [1900] Sri. MuraliPerunelly: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the space constraints of the present headquarters of the Backward Development Corporation at Thrissur have been taken into consideration;

(B) whether there is a proposal to relocate the headquarters of the Corporation from its present location;

(C) whether action will be taken to shift the office to Ayyanthol or Chembukavu in view of the difficulty of the beneficiaries in getting here due to inadequate travel facilities;

(D) What are the posts of staff currently allotted in this office;

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(E) Will necessary steps be taken to recruit the required staff due to shortage of staff?

Answer

(A) The limited space of the Corporation's District Office at Thrissur has been noted.

(B) Yes.

(C) The office shall be relocated to a more convenient location.

(D) District Manager	::	1
Assistant Manager	::	1
Senior Assistant	::	1
Accountant/Store keeper	::	1
Project Assistant	:	2
Junior Assistant	:	2
Junior Project Assistant	:	2
Steno Typist	:	1

Peon	:	1
Watchman	:	1
Driver	::	1
Part-time Sweeper	:	1

(E) Steps to recruit necessary staffs will be taken.

Arrears of KSEB

27 [1901] Sri. K. K. Shaju:

Sri. Thomas Chandy: Will the Minister for Scheduled Castes Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the position of KSEB that the increase in charges can be avoided only on the basis of collection of arrears for separation;

(B) Will you clarify the steps to make the power sector profitable?

Answer

(A) As on 30-6-2007, an amount of 1842.78 crore is due from various categories of consumers. Out of this 1117.66 crore is from the State Government Institutions such as Medical Colleges and Police Stations and from the Public Sector Undertakings of the State Government such as the Kerala Water Authority. Due to social reasons, the power of these institutions could not be disconnected and their arrears could not be recovered.

In addition, more than 658 crores are due from the private sector. In many of these cases, tariff cases and related stay orders are pending in various courts, making it impossible to disconnect the power supply or recover arrears. For these reasons, it is not practical to avoid a tariff increase due to arrears.

(B) The Board is taking the following steps to make the power sector profitable:

1. Reduction of transmission and distribution losses. Transmission and distribution losses were reduced from 32.15% in 2001-02 to 23.43% in 2006-07. Thus, the target is to reduce transmission and distribution losses by two per cent per annum to 16 per cent by 2011-12.

2. The operation of APTS (Anti Power Theft Squad) is being made more efficient thereby preventing power theft as much as possible.

3. Power generation and procurement is being made more efficient through merit order dispatch and maximum utilization of unscheduled interchange.

4. Steps are being taken to maximize production from hydropower.

5. Minimizes the purchase of electricity from plants that use expensive fuels such as naphtha and LSHS.

6. In collaboration with the States of Orissa and Gujarat, initial steps are being taken to generate electricity from coal, a relatively inexpensive fuel.

7. Steps are being taken to generate maximum power through non-conventional energy sources.

8. Steps are being taken to computerize the Power Section Offices and thereby make the Energy Audit & Account more efficient.

9. The Board has made significant gains by converting high interest rate loans to low interest rates.

10. Immediate steps are being taken to intensify the collection of electricity charges and increase the collection efficiency.

Increase in electricity charges of domestic consumers

28 (1902) Sri. M. Prakashan Master:

Sri. C. K. P. Padmanabhan:

Sri. M. M. Monai:

Sri. George M. Thomas:

Sri. Alphonse Kannanthanam: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the Electricity Regulatory Authority has issued any directive regarding the increase in electricity charges of domestic consumers;

(B) Will the Government disclose its position on this proposal?

Answer

(A) The State Electricity Regulatory Commission has not given any direction to the Electricity Board to increase the electricity charges of domestic consumers.

(B) Not applicable.

Power cut

29 [1903] Sri. Abdurahiman Randathani: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether there is any intentions to implement power cut in state; If so, will it be revealed?

(B) if the power cut is intended to be implemented despite all the reservoirs being filled and receiving better rainfall, why?

(C) whether the issue of allotment of electricity sub-divisions in the State is under consideration at present; If so, where?

Answer

- (A) Power cut is not intended to be implemented in the State.
- (B) Not applicable.
- (C) Suggestions regarding subdivisions are not currently under consideration.

Electricity from wind

30 (1904) Sri. Simon Brito Rodrigues: Will the Minister of Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) whether wind power is being generated in Kerala; If so, where are they?
- (B) how much power has been generated from these;
- (C) how many projects are under construction; Can you clarify what they District wise?

Answer

- (A) Yes. There is a 2 MW wind power plant at Kanchikode in Palakkad district.
- (B) From May 1995, when production started to July 2007, 27.07 MU was produced.
- (C) Studying the availability of wind in Kerala, ANERT has identified 17 sites in Idukki, Palakkad and Thiruvananthapuram districts as suitable for wind power generation. About 600 MW of power generation from these sites is practically possible. Attempts have been made to set up a wind farm for wind power generation of 5 MW in association with KSEB at Ramakkalmedu (Idukki District), which has the highest potential for power generation. In addition to this, ANERT has given technical approval for setting up of wind farms in the private sector at 9.15 MW for 15 MW project at Ramakkalmedu in Idukki and 7.2 MW for 20 MW at Agali in Palakkad.

New power projects

31 [1905] Sri. V. Sivankutty: Will the Minister for Scheduled Castes Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) how much megawatts of new power generation projects have been implemented since this Government came to power;

(B) What schemes are proposed to be implemented to address the power shortage?

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Answer

(A) Since the coming to power of this Government, projects with a capacity of 8MW have been implemented.

1. Restoration of Sabarigiri

Unit 4-5Mw

2. Renovation of Neryamangalam

Unit 3-3Mw

(B) During the 11th Plan period, 30 projects with a capacity of 610.15 MW/ 1653.86 MU (details are appended[¥]) are targeted to be implemented in view of the increasing power demand. In addition to conventional energy sources, it intends to generate electricity from all non-conventional energy sources such as small hydropower projects, wind power, solar energy and bioenergy. Apart from this, the details of setting up a thermal power plant with a capacity of about 1000 MW are being examined as the Center has allotted coal to the State of Kerala to generate electricity from the Baitarani coal block in Orissa.

Small scale power generation projects in Kerala

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32 (1906] Sri. Simon Brito Rodriguez: Will the Minister of Scheduled Castes Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) How many small-scale power generation projects are in Kerala;

(B) Can you give an account of the electricity generated by these in the years 2005, 2006 and 2007?

Answer

(A&B) Details are appended[¥].

Mini Hydel spots in Thiruvambadi

33 (1907] Sri. George M. Thomas: Will the Minister of Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A): How many small hydro projects are proposed to be constructed in Thiruvambadi constituency using Chinese technology;

(B) At what stage is each project and how many megawatts are targeted to be generated?

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Answer

(A&B)

Project	Production Status	Current Status
1. Anakkampoyil	7.5 MW	Detailed project report Is being prepared
2. kandappanchal	4.5 MW	Detailed project report Is being prepared

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3. Pathamkayam	4 MW	Detailed project report Is being prepared
4. Poovaramthode	2 MW	Detailed project report Is being prepared
5. Olikkal	5.5 MW	Detailed project report Is being prepared

Applications for electricity connection

34 (1908) Sri. V. SurendranPilla: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) what system is in place to get electricity connection in the state; Can you explain;
- (B) the period for which the connection has been made on the applications received;
- (C) the number of applications currently pending; Can you provide district wise details;
- (D) Can the details of applications for solution be given on district basis?

Answer

(A) The person requesting the electrical connection should purchase the application form from the office or from friends and complete it in full and complete it with the signature of the Licensed Wireman, Supervisor or Contactor and Must submit to the concerned section office along with the certificate. The customer should be notified by post to prepare an estimate and pay the cash deposit within seven days of receipt of the application. Priority for this is based on the date of application fee. (Those who have received the application form from the website should pay the price of the form along with the application).

The customer will be notified by document if there is any interruption in providing the connection. The consumer number will be available when the cash deposit and service connection charge are paid. The customer can also pay the OYEC charge along with it. The Service Connection Agreement can be placed in the presence of a board staff at home if the customer so desires. The connection will be provided in registered order of preference.

(B) Almost all connections from 1-1-07 that the post is not required have been completed. 60327 posts registered since July 2001 as on 31-7-2007 are required to provide the required connections.

(C&D) Answer is appended[¥].

Electrical connections

35 (1909) Sri. K. Muhammadunni Haji: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the district wise data of each section on how many electricity connections have been applied for and how many connections have been provided in each district since this Government came into power;

(B) For domestic connections (OYEC Non-OYECM), till which year the applicant is advised to provide the connection;

(C) Will action be taken to give priority to home electrification projects funded by Panchayats?

Answer

(A) Details are appended[¥].

(B) Electricity connection is provided immediately in order of priority in the OYEC category for domestic connections. Steps are being taken to provide connections to

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applicants in the non-OYEC category till 1-1-2007 who need posts and till 1-9-2007 those who do not want posts.

(C) is preferred.

Procedure for providing power connection

36 (1910) Sri. A. A. Aziz:

Sri. Kovoorkunjumon: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

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(A) Electricity connection is provided in the state for the applications received till which date?

(B) whether the district wise number of applications received for this purpose be disclosed;

(C) Whether special consideration has been given to provide electrical connection to BPL;

(D) Can you disclose the time limit within which a decision can be taken on pending applications?

Answer

(A&B) Connections are provided as per the target set by the Board from time to time. According to the current target, the target for power connection is 1-1-2007. The Board has decided to revise the target for domestic connections which do not require post to 1-9-2007.

In addition, special priority will be given to customers for connection who do not want post and who are below the poverty line, SC/ST customers and persons with

disabilities. As on 31-8-07, 164873 applicants to be given connection. District wise figures are given below:

District Name		No. of Applicants
Thiruvananthapuram	::	17310
Kollam	::	16302
Pathanamthitta	::	4685
Kottayam	::	4751
Alappuzha	::	6744
Ernakulam	::	8220
Idukki	::	4577
Thrissur	::	6062
Palakkad	::	18542
Kozhikode	::	23544
Wayanad	::	5276
Malappuram	::	28537
Kannur	::	13881
Kasargod	::	6442

(C)Yes.

(D)It is expected to provide electricity connection before March 2008.

37 (1911) Sri. Ramachandran Kadannapally: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the number of household electricity connections received in the State since this Government came to power;

(B) How many applicants have been provided electricity connection?

Answer

(A) 4,64,751 applications.

(B) Electricity connection has been provided to 4,65,450 applicants.

Number of household electricity consumers

38 (1912) Sri. Mankode Radhakrishnan:

Sri. Babupaul:

Sri. K. Raju:

Sri. Rajaji Mathew Thomas: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you disclose the number of household electricity consumers in the State at present;

(B) The amount of electricity required per day for domestic consumers only;

(C) What steps are being taken to address the problems faced by domestic consumers in a timely manner?

Answer

(A) The number of domestic consumers as on 31-8-2007 was 67,44,671.

(B) As on 2006-2007, 14.3 million units of electricity are required per day.

(C) Trouble Call Management System is working around the clock in major cities like Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Kottayam, Ernakulam and Kozhikode to resolve customer

issues in a timely manner. In addition, the Consumer Dispute Resolution Committee is functioning at three centers at Kottarakkara, Ernakulam and Kozhikode.

OYEC Installation Scheme

39 [1913] Smt. K. K. Lathika: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the OYEC installation scheme which was in force till 31st March 2006 has been restarted;

(B) if not, whether steps will be taken to reinstate the scheme;

(C) What other schemes does KSEB intend to implement for the benefit of the customers?

Answer

(A) The OYEC installation scheme has not been terminated.

(B) Not intended.

(C) The Board is considering the implementation of a new system for receiving electricity charges through spot billers.

Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Electrification Schemes

40 (1914) Sri. Raju Abraham: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Which areas of Pathanamthitta district are included in the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Electrification Project;

(B) Can you clarify the present status of electrification projects at Kattachira, Naranamthodu and Varuchal; At what stage are the tender procedures for these projects; Who should call for tenders; Can you provide details;

(B) Can you explain why these projects are yet to be completed;

(D) When these projects are expected to be commissioned; What steps do you intend to take for this?

Answer

(A) The list of lands proposed for electrification in Pathanamthitta district under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Electrification Scheme is appended[¥].

(B-D) Current status of electrification works of Kattachira, Naranamthodu and VaruChal shores are given below:

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I. Kattachira

Project amount-41.55 Lakh

Electrification activities:

- (1) 11 KV line-6.5 KM
- (2) Underground Cable-0.78 KM
- (3) 25 KVA Transformer Installation-8 nos
- (4) Three Phase LT Line-4.6 KM
- (5) Single Phase LT Line-2.3 KM

Tender for commencement of works was called by the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Pathanamthitta on 22-8-2007. Further steps are being taken.

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As Forest Clearance is required to start the project, the Forest Department and the Board have jointly inspected the site and submitted the required applications to the Forest Department. The electrification work is expected to be completed within four months once the forest clearance is obtained.

II. Varuchal

Project cost-5.72 lakh

Electrification works:

- (1) 11 KV Line -1.3 kM
- (2) 25 KVA Transformer installation-1 nos
- (3) Three phase LT Line- 200 m
- (4) Singles LT Line -580 m

All work related to electrification was completed and the line was charged on 3-9-2007.

III. Naranamthodu

The project cost-18.04 lakh

Electrification works:

- (1) 11 KV Line-4 kM
- (2) 1000 KVA Transformer installation-1 nos
- (3) Three-phase LT Line - 1.2 kM
- (4) Single phase LT Line -1.75 kM
- (5) Ordinary Street Light -45 nos
- (6) Service Connection (BPL) - 74 nos

The tender was called and work has been awarded by Kanjirapally Electrical Sub Division Assistant Executive Engineer for commencement of electrification works. Construction of 11 KV line is about 50% complete. The rest of the work is in progress.

The work was delayed due to waiting for permission to complete the electrification of Naranamthodu as part of the electrification work being carried out in Kottayam district under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Electrification Scheme. Steps have now been taken to carry out these works with the funds of the Board.

It is expected that these works will be completed in about three months.

Tsunami relief project in Chathannur

41 (1915) Sri. N. Anirudhan: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you clarify project proposals with the amount given by the Electricity Board to perform in Chathannur constituency by including in Tsunami (TRP) project;

(B) Can you clarify whether any of the project proposals have been approved, including the amount;

(C) If permission has not been granted, will it be made clear that when will permission be granted?

Answer

(A) An estimate of 178.72 lakh has been submitted for 51 projects for construction of LT line and construction of street lights in Chathanoor constituency.

(B&C) An amount of 44.32 lakh has been sanctioned for 21 projects under the said scheme. The above permission has been obtained as per the decision of the State Level Empowered Committee (SNEC).

Complaint regarding installation of power line

42 [1916] Sri. M. Prakashan Master: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) how many applications related to property crossings for the installation of power lines are before the District Magistrates to be resolved;

(B) the number of such complaints to be settled in each district;

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(C) What steps does the Government intend to take to resolve such grievances in a timely manner?

Answer

(A) 1258 applications.

(B) 1. Thiruvananthapuram	..	198 nos
2. Kollam	..	231 “
3. Pathanamthitta	..	96 “
4. Kottayam	..	126 “
5. Alappuzha	..	143 “
6. Ernakulam	..	75 “
7. Idukki	..	21 “
8. Palakkad	..	17 “
9. Thrissur	..	127 “
10. Kozhikode	..	103 “

11. Malappuram	..	47	“
12. Wayanad	..	6	“
13. Kannur	..	47	“
14. Kasaragod	..	23	“

(C) Appropriate legal action will be taken.

Underground power lines

43 (1917) Sri. V. Sivankutty: Will the Minister for Scheduled Castes Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether it intends to remove overhead lines and install underground lines for power supply;

(B) Can such a scheme be implemented in the city of Thiruvananthapuram as a pilot project?

Answer

(A) The plan to lay underground cables in possible areas instead of 11 KV overhead lines is proposed to be included in the City Scheme under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Program (APDRP). These works are planned to be implemented in Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi and Kozhikode. Accordingly, the State Electricity Board aims to install transformers and 11 KV underground cables to ensure smooth supply of electricity.

(B) The Central Government has sanctioned a scheme for disbursement of 122.39 crore in the city of Thiruvananthapuram under the Distribution Automation Scheme under APDRP. This includes computerization of distribution automation and extension activities in the field of broadcasting. Of this, 150 transformers and 225 km 11 KV underground cables are proposed to be installed in Thiruvananthapuram city under the Distribution Automation Scheme.

The distribution automation work described above has been entrusted to IRCON International Limited, New Delhi, a Central Railway Public Sector Undertaking, on a contract basis of 120 crore on a turnkey basis. The contract agreement was signed in April 2007 and the related work has started. The work is expected to be completed within 30 months from the date of award of the work.

Transmission loss of electricity

44. (1918) Sri. V. Sivankutty: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) what steps have been taken to reduce the transmission losses of electricity since this Government came to power;

(B) How much transmission loss has been reduced as a result?

Answer

(A) The following substations have been completed since the coming to power of this Government as part of reducing power transmission losses:

110 KV Substation -	5 nos
66 KV Substation -	5 nos
33 KV Substation -	13 nos
Total-	23 nos

Construction of the following substations is in progress:

220 KV Substation -	4 nos
110 KV Substation -	21 nos
66 KV Substation -	3 nos
33 KV Substation -	50 nos

(B) Transmission losses have been reduced by 0.93% since this Government came to power. This means that the transmission loss has been reduced from 5.02% in May 2006 to 4.09% in May 2007.

Electricity Charge Additional Bill

45 [1919]. Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether attention has been paid to the situation where huge charges have to be paid on the additional bill item of electricity charge;

(B) if so, the basis on which the said additional charge is levied;

(C) Will necessary steps be taken to waive the said charge?

Answer

(A) Additional Security Deposit is levied on electricity consumers as per the provisions of the Electricity supply Code 2005 issued by the Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission.

(B) Section 14 of the Electricity Supply Code, 2005, published by the Regulatory Commission, to check the adequacy of the existing security deposit at the beginning of each financial year in line with the consumption of the previous financial year and, if necessary, to replace the existing security deposit with the new deposit according to energy consumption of the previous year, there is also a provision for charging an additional security deposit of more than the current holdings of the board with 30 days' notice. If the current deposit is found to be excessive, the additional amount will be refunded.

(C) Additional cash deposit is levied under section (47) of the Electricity Act 2003 and section 14 of the Supply Code of the Electricity Regulatory Commission 2005. So, it cannot be avoided.

Rate of electricity supplied to industries

46 (1920) Sri. A. M, Yusuf: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following question:

Has the Electricity Regulatory Commission submitted any proposal to increase the rate of electricity supplied to industries?

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Answer

The Karad tariff proposal issued by the Electricity Regulatory Commission or the proposal submitted to the Board Commission does not recommend an increase in charges for electricity supplied to industries other than Power Intensive.

However, the Commission's Karad tariff proposal stipulates that the peak time rate (which was twice the normal rate), which was applicable only to power intensive industries which used electricity as the main raw material and took up electricity connection after 17-12-1996, should be implemented for all power intensive industries.

In addition to the recommendation submitted to the Board Commission, it has also recommended an increase of one rupee in energy charges for power-intensive industries.

Electricity charge arrears in Kanchikode industrial area

47 [1921] Sri. M. Chandran: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether any of the industrial establishments operating in the Kanchikode industrial area of Palakkad district are in arrears on electricity charges;

(B) if so, what they are and the arrears incurred by each institution;

(C) the steps taken by the Government to date to recover the arrears;

(D) whether the electricity connection of any institution has been disconnected due to non-payment of electricity charge arrears; Can you provide details?

Answer

(A&B) Yes. The details of several customers who are in arrears are appended[¥].

(C) Measures such as disconnection of power, one-time settlement, withdrawal of minimum demand charge during the lock-in period and revenue recovery are being taken. Many consumers' arrears are pending in various courts. Further proceedings in the case are pending in the concerned courts.

(D) disconnected.

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(1) 15/3006 Anjaneya Chemicals-Electrical link was disconnected and then terminated. Revenue recovery proceedings are now underway.

(2) 19/2023 Malampuzha Cements and Chemicals - Electricity link disconnected.

(3) 18/1859 Palakkad Chlorate disconnected and subsequently terminated.

(4) 18/3255 S.M.M Steel: - Rerollings- power disconnected.

(5) 9/732. The Madras Spinners-Power connection has been permanently withdrawn. (Dismantled)

(6) 9/950 - Libra Steels - Power connection permanently withdrawn. (Dismantled)

(7) 5/551- Hamsaveni Carbide-Power connection is permanently disconnected. (Dismantled)

(8) 4/1734- Balaji Polymer Bags-Electrical connection permanently withdrawn. (Dismantled)

(9) 6/3202 M. S. foundry power connection has been permanently withdrawn. (Dismantled)

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Action to solve voltage shortage in Kadaikadu area

48 [1922] Sri. P. C. Vishnunath: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) whether a transformer will be installed in the Kadaikkad area of Cherianadpanchayath in Chengannur constituency to solve the voltage shortage; If so when;
- (B) If so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

Answer

(A) The transformer shall be installed within 2 months.

(B) Work worth 4,40,660 has been awarded for the construction of one km 11 KV line, one 100 KVA transformer and conversion of 0.75 km single phase line into three phase line. Steps are being taken to start work.

Mechanisms for paying electricity charges

49 [1923] Sri. Mons Joseph:

Sri.V. Surendran Pilla: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) what are the mechanisms in place to pay the electricity charge;

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(B) if so, whether an agreement has been reached with the banks to make changes in this;

- (C) Do you intend to discuss with the staff about the new system?

Answer

(A) At present electricity payment facilities are available at Electrical Section Offices and Sub Engineer Offices / Cash Collection Centers. Electricity charges can also be paid at Friends / Akshaya Janasevana Kendras.

(B) Negotiating with the banks.

(C) intends to discuss with trade union leaders representing employees.

Spot billing

50 (1924] Sri. TherambilRamakrishnan:

Sri. M. Murali:

Sri. C. P. Muhammed: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether it is mandatory for the port bill to be paid by the bank;

(B) Can the difficulties involved in accepting the bill amount by Sport Billing Officer himself explained?

Answer

(A) None.

(B) Consideration is being given to receiving electricity charges through sport billing officers.

Amount to be paid by Cable T.V. operators to the Department of Power

51 (1925) Sri. C. H. Kunhambu: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the amount received by the Department of Power during the last financial year on the item which allowed private cable TV operators to lay cables through electric post;

(B) whether district wise figures are available;

(C): Are any cable operators in arrears on this item;

(D) if so, their name and the amount due;

(E) What steps have been taken to recover the said amount?

Answer

(A-E) Information is being collected.

Electrical accidents

52 (1926) Sri. C. H Kunhambu: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) what steps are being taken to assist those involved in electrical accidents; Can you explain;

(B) the details of the Electrical Safety Plan and the Petty Contractors and Work Insurance Scheme;

(C) the number of persons for whom financial assistance was provided under this scheme during the last financial year; Can you tell me the details?

Answer

(A) Compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1923 is being paid to the legal dependents of the employees of the Electricity Board who die in electrical accidents. Apart from this, the dependents of the deceased are being provided with employment, family pension, Rs.1 lakh from the Employees Welfare Fund, gratuity and provident fund as per the dependent appointment system. In addition to compensation for workers who have a non-fatal accident while on the job, medical expenses are fully covered.

Minor contractors and their workers who die or are injured in an accident while on the job are being compensated under the Workers' Compensation Act of 1923.

Under the Electricity Security Scheme, a maximum of Rs.50,000/- for general public and maximum of Rs.5000/- for pets are being provided to those who die or injured by the Electricity Board's generation, transmission and distribution conductors.

(B) Under the Electricity Security Scheme, a maximum of Rs.50,000/- for general public and maximum of Rs.5000/- for pets are being provided to those who die or injured by the Electricity Board's generation, transmission and distribution conductors.

Electricity Board employees, petty contractors and their workers are covered by the Workers' Compensation Act of 1923.

The public, electricity board employees and contract workers are not currently covered by insurance.

(C) An amount of 1,16,13,284 has been sanctioned for accidents involving 97 persons during the last financial year.

Compensation to the dependents of those who die due to electric shock

53 (1927) Sri. Thomas Chazhikadan:

Sri. Roshi Augustine: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) How much compensation the Electricity Board pays to the dependents of those who die of electrocution;

(B) How much does the Electricity Board have to pay in arrears?

(C) whether district-wise figures of the said arrears will be made available;

(D) Will the Government take steps to pay the arrears within the current financial year itself?

Answer

(A) Compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1923 is being paid to the dependents of the Electricity Board employees and minor contract workers who die due to electric shock. Under

the Electricity Security Scheme, Rs. 50,000 / - is being provided as financial assistance to the dependents of the general public who die of shock from the generation, transmission and distribution conductors of the Board.

(B-D) The provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act, 1923 stipulate that compensation must be paid within 30 days of the accident. Therefore, no arrears have been incurred in the payment of compensation. Dependents of the dying people are being provided financial assistance as soon as they produce the required documents.

Compensation from Electricity Board

54 [1928] Smt. K.K. Lathika: Will the Minister of Scheduled Community Welfare and Energy kindly give answer to the following questions:

- (a) Have you noticed the death of Sri.Babu, Kottappally, Vadakara, a contract worker, while working on electric line;
- (b) Any arrears have to pay to him from the Electricity Board;
- (c) If so, can you explain why this amount is not releasing to his dependent?

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Answer

(A) In the detailed report of Vadakara Electrical Division Executive Engineer dated 13-10-2000, Mr. Babu Kottappally died in an accident while carrying out unauthorized repairs on the supply line of the Electricity Board without the knowledge, consent or direction of the Board or the Board authorities.

(B) No.

(C) The legal dependents of the deceased are not entitled to compensation under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1923 for death in an accident while working illegally on the Electricity Board's distribution line.

Damage caused when the Peringalkuthu Dam was opened

55 (1929] Mr. Jose Thettayil: Will the Minister of Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the action taken on the application for compensation to the Ezhattumugham residents whose houses and farms were damaged due to floods when the Peringalkuthu Dam was opened a month ago;

(B) whether the victims will receive immediate compensation; Whether damage figures have been collected;

(C) Will action be taken to inform the Ernakulam District Administration when the Peringalkuthu Dam is opened in future?

Answer

(A&B) The Electricity Board has requested to inquire and report on the letter given by Mr. Jose Thettayil, Member of the Legislative Assembly, pointing out the hardships suffered by the residents of Ezhattumugham. Appropriate action will be taken upon receipt of this report.

The Kerala State Electricity Board has not taken any special action as the floods on the Ezhattumugham are part of the flood damage in Kerala as a whole. However, the Electricity Board has asked the concerned officials to submit a detailed report in this regard.

(C) Action has been taken.

Dependent appointment in the power department

56 (1930] Sri. K. Muhammadunni Haji: Will the Minister of Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the procedure for allocating financial assistance to the family of Abdul Khader, a contract worker under the Ramanattukara section of Kozhikode, who died of shock while on duty;

(B) Will action be taken to provide dependent employment to contract workers who die on the job?

Answer

(A) According to the detailed report dated 2-7-2007 of the Executive Engineer, Ferrok Division, Mr. Abdul Khadar had accident while working illegally on the power board's supply line without the knowledge, consent or direction of the Board. Therefore, the Electricity Board is not responsible for the accident and therefore there is no provision in the existing rules and regulations for granting financial assistance to his dependents.

(B) There is currently no provision for granting dependent employment to dependents of dying contract workers under the dependent employment system.

Temporary appointment in EMC.

57 [1931] Sri. Varkala Kahar: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the number of contract / temporary employees working in the EMC under the Department of Energy; How many of them have been made permanent;

(B) When they made permanent; Whether it has received permission from the government; If so, will you put a copy on the table?

Answer

(A&B) No one has been made permanent since this government came to power. According to the EMC's bylaws, rules and regulations, the first appointment to permanent posts is for a period of five years. Later, the method of evaluating the performance and extending the tenure of the appointment was adopted. Government nominated EMC as the State Agency for the Implementation of the Energy Conservation Act 2001 and for the smooth running of the institution, Governing Body Meeting chaired by the then Minister of Power, Sri. Aryadan Mohammad, on 18-3-2006, had approved

the bylaw amendment required for appointment and fixed 11 employees who had completed five years after completing the procedures required to implement the amendment under the existing bylaw by the previous government.

The bylaw Amendment contains a copy of the certificate attested by the Registrar of Societies[¥].

Procedure to make permanent of temporary employee in EMC

58 (1932) Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair:

Sri. M. A. Waheed: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether any temporary employee of EMC, an autonomous body, has been made permanent on contract basis since the coming into existence of this Government; If so confirmed;

(B) can you explain the post on which the temporary contract appointment has been given to person with its salary scale, the basic salary allotted to him, the fixed post and its salary scale;

(C) whether the Government has sought or permitted permission for these stabilization measures;

(D) Is this stabilization process approved by the Government?

Answer

(A) No one has been made permanent since this Government came to power. According to the EMC's Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, the first appointment to a permanent post was for five years. Later, the term of office was extended by evaluating the performance. Government nominated EMC as the State Agency for the Implementation of the Energy Conservation Act 2001 and for the smooth running of the institution, Governing Body Meeting chaired by the then Minister of Power, Sri. Aryadan Mohammad, on 18-3-

2006, had approved the bylaw amendment required for appointment and fixed 11 employees who had completed five years after completing the procedures required to implement the amendment under the existing bylaw by the previous government.

(B) Permanent appointments shall be made to the posts on which such permanent employees have been employed on the respective pay scales (details are given in Appendix 1

(C&D), the power to amend the bylaw under the existing bylaw is vested in the Governing Body and the proceedings are completed accordingly.

Steps to start new substations in Thrissur district

59 [1933] Sri. A. C. Moideen: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether it intends to start new KSEB substations in Thrissur district;

(B) If so, where?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) Construction work of 33 KV substations at Chelakkara, Mullurkara, Palaykkal, Annamanada and Vellikulangara is in progress.

Land acquisition for 33 KV substations at Methala and Kundukadu is in progress.

Feasibility study for setting up substations at Kompodinjamakkal, Vazhani and Arangottukara is being carried out.

Edappon 220K. V. Substation

60 [1994] - Sri. K. K. Shaju: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you explain the reasons for non-operation of Edappon 220 KV substation in Alappuzha district;

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(B) whether details of disciplinary action will be taken against those concerned for not completing the construction of such schemes on time;

(C) Can you tell me when this project will start?

Answer

(A) Construction of Edappon 220 KV substation is 98% complete. The construction of the 8.5 km 220 KV line from Bharanikav to Edappon was contracted by Tata Project Ltd., Hyderabad on a turnkey basis, but since the company increased its rates, the work was re-tendered to New Modern Taxonomic Pvt. Ltd., Orissa on 23-4-2007 on a turnkey basis. The construction of this line is progressing rapidly.

(B) Disciplinary action may be taken if it is found that the construction of such schemes was not completed on time due to negligence on the part of the officials. Punishment is being taken following a departmental inquiry.

(C) The substation and the line are expected to be completed and commissioned within this financial year itself.

110 km Substation in Thrikkodithanam

61 (1935) Sri. C. F. Thomas: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) When is 110 KV substation under construction at Thrikkodithanam in Changanassery is expected to be commissioned;

(B) By when is the construction of this substation expected to be completed?

Answer

(A) The 110 KV substation under construction at Thrikkodithanam in Changanassery was initially targeted to start operation in August 2006.

(B) It is now targeted to be completed by December 2007.

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Rani - Perunad 33 KV substation

62 [1936] Sri. Raju Abraham: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) When was Ranni - Perunad 33 KV substation was tendered and construction started;

(B) the reasons for non-completion of the said substation;

(C) What steps are intended to be taken to complete the construction on time?

Answer

(A) Tender for construction of Rani-Perunad 33 KV substation was called in September 2000 and ARM Hyderabad (now Icom Tele Ltd.) was awarded the contract on 6-4-2001.

(B) The contractor in question was acting very slowly. They suspended work for two years. After that they were constantly in touch and called meetings and gave instructions but the contractor did not work accordingly. On 22-7-2006, the contractor unilaterally stopped the work.

(C) The contract has been terminated on 24-8-2007 and steps have been taken to complete the remaining work departmentally.

Power problem in Perambra town

63 [1937] Sri. K. Kunhammath Master: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following question:

Will immediate action be taken to set up a substation or 33 KV transformer here to solve the power problem in Perambra town in Kozhikode district?

Answer

As there is a 110 KV substation at Chakkittapara, 7 km from Perampra town in Kozhikode district and a 110 KV substation at Meppayoor, 8 km away, the possibility of a substation in Perampra town is technically non-existent. The feasibility of setting up a 33 KV transformer station there is being explored.

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Voltage shortage in Kunnathunadu

64 [1938] Sri. M. M. Monai: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether it has been noticed that there is a shortage of voltage in Vazhakulam Grama Panchayat and surrounding areas in Kunnathunadu constituency;

(B) Will action be taken to start a substation at Kaipurikkara in Vazhakulam Panchayat?

Answer

(A) has been noted.

(B) A technical study called 'Load Flow Study' is required before a new substation can be installed at a site. Based on the study report, the proposal to set up a substation at Kaipurikara, if required, could be considered.

Action to start KSEB Section Office at Kadukutty

65 [1939] - Sri. B. D. Devassi: Will the Minister for Scheduled Castes Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you clarify the number of existing electricity beneficiaries in Kadukutty Grama Panchayat;

(B) To which office of KSEB these beneficiaries come under?

(C) whether action will be taken to start the section office of KSEB in Kadukutti after understanding the plight of the beneficiaries;

(D) If not, will action be taken to start a collection center of KSEB at Kadukutty?

Answer

(A) Approximately 4000 customers.

(B) Koratti Electrical Section.

(C&D). Will be checked and appropriate action will be taken.

Section Office of KSEB at Perla, Manjeswaram Constituency

66 (1940) Sri. C. H. Kunhambu: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether consideration has been given to setting up a section office of KSEB at Perla in Enmakaje Panchayat in Manjeswaram constituency;

(B) If so, what is the progress?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) Is examining.

Section Office Perambra

67 [1941] Sri. K. Kunhammath Master: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following question:

Had a petition been received to start a section office at Kadiyangad, Arikkulam, Koorachund and Koottalida in the Perambra constituency; If so can you clarify what steps have been taken in this regard?

Answer.

Petition has been received to start section offices at Koorachund and Koottalida. There is also a proposal to start 12 section offices under the Northern Circle, including Katiyangad and Arikkulam. The Board is examining the matter of starting a section office.

Kerala Hydrel Tourism

68 (1942) Sri. K. Raju:

Sri. Pallipram Balan:

Sri. N. Rajan;

Sri. A. K. Chandran:

Smt. E. The. Bijimol: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) When did the Kerala Hydrel Tourism Center established; Can you clarify what activities are going on under this center;

(B) What facilities are provided to visitors at Hydrel Tourism Centers?

Answer

(A) Kerala Hydrel Tourism Center was established on 1-12-1999. Under this center, tourism activities are now being carried out through a total of nine hydrel tourism units in five circuits. These are Banasura Sagar in Wayanad circuit, Peringalkuthu in Athirappilly circuit, Munnar, Mattupetti, Kundala, Echo point in Munnar circuit, Idukki Nadukani in Idukki circuit and Lower Meenmutty in Thiruvananthapuram circuit. Among the major activities of Hydrel Tourism are the provision of a variety of boating facilities and the provision of opportunities for visitors to enjoy the tourism potential of the dams, lakes, etc. in these hydropower project areas in compliance with safety requirements, everywhere except Nadukani.

In addition, the Hydrel Tourism Center works to maintain the ecological balance of the hydropower project areas and to protect the gifts of nature.

(B) The units of the Tourism Center include speed boating in Banasura Sagar and speed boating in Mattupetty along with slow boating, speed boat in Peringalkuth, Drifting Coffee Shop, pedal boating, kashmiri shikara and rowing boats in Kundala. The Lower Meenmutty offers a diving coffee shop, river rafting and the opportunity to visit the power house. Hydrel Park in Munnar offers boating, adventure swings, nature walks, gardens and lawns. The Nadukani pavilion in Idukki has been renovated and opened to tourists. In addition the Idukki Arch Dam is also open to visitors during the festive seasons like Onam and Christmas and boating on the water is done through the Hydrel Tourism Center.

Free electricity to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

69 (1943) Prof. N. Jayaraj:

Sri. C. F. Thomas:

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan: Will the Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether there is a plan to provide free electricity connection to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(B) if so, the number of applications pending under this scheme;

(C) Will action be taken on such applications in a timely manner?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) 938 no.

(C) is being accepted.

Action to provide electricity in Scheduled Caste colonies

70 (1944) Sri. Ananthavattam Anandan:

Sri. K. V. Kunhiraman:

Sri. A. C. Moyteen:

Smt. K. K. Shailaja Teacher:

Sri. K. T. Jaleel: Will the Minister for Scheduled Castes Welfare and Energy kindly answer the following question:

(A). What are the steps taken for electrification of the tribal colony;

(B) How many Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe colonies in the State have not been electrified;

(C) Will it be made clear when the project of electrification of all the colonies can be completed?

Answer

(A) The colonies nominated by the Directorate of Tribes are being electrified using the Tribal Corpus Fund. In addition, electrification of above colonies is being done through the Central Government's RGGVY Scheme, Tribal Sub-Scheme Grant-in-Aid Scheme for Local Self Governments.

(B) Information will be collected and provided.

(C) The Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Colonies will also benefit from the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Scheme (RGGVY), a scheme of the Central Government aimed at electrifying the non-electrified areas of Kerala. Under the RGGVY scheme, schemes for electrification of non-electrified areas in 14 districts of Kerala have been submitted to the Central Government, of which projects costing 321 crore have been sanctioned by the Central Government: As a first step, permission has been obtained from the Rural Electrification Corporation, the funding agency for the project, to implement the project in Kasaragod, Kannur, Wayanad, Kozhikode, Malappuram, Palakkad and Idukki districts. Based on this, ICSC (India) Ltd., Hyderabad has been entrusted with the responsibility of

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implementing the project in Idukki District. They have taken the initial steps to implement the project. The Central Government has entrusted National Thermal Power Corporation, a public sector undertaking , with the responsibility of implementing the scheme in the remaining districts. NTPC will prepare a Detailed Project Report for project implementation and after obtaining approval from REC, tenders will be invited for project implementation on turnkey basis.

The Board is taking further steps to implement the scheme in the remaining seven districts. The project is expected to be completed in two years.

A bank wholly owned by the state government

71 (1945) Sri. P. Viswan: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether any steps have been taken to start a bank wholly owned by the State Government;

(B) If not, will action be taken?

Answer

(A) No.

(B) Not currently under consideration.

Action to regulate blade companies.

72 [1946] Smt. P. Aishapotty: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether any of the so-called unbridled non-banking financial institutions known as 'blade companies' have been identified;

(B) If so, what steps will be taken by the Government to control these?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) The Government is considering making appropriate legislation to this effect.

Irregularities in maintenance work

73 [1947] Sri. P. C. George: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether there is any mention in the report of the Accountant General that there were major irregularities in the Public Works Department during the previous Government; If so, please disclose the details;

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(B) whether the construction work has been undertaken without complying with the existing tender conditions in the Public Works Department;

(C) whether the Finance Department has recommended a vigilance inquiry on the basis of the AG's report;

(D) whether the Chief Technical Examiner has been asked to inquire into all the maintenance work done during the period 2005-2006; Will it be revealed when the investigation is intended to be completed?

Answer

(A) The Accountant General has submitted a special report to the Government on the activities of Public Works Department during the period 2003-04 / 2005-06. It gives details of large scale irregularities. The Finance Minister disclosed the general details in this regard in the Assembly. However, it is decided to include some parts of the Special Report in the 2006-07 Annual Audit Report, so details cannot be disclosed at present.

(B) There have been many such incidents.

(C) Based on the report of the AG and the examination of the Financial Inspection Wing, the Finance Ministry has recommended a vigilance inquiry.

(D) It has been asked to investigate the selected cases. It has been asked to be completed as soon as possible.

Salary Reform Commission

74, (1948) Sri. U. C. Raman:

Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju:

Sri. M. Ummer: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether the Finance Minister has kept his promise to implement the decision before May 1, made in his discussions with the leaders of the Service Organizations on 23-3-2007 on resolving the shortcomings in the salary reform;

(B) What were the major defects of the salary reform?

(C) whether the Government agrees with the principle of revision of salaries every five years;

(D) whether it is prepared to give retrospective effect to the pay revision from March 2002;

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(E) Will it be clarified that when will ninth salary Reform Commission will be appointed?

Answer

(A) There have been delays. Procedures will be completed as soon as possible.

(B) The following irregularities are generally alleged in connection with the 2004 salary reform:

Senior-Junior Anomaly, Head Clerk in some departments and equivalent posts do not receive the salary scale given for similar posts in the Common category. Inadequacies such as omission of certain posts in various departments to be included in the pay revision order, positioning on salaries for employees involved in lower pay scales and lower salary with salary revision for part-time lecturers (Law / Journalism) under Collegiate Education have been pointed out.

(C) Although the practice of revising the salary every five years existed till the 1997 pay revision, a decision in this regard can be taken only on the basis of the financial position of the Government.

(D) In view of the huge additional financial burden of retrospective effect, the pay revision cannot be retroactive from March 2002 onwards.

(E) The Eighth Pay Amendment has been in force since 1-7-2004. Therefore, no decision has been taken regarding the Ninth Pay Reform Commission.

Action to address the deteriorating condition of roads

75 [1949] Mrs. P. Aishapotty: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following question:

Will the Finance Department try to address the deplorable condition of the roads by allocating the necessary funds for the maintenance and reconstruction of roads in the State?

Answer

The budget has allocated funds for road maintenance. Consideration will be given to allocating an additional amount if required to pay the bill for works completed on a seniority basis.

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Corruption in the Public Works Department during 2003-2006

76 [1950) Sri. P. Jayarajan;

Sri. Sajupol;

Sri. V. N. Vasavan;

Sri. V. Shivankutty;

Smt. P. Aishapotty Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the Finance Department has investigated corruption in the Public Works Department during the previous government during 2003-2006;

(B) what irregularities the Government has noticed;

(C) whether the then Minister of Public Works Department had ordered the award of the contract and the payment of additional amount without calling for tenders and without following the formalities; How many such cases have come to the attention of the Government;

(D) How many crores of rupees is lost to the Government due to these?

(E) Will vigilance investigate these scams?

Answer

(A) Based on the complaints received by the Financial Inspection Division, inspections have been carried out at various offices under the Public Works Department.

(B) Carrying out construction work and repairs on quotation basis without inviting tenders, subdividing the same work and carrying out works at higher rates than the estimated rate on quotation basis, violating the High Court order and including bills in the seniority list and not repaying the balance of letter of credit for various financial years in a timely manner etc. have been noticed.

(C) yes. Complete information on this is being collected. The government has noticed eight cases of direct violation of rules and procedures by the then Minister of Public Works Department during this period. Of these eight cases, Rs.3,816 lakh was involved.

(D) Information about this is being collected.

(E) The Government has decided for a vigilance inquiry.

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Amount proposed to be collected in tax and non-tax for the year 2007-08

77 [1951] Smt K S Saleekha: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

(A) how many crores of value added tax was collected during the financial year 2005-06

(B) the amount of crores collected in this category during 2006-07;

(C) the percentage increase in value added tax collection during the financial year 2006-07 over the previous year;

(D) how many crores of VAT is the Government aims to collect in 2007-08;

(E); What is the percentage increase in non-VAT collection during the financial year 2006-07? How many crores is that;

(F) How many crores of rupees including tax and how many crores of rupees of non-tax revenue will the government aim to collect in the year 2007-08?

Answer

(A) 2946.11 crore.

(B) 4482.11 crore.

(C) An increase of 52.14%.

(D) Rs.6000 crore.

(E) According to provisional figures, non-tax revenue collection increased by 9.17% during the financial year 2006-07; That is Rs.626.82 crore.

(F) According to the Budget Estimates for the year 2007-08, the Government has set a target of 13790.69 crore including VAT and 1133.06 crore in non-tax revenue.

Tax arrears

78 (1952) Sri. V. K. Ibrahimkunj:

Sri. M. Ummer: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) how much was tax arrears at the beginning of this financial year;

(B) What amount has been collected out of this;

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(C) what amount is still to be recovered;

(D) the amount which cannot be recovered as the cases are pending in the court;

(E) Explain the steps taken to recover the full amount?

Answer

(A - E) Information will be collected and provided.

Rehabilitation work of Sabarimala road

79 (1153] Sri. Joseph M. Puthussery:

Sri. Roshi Augustine:

Sri. Thomas Chazhikadan: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether it has been noticed that the maintenance and repair work of PWD roads in Kerala is at a standstill due to non-receipt of the permission of the Finance Department in time;

(B) How many crore rupees recommendation has been submitted for the approval of the Finance Department for the rehabilitation of Sabarimala roads during the current year;

(C) how many crores of this work has been approved; If not, what are the impediments to this?

(D) Will immediate action be taken to allot the required amount for the completion of the said works before the Sabarimala pilgrimage?

Answer

(A) No.

(B) A recommendation of 2081.86 lakh has been submitted for the current year.

(C) The Finance Department has given administrative sanction of 1742.96 lakh for the rehabilitation of Sabarimala roads for the current year. Permission was granted as per the report of the Chief Technical Examiner. Details of permitted roads can be seen in the Appendix[¥].

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(D) Steps will be taken to sanction the required amount for the rehabilitation of Sabarimala roads on the basis of administrative sanction.

Budget allocation for farm roads

80 [1954] Smt. K. K. Lathika: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the amount has been included in the Budget for the year 2007-08 under Head 2705-00-101-97-04;

(B) Has money been allocated for Pallimukku-Mirangad Kadavu Farm Road, under Muyyottummal-Choimadham farm Road, Kurichakam Farm Road, Kuttoth Farm Road and Karayilnada Farm Road in Maypayur constituency?

Answer

(A) Not allocated.

(B) With the advent of decentralization, Department of Planning and Economic Affairs has made it clear that the construction of farm roads will not have to be done through the Command Area Development Agency as the construction of farm roads can be done through local self-government bodies, thus no funds have been allocated for the above roads.

Giridhara Project in Wayanad District

81 [1955] Sri. M. V. Shreyams Kumar: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the inspection section of the Finance Department has conducted an inquiry into the Giridhara project in Wayanad district;

(B) whether any irregularities in the implementation of the scheme have been noticed in the preliminary inquiry;

(C) whether a copy of the investigation report on the Giridhara project will be made available;

(D) if the investigation report is not finalized, the reasons;

(E) what information has been sought from the Administration Department in connection with the investigation;

(F) whether there is a legal impediment to the disclosure of preliminary details of attention during an inspection by the Financial Inspection Division; If so, please provide details;

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(G) Will the full file numbers of the Financial Audit Division be clarified regarding the Giridhara project?

Answer

(A) The Wayanad District Inspection Division of the Finance Department has conducted an inquiry.

(B) The investigation report of the Financial Inspection Division has not yet been finalized.

(C) The investigation report has not yet been finalized.

(D) The Department of Administration has not yet provided some of the explanations and information requested by the Department of Finance in connection with the investigation.

(E) The following information has been requested from the Administration Department in connection with the investigation.

1. Has the Socio-Economic Unit Foundation (SEUF) been tasked with implementing the Giridhara project or is it a consultant? If they were selected as an NGO, what were the terms of their payment?

2. Was the decision of the District Level Steering Committee to pay 30% of the consultancy charge as the first installment wrong?

3. Does the project report (document) have the approval of the government?

4. On what basis the District Collector had deposited a huge amount in the Nationalized Bank and withdrew it at the last moment of the financial year?

5. How is the consultancy charge fixed? Does it have government approval?

6. On what basis did SEUF refuse to produce vouchers?

(F) As the investigation report has not been finalized, there is no duty to make these matters available.

(G) File No. 275/Fiw-G2/2006/Fin.

Procedure for appointment of Mahila Pradhan agent

82 [1956] Mr. Murali Perunelli: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the NH 2/239/04 file submitted to the Thrissur National Savings Office for appointment of Mrs. Rajasree Gopan with a child suffering from Langeridion Syndrome, a chronic disease, as the Mahila Pradhan Agent, has been taken into consideration;

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(B) whether the fact that in November 2005, Mrs. Rajasree Gopan submitted an application to the then Thrissur District Collector for immediate action in this matter and the Collector directed to give special consideration;

(C) No action has been taken on the recommendation made to the Thrissur office on 7-11-2006 as 6362/M/FIN/VIP/06 after considering the application submitted by the applicant to the Minister of Finance on 25-10-2006 for the appointment of Mahila Pradhan Agent as his son's treatment was costing lakhs of rupees. Have you noticed it;

(D) As such, will immediate action be taken to obtain the appointment of Mrs. Rajasree Gopan?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) Yes.

(C) Application No. 6362/M/FIN/VIP/06 dated 7-11-2006 was received at Thrissur National Savings Scheme Office. But at this time the rule Mahila Pradhan agency was Suspended under GO (RT) 5497/06 / Finance dated 1-8-2006.

(D) Steps are being taken to appoint new agents as per the order S.U.(RT) 2203/07/Finance dated 22-3-07 to resume recruitment of women as chief agent. Special consideration will be given to the provision of agency to Mrs. Rajasree Gopan.

Lucky VAT project

83 [1957] Sri. P. K. Abdu Rabb: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the performance of "Lucky VAT" implemented by the Government of Kerala has been evaluated;

(B) How many retired tax officers are appointed as Lucky VAT Propaganda Officers in each district;

(C) can you disclose which service organization they belonged;

(D) can you disclose the procedures for receiving the Lucky VAT prize money;

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(E) How much has been spent on Lucky VAT's advertising to date on TV, newspapers and in other media; Will the year be reckoned with;

(F) whether the expenditure incurred on the daily wage, allowance and fuel cost of the vehicle on which the retired officers have been appointed as Lucky VAT Propaganda Officers be disclosed year wise;

(G) whether the tax collection has been increased by Lucky VAT; If so, what is the percentage?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) Thiruvananthapuram-2, Kollam-2, Alappuzha-2, Pathanamthitta-2, Kottayam-2, Idukki-3, Ernakulam-2, Mattancherry-2, Thrissur-2, Palakkad-2, Malappuram- 1, Kozhikode-2, Kannur-2, Kasaragod-2. Total 28.

(C) No details are available.

(D) If the prize money is less than Rs.5000, it can be collected from the merchant by returning the card to the institution that issued the Lucky VAT card. If the prize money is above Rs.5000, customer can collect the prize money by presenting the card and the dealer's declaration at the KSFE branch nearest to that institution.

(E) 2006-07 331.995 lakh

2007-08 3.830 Lakh

(F)	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>
Daily wage	7,16,247	5,72,926
Allowance	49,670	83,121
Fuel Costs	3,85,189	1,72,216

(G) 'Lucky VAT' is an innovative gift scheme to encourage customers to ask for and buy a bill. Asking for a bill will force traders to pay the bill, thereby increasing tax collection. During the financial year 2006-07, VAT has increased by 52% over the previous year. The Lucky VAT gift scheme is one reason for this increase.

Amount received in gold tax during 2006-07

84 [1958] Mrs. K. S. Saleekha: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

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(A) whether the government has been able to allocate more funds for social welfare schemes due to higher tax collection; If so, can you elaborate?

(B) the amount of VAT received in excess during 2006-07; How many crores was given to Merchant Welfare fund from that?

(C) how many crores of gold tax was received in 2006-07; Can you clarify how many crores of rupees out of the said amount have been given to various welfare funds?

Answer

(A) More money has been spent on social welfare schemes.

(B) The details of excess VAT received in 2006-07 (in crores) are given below:

Year 2005-06	Year 2006-07	Excess Amount received
2946.11	4492.11	1546

Out of this 50 lakh was contributed to the Merchant Welfare Fund.

(C) Gold tax collection during 2005-06 was 21.21 crore and in 2006-07 97.90 crore. An additional amount of 76.69 crore was received.

Apart from the above amount paid to the Merchant Welfare Fund, no amount has been transferred from this to other welfare funds.

Sales tax arrears

85 (1959) Sri. V. S. Sunilkumar:

Sri. Rajaji Mathew Thomas:

Smt. E. S. Bijimole:

Sri. A. K. Chandran: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following question:

How many cases of sale tax arrears above Rs.1 crore have been noticed? Can you clarify what steps are being taken to recover this amount?

Answer

There are 254 cases of sales tax arrears of over Rs.1 crore. The following steps have been taken to recover this amount:

1. Revenue recovery measures have been taken in arrears cases. The Commissioner directed the District Collectors to expedite the recovery process. The Assistant

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Commissioners of Inspection in this department are also conducting revenue recovery.

2. A meeting of the Sales Tax Officers, including the Deputy Commissioners of all the districts, will be convened and directed to intensify the collection of tax arrears.

Sales tax collection for 2006-07

86 (1960) Sri. A. M. Yusuf: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) the sales tax collected during the last financial year;
- (B) what percentage of this sales tax is higher or lower than expected;
- (C) What are the benefits of Lucky VAT in tax collection?

Answer

(A) Sales tax collected in the last financial year is 8686.82 crore.

(B) Sales tax expected in 2006-07 was 1930.38 (Budget Estimated) crore. But received Rs.8686.82 crore. This is an increase of 9.53%.

(C) With the implementation of Lucky VAT, the government has been able to curb to some extent the tax loss due to consumers' demand for bills.

Amount refunded in taxes

87 [1961] Sri. Jose Thettayil: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the amount of tax refunds paid by various traders after the implementation of the VAT system during the year 2006-07 and the current financial year;

(B) How many traders have registered from Ernakulam district in the current year under value added tax system?

Answer

(A) Information will be collected and provided.

(B) During the current year (2007-08) 24,510 traders have registered under Ernakulam District under the Value Added Tax Scheme.

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Increase in sales tax after VAT 88

[1962] Sri. U. C. Raman:

Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the sales tax revenue has increased after the introduction of VAT in the tax department;

(B) whether VAT assessment is being audited;

(C) whether the Government is planning to recruit more staff as the workload of the tax department increases;

(D) the number of retirees from the tax department re-appointed; Can you clarify the district wise posts given?

(E) Can you clarify the criteria adopted for appointing retirees;

(F) How does the re-employment of retirees will affect the unemployed?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) Yes.

(C) At present, the government is not considering any suggestions in this regard.

(D) No reappointment granted. Coordinators and promoters have been appointed on a daily basis for the implementation of the Lucky VAT project.

(E) No reappointment granted. In order to make the Lucky VAT project a success, experienced and competent retired officers have been appointed on a daily basis.

(F) Not applicable.

Tax levied on bullion

89 [1963] Sri. A. K. Sasindran: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you disclose the percentage of tax levied on the bullion purchased by the jewelers of the State from a recognized agency;

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(B) whether the Government is aware of the re-taxation of the jewelry made by the bullion thus purchased by the traders;

(C) if so, whether action will be taken to provide input benefit if the merchants buy the bullion by compounding;

(D) Has it been noticed that the government revenue will be increased by purchasing gold from a recognized agency if the bullion input benefit is given?

Answer

(A) 1%.

(B) Yes.

(C) Input benefit is not available to compounded traders.

(D) No.

Current VAT on dried coconut (copra) and coconut oil

90 [1964] Sri. A. M. Arif: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) What is the current VAT on dried coconut (copra) and coconut oil;

(B) whether the Government has withdrawn VAT on it; If so, since?

Answer

(A) There is no VAT on copra and coconut oil.

(B) Yes. VAT on copra has been withdrawn from 1-6-2007 and on coconut oil from 1-5-2007.

Amount allocated to contractors

91 [1965] Sri. P. K. Abdu Rabb: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

(A) what is the amount provided in the financial year 2006-07 out of the budget outlay and through supplementary requests to be paid to the contractors of Public Works Department like Building, Road and Water Resources;

(B) whether the amount allotted as mentioned above has been paid in full to the Contractors; If not, can you explain the reason?

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Answer

(A) A total of ₹ 1162.16 crore was set apart for PWD, ₹ 266.96 crore for building department, ₹ 589.77 crore for roads and ₹ 305.43 crore for water resources department.

(B) The contractors are not fully paid. As per the order of the High Court, the arrears are being paid to the contractors in line with the state level priority. Full amount was not able to pay to the contractors of Twelfth Finance Commission Award and NABARD-assisted projects due to low arrears of bills and the economic situation of the period.

Steps to control money chain chitties

92 [1966] Sri. K. Muhammadunni Haji: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

(A) what steps will be taken to control the institutions that are widely used to start chitty in rural areas on the money chain model by promoting the doubling of money by accepting small investments as installments;

(B) Will it clarify the steps taken by this Government after coming to power to control illicit money laundering?

Answer

(A)As per section (5) of the Kerala Chitty Act, 1975, permits are required for chitties up to Rs.100. For amounts above that, to conduct a chitty as a chitty center, one has to obtain legal permission from the district registrar and register with the sub-registrar. Section 62 provides for prosecution against those who commit other chitty. The Price Chitty and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning Act) of 1978 prohibit other forms of money laundering.

(B) There are clear provisions in the Act for the regulation of private financial institutions registered under the Kerala Money Lending Act, 1958. The Commercial Tax

Department takes stern action against violators of any violation of the law. Complaints received in this way are investigated and fined in necessary cases. The Government is

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considering the Kerala Protection of Depositors (In Financial Establishment) and Regulation of Money Lenders Bill 2007 to protect the interests of investors in financial institutions within Kerala.

Annual sales of tobacco products

93 [1967]) Sri. K. C. Kunhiraman: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) What is the annual sales of tobacco products such as cigarettes in the State;
- (B) How much amount of sales tax received during the last financial year;
- (C) what are the cigarette brands banned in the state;
- (D) whether tax evasion on the new type of cigarettes introduced in the market noticed;
- (E) whether action has been taken against the brands involved in tax evasion; If so, can you disclose district wise details?

Answer

- (A) Information will be collected and provided.
- (B) The total collection from sales tax during the last financial year was 8686.82 crore.
- (C to E) information will be collected and provided.

Sales tax check posts in the state

94 [1968) Sri. C. F. Thomas:

Prof. N. Jayaraj:

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following question:

- (A) How many sales tax check posts are functioning in the state;

- (B) whether the progress of the process of upgrading these will be informed;
- (C) Will action be taken to tighten the inspection at these check posts?

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Answer

(A) There are a total of 81 sales tax check posts in the State, including 6 - A class check posts, 5 B class check posts, 33 - C class check posts and 37 - temporary check posts.

(B) Installation of High mast Floodlight at Banga Manjeswaram Check Post and Wing Bridge etc. at major Border Check Posts in the State according to Build-On-Operate are in progress. It has already been established in Walayar. It is proposed to set up an integrated check post comprising of Departments of Trade Tax, RTO, Animal Husbandry, Excise, Police and Forestry to improve the cargo processing system at Walayar Check Post. Work is in progress to relocate the check post at Vattapara, near the Walayar Police Station, 2 km away from its present location, to ease congestion at the Walayar Out Check Post. Permission has been granted to upgrade the existing platform at the Walayar check post, to install a new one, to demolish the weighing bridge, toilet and water tank, to construct a new cabin, toilet block, culvert and boundary, and to extend the parking and inspection network, electrical and computer network, etc. Steps are being taken to renovate the Manjeswaram check post.

(C) Appropriate steps are being taken to tighten inception at check posts.

Green channel system at Walayar check post

95 [1969] Sri. M. A. Wahid:

Sri. M. Murali:

Sri. Therambil Ramakrishnan: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Explain the objectives of the introduction of the Green Channel system at the Walayar check post; Whether these objectives have been achieved through the introduction of the Green Channel system;

(B) Whether there has been an increase in revenue at the said check post in the months following the introduction of the Green Channel system as compared to the month before the introduction of the Green Channel system; If so, can you put the figure on the table?

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Answer

(A) At the Walayar check post, it is common for goods vehicles to lie for hours for clearing. Meanwhile, vehicles carrying non-taxable items such as vegetables, milk and flowers could not pass. As a solution to this, the Green Channel system has been introduced. The congestion at the check post has been largely avoided by the passage of vehicles carrying non-taxable goods, which do not require extra time for check post procedures.

(B) There has been no increase in revenue compared to the month in which the Green Channel was introduced and the month before. The statement is added below:

Duration	Advance Tax	Security deposit	Total
7-8-07 to 31-8-07 (After introducing green channel)	285.67	18.50	304.17
7-7-07 to 31-7-07 (Before Introducing)	343.38	20.91	364.29

The incident where the spirit was smuggled through the Green Channel at the Walayar check post

96 [1970] Sri. N. Shakthan:

Prof. K. V. Thomas:

Sri. K. C. Venugopal: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether any announced was made that they will give away prizes for person proving corruption at the check post;

(B) whether the intelligence unit has reported that 24 loads of spirits have been smuggled through the Green Channel at the Walayar check post;

(C) if so, whether further inquiries have been made in this regard; If not, why not;

(D) Will the declared prize be given to the intelligence unit after understanding its nature and if it is genuine,?

Answer

(A) The Government intends to do all it can to expose corruption.

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(B) The Commercial Tax Department is not aware of this.

(C) Not applicable.

(D) Not applicable.

Action to increase the basic facilities for the employees of Walayar check post

97 [1971] Sri. K.K. Divakaran: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether there has been an increase in the number of employees here after the declaration of Walayar check post as a corruption free check post; If so, how many additional posts have been filled?

(B) whether attention has been made to the complaint that basic facilities for so many employees are not available here;

(C) whether immediate action will be taken to provide basic facilities to the employees;

(D) whether it intends to increase the allowance paid to the employees of this check post; Can you give details?

Answer

(A) Yes. A total of 36 additional persons, including 11 inspectors, 4 clerks and 21 peons, were appointed through deputation and working arrangement from other offices of the Commercial Taxes Department.

(B) No.

(C) Free accommodation and meals have been provided to all the officers assigned to Duty at the Walayar check post.

(D) No special allowance is paid to the employees of Walayar check post.

Action to recruit more staff at check posts

98 [1972] Sri. Babu M. Palissery ;Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following question:

Whether action will be taken to recruit more staff through redeployment at check posts in the state; If so, can you clarify the details?

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Answer

Steps will be taken to recruit more staff through redeployment of check posts in the state. Details are under consideration.

Steps to make Kasargod - Manjeswaram check post corruption free

99 [1973] Sri. K. Kunhiraman: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following question:

Will steps be taken to set up Kasargod-Mabeswaram check post corruption free?

Answer

The ongoing activities in Palakkad district are the initial stage of the fierce effort to make all the trade tax check posts corruption free. Following this, the government is actively considering taking steps to make all check posts in Kerala, including Manjeswaram, corruption free.

Action to eliminate corruption at Karukutty check post

100 [1974] Sri. Jose Thettayil: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) what steps have been taken to eradicate corruption at the Karukutty check post;
- (B) Will action be taken to address the staff shortage at this check post?

Answer

(A) The Intelligence Division of the Commercial Tax Department is re-inspecting some of the vehicles that have been inspected from there to eliminate corruption at the Karukutty check post. If irregularities are found, taxes are levied and disciplinary action is taken against the offending officials. In addition, the Police Vigilance Division and the

Financial Inspection Division of the Secretariat are conducting lightning inspections at the check post.

(B) If necessary, the matter will be examined in due course and appropriate follow-up action will be taken.

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One Rank One Pension Scheme

101 [1975] Sri. U. C. Raman:

Sri. P. K. Abdu Rabb

Sri. Abdurahman Randathani: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you clarify the total number of service pensioners in Kerala;

(B) How many person will get pension increase under the One Rank One Pension Scheme;

(C) The number of persons for whom pension has been granted so far;

(D) The financial burden involved for the same;

(E) Can it be clarified that when will pension card which has not been sanctioned yet can be sanctioned?

Answer

(A) Pensioners-3,62, 136.

Family Pensioners - 71,791.

(B) When the pension was revised under this scheme, there was a significant increase of 5-10 per cent from the temporary pension revised through the Treasury / Bank. But in most cases there has been a nominal increase or no increase. The exact number cannot be given as not all cases have been approved.

(C) Of the 20,651 pension cases considered from all districts from 1967 to 1989, 7,165 were approved.

(D) Cannot be verified at present.

(E) It has been decided to complete the entire reform before 31-12-07.

To set up a pension treasury in Vadakara

102 [1976] Sri. M. K. Premnath: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Will the steps to set up a pension treasury in Vadakara be taken;

(B) what steps will be taken to facilitate the functioning of Treasury in Vadakara?

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Answer

(A) At present the matter is not under the consideration of the Government. But the matter will be examined later and an appropriate decision will be taken.

(B) The Vadakara Sub-Treasury is functioning in accordance with the existing rules and regulations.

Sri. M. Haleed's salary arrears

103 [1977], Sri. P. K. Abdu Rabb: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether any settlement was made on the application submitted to the District Treasury Officer, Thiruvananthapuram on 14-6-2001 for the proving the certificates that Mr. M. Haleed, who was a Research Inspector in the Mount Police, Thiruvananthapuram, for the period from 1-3-1997 to 30-9-1999 for the payment of salary revision arrears, as per the AG's request, from 1-4-1998 to 31-8-1999 salary and DA have not been received and from 3/97 to 9/97, only Rs.338 was received as interim relief;

(B) if not, the reason for not taking action on his application for past six years;

(C) whether it has been noticed that the applicant has not received the required amount of Rs.149,028 due to non-receipt of the above certificates;

(D) Will action be taken to pay interest on the amount due to the applicant till date and to recover that interest from the salary of the defaulting officer without paying the required certificates?

Answer

(A) The salary details submitted by Mr. M. Haleed have been verified and verified with the treasury documents and returned on 25-6-2001 itself. Mr. M. Haleed has been paid full salary till 6/98. It is clear from the documents submitted by him to the treasury for

examination that he had received the full salary including the interim relief of Rs.338 from 3/97 to 9/97.

(B) The question does not apply on the basis of the above(A) order.

(C) Not noticed.

(D) There does not appear to have been any negligence on the part of the Treasury officials.

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Treasuries functioning in rented building in Kannur district

104 [1978] Sri. Ramachandran Kadannapally: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

(A) How many treasuries are operating in rented premises in Kannur district;

(B) What are the steps taken by the Government to address the difficulties faced by the Treasury customers and employees due to inconveniences in the private building where the Chakkarakkal Sub-Treasury is functioning in Edakkad constituency;

(C) Will immediate action be taken to make the Government Building available to the Sub-Treasury?

Answer

(A) 8 Treasuries

(B&C) Efforts are being made to find another convenient building for Chakkarakkal sub-treasury.

Legal hurdles in collecting lottery tax arrears

105 (1979) Sri. K. M. Manj: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following question:

If there are any legal hurdles in the collection of lottery tax arrears, will immediate steps be taken to remove them?

Answer

Section 5 B. A. of the Sales Tax Act was declared unconstitutional by the Hon. High Court in its judgment W.A. 210/07 (a). dated 23-2-2007. The State filed an SLP against this under No. 12657/07 but it was rejected by Hon. High court. These judgments are based on the April 2006 judgment of a five - member bench of the Supreme Court in the Sunrise

Associates case. Hence the tax arrears do not exist. The possibility of filing a review petition against the Supreme Court verdict is being examined.

Lottery tax arrears

106 [1980] Sri. P. C. George: Will the Minister of Finance kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the amount to be paid to the Government by Santiago Martin in lottery taxes;

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(B) whether any action has been taken against the above person; If not, why not?

Answer

(A) Santiago Martin has no sales tax registration or lottery tax arrears in the state.

(B) The answer does not apply on the basis of (a).

Delay in payment of lottery prize money

107 [1981] Sri. K. K. Divakaran: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) how many of the winners of the State Lottery up to August 2007 are yet to receive their prize money;

(B) How many of them gave price ticket more than two months ago;

(C) the reason for the delay in payment of the prize money;

(D) Will action be taken to pay the prize money immediately?

Answer

(A) As of August 2007, 201 are yet to be paid the cash price who presented prize ticket.

(B) 96 persons.

(C) Failure to submit legal documents in a timely manner as per the Lottery Rule and persistent dispute in the courts will result in delay.

(D) will be accepted.

Lottery conducted by the State Lottery Department

108 (1982) Sri. Roshi Augustine:

Sri. Thomas Chazhikadan:

Sri. Joseph M. Puducherry: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) what are the different types of draws conducted by the State Lottery Department; What are they? On what days the results of the draw will be announced;

(B) whether the methods of determining the results of the said lots will be explained; Can you specify the prize money for the first and second place winners of each?

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(C) the average amount received by the Government in each such draw;

(D) whether the lotteries intended for sports and the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund, in addition to such lotteries, are still in progress; How many times their lot has been drawn; Would you please tell me how much money the Sports, Disaster Relief Fund has been able to raise separately?

Answer

(A) The State Lottery Department conducts six draws every week. Of these, Haritha was started on 6-8-2007 and Bhagyatara on 15-8-2007. The name of the lottery and the date of the draw are added below:

Haritha	-	Monday
Periyar	-	Tuesday
Bhagyatara	-	Wednesday
Chaithanya	-	Thursday
Kairali	-	Friday
Soubhagya	-	Saturday

The results of the draw will be published the next day in 14 major newspapers and on the website via C-DIT. The lottery results are also published in the Government Press for publication in the Gazette.

(B) The draw is made according to the prize structure of each lottery. Location The draw is conducted under the supervision of a judging committee comprising MLAs, local government representatives, cultural leaders and others. The members of the judging committee participating in the draw are given details of the lottery, printed tickets, sold and unsold tickets. A drum representing the series printed on the ticket and six drums representing lakhs to singles are set up at the pick-up stage. The token is deposited in these.

The first prize takes a token from the first series drum. One token is then taken from the drum representing the lakh, and then each token from the drums representing the ten thousands, hundreds, tens, and singles. Apart from zero, 1 to 9 to 10 tokens may be deposited in these six dummies, as the token is deposited in a plastic purse so that the taker does not know which number to take. Both first and second prize money are different for different lotteries.

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<u>Lottery Name</u>	<u>First Price</u>	<u>Second Price</u>
Haritha	Ten Lakhs	one Lakhs for 5 persons
Periyar	Twenty Lakhs	one Lakhs for 3 persons
Bhagyatara	Ten Lakhs	one Lakhs for 5 persons
Chaithanya	Ten Lakhs	Fifty thousand for 5 persons
Kairali	Two Lakhs for 5 persons	Fifty thousand for 5 persons
Soubhagya 10	Two Lakhs for 5 persons	twenty five thousand for 10

The Kairali Lottery has been conducting six bumper draws in a financial year. The prize structure of each is different.

(C) The total turnover for the month of July 2007 of various lotteries conducted by the State Lottery Department is appended⁴. The Haritha and Bhagyatara lotteries started in August.

(D) A draw was held for the Sports Bumper Lottery for the financial year 2006-07 and for the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund for the financial year 2007-08.

Sports Super Bumper Lottery

Turnover of (K 1285) :Rs.29,44,79,800

Other Revenue :Rs.2,500

Total Revenue :Rs.29,44,82,300

Rs.9,35,12,453 received as profit. The entire amount is credited to a special account prescribed by the Government.

The total income of the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund Santhvanam (K1298) lottery is 13.23 crore. The exact profit has not been calculated as the various district

⁴ Stored in Library

collectors have not yet paid the amount. However, out of the estimated profit of 6,69,97,826, 5 crore has been transferred to the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund.

Lottery sales for the month of August 2007

109 [1983] Sri. K. K. Divakaran: Will the Finance Minister kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the Government has the number of other State Lotteries sold in Kerala during the month of August 2007;

(B) How much was the sales of Kerala State Lotteries during the same month;

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(C) whether the reasons for the popularity of out-of-state lotteries have been analyzed;

(D) the steps taken to increase the sales of Kerala State Lotteries;

(E) whether it intends to change the prize giving structure to make the Kerala State Lotteries more popular; Can you give details?

Answer

(A) No.

(B) The total sales of Kerala State Lottery in August 2007 was 2,04,87,917 tickets.

(C) Other state lotteries are popularized by the gambling nature of the prize structure.

(D) 1. The prize structure has been changed to make the lottery more attractive. Considering the demand of the agents, two new lotteries have been launched to conduct the draw 6 days a week.

2. Changes in ticket design and numbering system was made.

3. The marketing department was started in the directorate to strengthen sales.

4. Proceedings have been initiated for lending tickets to agents and accepting ticket prices as demand draft.

5. Gives more importance to advertising campaign.

6. District Lottery Officers were given more powers to distribute prizes.

7. Steps are being taken to expand the existing Lottery Agents Welfare Fund.

8. Steps are being taken to revise the lottery system and to telecast the draws live.

9. The registration fee of the agency has been reduced from Rs.400 to Rs.200 and the fee for renewal of the agency has been reduced from Rs.100 to Rs.50. The fee for the temporary agency has been fixed at Rs.50.

(E) The prize structure has been revised by increasing the prizes of all the five lotteries except the Periyar lottery which is held every Tuesday.

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Plans to improve the living standards of fishermen

110 [1984] Sri. Varkala Kahar:

Sri. N. Shakthan:

Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) what schemes are proposed to be implemented to uplift the living standards of the fishermen families;

(B) which of these projects are being implemented this year;

(C) How many families will benefit from this?

Answer

(A) The projects planning to implement are IFDP Loan Scheme, Deep Sea Fishing Scheme, Value Added Production Scheme, Microfinance, Integrated Fisheries Development Scheme, Indigenous Boat Innovation, schemes include financial assistance for purchase of nets, SGSY scheme, fishing equipment security scheme, working capital scheme for primary co-operative societies for strengthening coastal auctions, fish market loan and fisherman accident insurance scheme. In addition, the Tsunami Emergency Relief Project (TIP), 300 small employment enterprises included in Tsunami Rehabilitation Project (TRP), 18 mini supermarkets, 38 IT kiosks, 31 soap manufacturing units, 60 dried/fresh fish units, 30 ornamental fish production units, 20 seafood kitchens and 45 fish kiosks etc. have been included to increase the employment opportunities of the coastal people.

(B) Tsunami Emergency Assistance Schemes will be completed by May 2008. Tsunami rehabilitation projects will be completed in 2009. The remaining projects are scheduled for implementing this year.

(C) Under the above schemes, 50,000 fishermen will be directly and 25,000 fishermen of coastal communities will be indirectly assisted.

Insurance Scheme for Fishermen

111 (1985) Sri. K. Kutty Ahmed Kutty: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Through which agencies the insurance scheme for fishermen for their fishing gear is implemented;

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(B) How much amount of premium is charged from the fishermen to the insurance scheme;

(C) What is the amount paid annually by the Central and State Governments for this purpose?

(D) whether steps will be taken to coordinate and implement the insurance scheme through any agency;

(E) The number of dependents of the deceased fishermen who received financial assistance under the insurance scheme implemented by the Fishermen's Welfare Board and the Matsyafed;

(F) how many applications are pending in the insurance company;

(G) whether the Government will take steps to provide financial assistance in the case of rejected applications by insurance companies;

(H) What is the amount allocated for the comprehensive insurance scheme 'Matsya Suraksha' announced this year?

Answer

(A) It has not been decided by which agency the new insurance scheme for fishing equipment will be implemented. However, Matsyafed has an 'Input Insurance Safety Scheme' for insuring fishing equipment.

(B) At present no premium is charged from the fisherman for the group insurance scheme through the Fisheries Board. The premium for the new comprehensive insurance has not been finalized. Under the scheme implemented by Matsyafed, the premium amount is 4% of the price of equipment. Of this, 2% is subsidized by the government. The remaining 2% is charged as a premium from the beneficiary.

(C) It is a 50% centralized scheme. The amount allocated for this is allocated from the state budget. 50% is to be released from the Central Government for this.

(D) No final decision has been made in this regard.

(E) Under the Group Insurance Scheme implemented by the Fishermen's Welfare Board, financial assistance of 1 lakh each has been provided to the dependents of 318 fishermen who died during the period 10-9-01 - 9-9-02 and 1-12-03 31-8-07.

Dependents of 111 fishermen received financial assistance under the Fishermen's Personal Insurance Scheme implemented by Matsyafed.

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(F) 148 applications are pending for assistance under the Group Insurance Scheme implemented through the Fisheries Board.

Under the scheme implemented by Matsyafed, 8 applications are pending.

(G) Under the scheme of providing financial assistance in case of death of a fisherman under any circumstances, the Fisheries Board is providing financial assistance of Rs.5000 to the dependents whose application is rejected by insurance companies.

(H) An amount of Rs.90 lakh has been set apart for the comprehensive insurance scheme 'Matsya Suraksha' announced this year.

Special Health Scheme in the Fisheries Sector

112 [1986] Sri. K. Kutty Ahmedkutty Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly reply to the following questions:

(A) whether the increase in the number of deadly diseases such as cancer and tuberculosis in the fishing industry and the persistent outbreak of infectious diseases have been noticed;

(B) If so, will a special health scheme be implemented in the fisheries sector in collaboration with the Department of Health to address this?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) As per the Medical Scheme being implemented by the Fishermen's Welfare Board, maximum of Rs.50,000 is being provided for the treatment of cancer as medical assistance. Necessary steps will be taken by the Fisheries Board in collaboration with the Health Department to formulate a comprehensive treatment plan.

Fish imports from the European Union

113 [1987] Sri. K. Muhammadunni Hajji: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether the move to import fish from the European Union has impacted the State's fisheries sector;

(B) Specify which fish imports are in the Indo-European Free Trade Agreement;

(C) What steps are being taken to put pressure on the Central Government against this agreement?

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Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) A list of 40 species of fish / fish products proposed to be imported under the Indo-European Free Trade Agreement has been obtained from the concerned authorities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in India. This list is appended[¥].

(C) Since this agreement threatens the very existence of the fisheries sector, the Hon'ble Chief Minister himself has written to the Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh, the Union Minister of Agriculture Sri. Sharad Pawar and the Minister of Commerce Sri. Kamal Nath, requesting that the Central Government's move for fish imports should be reconsidered and demanding protection of the fisheries sector from the impact of imports by including protected species such as herring, mackerel and nettle caught by traditional fishermen. It is also intended to pass a unanimous resolution of the Kerala Legislative Assembly and send it to the Central Government.

Tsunami projects in the fisheries sector

114 [1988] Sri. N. Aniruddhan:

Sri. V. The. Sunilkumar:

Sri. Babu Paul:

Sri. P. Thilothaman: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) how many crore rupees worth of projects are proposed to be implemented in the fisheries sector under the Tsunami Relief Plan (TRP); How many crores of rupees have been allocated for it? How much of it has been spent to date;

(B) What steps are being taken by this scheme to increase the employment opportunities of those engaged in coastal fishing?

Answer

- (A) Under the Tsunami Rehabilitation Project (TRP), projects worth 64.85 crore are being implemented by the Department of Fisheries for rehabilitation of livelihoods and 97.97 crore by the Department of Harbor Engineering for rehabilitation of fishing centers and coastal roads in 9 coastal districts. To date, the Fisheries

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Department has received 13.29 crore. Of this, 7.547 crore has been provided to PIU Fisheries for project implementation to

date. Of this, 6.86 crore has already been spent for the rehabilitation of 47 coastal roads under the Tsunami Emergency Assistance Scheme.

(B) To create employment opportunities for the people of the coastal areas, including women living in the coastal areas, 25 sub-projects have been introduced under the Tsunami Emergency Assistance Scheme and 20 sub-schemes included in the Tsunami Rehabilitation Scheme.

The scheme is being implemented in Kollam, Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Kozhikode and Thrissur districts with a working capital of up to Rs.6,000 for male fishermen engaged in fishing. In addition, the project includes the provision of safety kits to ensure the safety of fishermen, the replacement and repair of boats and nets damaged in tsunamis, and the installation of artificial barges at sea to increase fish availability. It is also implementing projects for 400 enterprise units for women fishermen, 250 vehicles for green fish marketing, 750 LPG kits for OBM-equipped boats, ornamental fish farming units, gravel farming units, fish kiosks and supermarkets.

Aqua Park Project

115 (1989) Sri. K. Kutty Ahmed Kutty: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) At what stage is the work on the 'Aqua Park' project being implemented with foreign technical and financial assistance;

(B) how many hectares of land have been acquired so far; Where they are;

(C) Will other details of the scheme be disclosed?

Answer

(A) Steps have been taken to register Aqua Park as a company. An order has been issued handing over the initial construction work of the Park to Kitco. Construction will begin soon. A foreign consultancy has been appointed to provide technical advice on this and they have submitted its feasibility report.

(B) The required 10 acres of land has been selected at Kadungallur near Aluva under the Fisheries Department.

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(C) Aqua Technology Park is the first of its kind in India for the production and marketing of ornamental fish. It is located at Kadungallur near Aluva. It will have all the infrastructure required for the production and export of ornamental fish farms. From 10 to 15 self-employed fish farmers, 0.25 acres of land will be made available for setting up fish production and export centers. Suitable satellite farms in our state in connection with the aqua park will be started under the ownership of the farmers. In addition to satellite farms, homestead farms will be set up in the homes of interested people in those areas for the production and marketing of ornamental fish. The fish produced on satellite farms and homestead farms will be loaded through the aqua park. The park will be started as a private public sector company comprising of the Department of Fisheries, affiliates, banks and KSIDC entrepreneurs.

Inland Fisheries Development

116 [1990] Sri. V. Surendran Pillai: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether it intends to implement any scheme for the development of inland aquaculture; If so, how many hectares will be used for project at starting time;

(B) Can you disclose the details of the scheme?

Answer

(A) The Government intends to implement the 'Matsya Keralam' scheme in collaboration with the Local Self Government Institutions for the development of inland aqua culture. In the first year (2008-09), the project aims to expand fish farming in 1500 hectors of fresh water areas and Sri.mp farming in 1000 hectors of lake areas.

(B) This is a scheme aimed at implementing the objective of comprehensive development of inland fisheries in the State. Under the scheme, 6000 hectors of fresh water areas and 3700 hectors of lake water areas in the state are targeted to be developed within

three years and aquaculture to be expanded using modern technologies. It also aims to implement integrated aquaculture in an area of 260 hectares.

It is proposed to implement the scheme through agencies like Fisheries Development Agency, Lake Fish Farmers Development Agency and ADAC under the supervision of the Department of Fisheries. The comprehensive development plan is designed to provide

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training, financial assistance, technical know-how, timely availability of required fish / Sri.mp seeds to the fish farmers, facilities for fish marketing and implementation of integrated aquaculture in collaboration with various departments.

The project, which is expected to be fully operational in three years, aims to produce an additional 20,000 tons of fish, 4,000 tons of river prawns, 3,700 tonnes of Sri.mps, 486 tonnes of mussels and crabs and 52 tones of seaweed.

A project of 3000 crore in the fisheries sector

117 [1991] Sri. K. Kutty Ahmedkutty: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following question:

Whether any steps have been taken to implement the Rs.3000 crore project announced in the Assembly to be implemented in the fisheries sector of the State; If so, will the details be revealed?

Answer

Yes. Preliminary steps are being taken to implement the Comprehensive Coastal Development Plan. It is a development program that coordinates the activities of various government departments. To this end, the National Institute of Rural Development, a central government institution in Hyderabad, has been entrusted with the task of preparing a plan document to mobilize funds from various sources, including central funding. The Coastal Development Agency has been tasked with monitoring project implementation. With the allocation of 1.27 crore for the first year implementation of the Comprehensive Coastal Development Program in the State Budget 2007-08, a Working Committee has been appointed with the District Collector as Chairman and representatives of various Development Departments as members to prepare a comprehensive plan for the coastal development of Kasaragod district.

Educational progress of the coastal region

118 [1992] Sri. A. Pradeep Kumar:

Sri. P. Vishwan:

Sri. C. H. Kunhambu:

Sri. K. V. Abdul Qadir:

Sri. P. P. Abdullakutty: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) whether the Department of Fisheries has formulated plans to address the educational backwardness of students in the coastal areas; If so, can you explain?

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- B) whether there are any schemes to encourage students;

(C) whether the proposal to start more higher secondary schools in the coastal areas densely populated by fishermen is under consideration;

(D) whether action will be taken to address the plight of Fisheries Technical Schools; How many Fisheries Technical Schools are there in the fisheries sector now? Do you intend to increase the number of these?

Answer

(A) Yes. 10 Fisheries Technical Schools have been set up in the coastal districts of the state to address the backwardness of students in the coastal areas. An amount of 50 lakh has been sanctioned this year for food, accommodation and other facilities for the students studying here.

(B) 1. Lump sum Grant, Tuition Fees, Stipend, Hostel Fees and Pocket Money are being provided by the Department of Fisheries to promote education for the students of fishermen. This year the government has sanctioned Rs.350 lakh for this.

2. Cash Award is given by the Fishermen's Welfare Fund Board for achieving high marks in SSLC, Plus Two and Vocational Higher Secondary examinations.

3. Students who have passed VHSE are selected as Apprentices and given special training.

(C) The proposal to start schools through the Department of Fisheries is not currently under consideration.

(D) 1. The grievance is being resolved. A project proposal of 574 lakh is being considered for the rehabilitation of Fisheries Technical Schools in Kerala as part of the Tsunami Rehabilitation Project.

2, There are currently 10 Fisheries Technical Schools functioning in the State.

3. It is not intended to increase the number of these for the time being.

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Those who have written the SSLC exam in Fisheries Schools

119 [1993]. Sri. K. Kutty Ahmed Kutty: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) How many students appeared for the SSLC examination in Fisheries Schools this time;

(B) how many of them passed;

(C) How many students got A + in these; Can you explain the school wise figures?

Answer

(A) 235.

(B) 219.

(C)

School	No. of appeared	No. of passed	Recipients of A+ in all subjects
1. Valiyathura	26	26	None
2. Karunagappally	40	40	1
3. Arthungal	31	28	1
4. Thevara	23	14	None
5. Chavakkad	14	13	None
6. Tanur	23	23	None
7. Beypore	7	4	None
8. Koyilandy	37	37	None
9. Azheekal	16	16	None
10. Kanhangad	18	18	None

Theeravanam Project in Arattupuzha Panchayat.

120 (1994) Sri. B. Babu Prasad: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether a proposal has been submitted to implement the Theeravanam project in Arattupuzha Panchayat in the special package of 40 crore sanctioned under the Tsunami Rehabilitation Project; If so, will you provide details of this project?

(B) Will it disclose whether the project has been submitted to the Central Planning Commission for approval and whether it has been given administrative approval?

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Answer

(A) Information will be collected and submitted from the Revenue Department.

(B) Not applicable.

Fisheries Roads in Kayamkulam Constituency

121 [1995] Sri. C. K. Sadasivan: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether SLEC recognition and administrative approval has been obtained for the construction of roads to be undertaken by the Fisheries Department in the areas covered by Kayamkulam constituency; If so, can you provide a copy?

(B) Will it be made clear when the said works can be started?

Answer

(A&B) Two roads from Kala Junction to Pipe Junction and Road from Pipe Junction to Koottumvathukal Kadavu in Kayamkulam constituency have been included in the Tsunami Rehabilitation Project and have been approved by SLEC. These roads will be given administrative approval immediately and tender procedures will be taken as soon as the administrative approval is given.

Rehabilitation Project in Kannur District

122 [1996] Sri. M. Prakashan Master: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) How many fisherman families living in the coastal areas are intended to be rehabilitated under the Tsunami Relief Scheme;

(B) Whether the number in each of these districts will be disclosed;

(C) What is the number of coastal fishermen in Kannur district who are to be re-located;

(D) Will the progress of the relocation process be disclosed so far?

Answer

(A) It is proposed to rehabilitate 9648 coastal fishermen in 8 coastal districts except Alappuzha and 10363 including fishermen in Alappuzha district.

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(B)	Thiruvananthapuram	700
	Kollam	2000
	Ernakulam	232
	Kozhikode	645
	Malappuram	1375
	Thrissur	2283
	Kasaragod	1413
	Kannur	1000
	Alappuzha	10363

(C) It is proposed to relocate 1000 coastal fishing families in Kannur district.

(D) The calculation of the relocation procedure is being completed.

Public Waste Treatment Plant at Aroor

123 [1997] Sri. A. M. Arif: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) What is the progress of construction of a public waste treatment plant in the seafood export sector in Aroor;

(B) What action has been taken in this regard;

(C) Will you provide details of the activities to be undertaken in this field?

Answer

(A&B) A project report of 926 lakh for the construction of a public waste treatment plant at Aroor by KITCO is being examined. An amount of 25 lakh has been set apart for this scheme in the year 2007-08. Steps are being taken to obtain administrative approval for the initial activities related to this project.

(C) The project report prepared by KITCO is intended to be implemented after consultation with all concerned, including the people's representatives.

Projects in Wayanad District

124 [1998] Sri. K. V. Kunhiraman: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following question:

Will the details of the schemes implemented in the fisheries sector in Wayanad district after the coming to power of this Government be made available?

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Since coming to power of this Government, the Fish Farmers Development Agency has distributed 31250 river prawn seeds to 73 fish farmers and 1,07,225 fish seeds to 254 fish farmers in Wayanad district. Fish farming is being implemented in an area of 12.248 hectores under a special package scheme. Under this scheme 99180 fish seeds have been distributed to 188 farmers and 29975 fish seeds to 109 farmers. To date, 215 fish farmers have been trained in scientific aquaculture till 2007-08. Subsidy of 3,21,968 has been sanctioned so far in the year 2007-08 to the farmers who are the beneficiaries of the special package.

Plans for expansion of ornamental fish farming

125 [1999] Mr. M. Chandran: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Explain what schemes are being implemented to expand and promote ornamental fish farming;

(B) whether any training schemes are being implemented for rearing and marketing of ornamental fish; If so, please provide details;

(C) Will the action plan be implemented on panchayat basis to provide information and training on the possibilities of ornamental fish farming?

Answer

(A) The following schemes are being implemented to promote ornamental fish farming:

1. With the help of TIP, financial and technical assistance is being provided to the Tsunami affected groups in Ernakulam, Thrissur and Alappuzha districts for setting up of ornamental fish farming units.

2. Provides training in ornamental fish farming to the youth of selected panchayats.

3. Preliminary work is underway to set up an aqua park at Kadungallur near Aluva and to promote ornamental fish production and export.

4. Every two years, the government conducts an international aqua show to bring the potential of ornamental fish farming to the public.

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5. With the financial assistance of the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development at a cost of 48 lakh, a scheme for self-employment of 600 women fishermen from 7 districts from Thiruvananthapuram to Malappuram is being implemented.

6. Udayanapuram village in Kottayam district is declared as a fishing village by the Government and a project is being implemented in collaboration with Kudumbasree for the development of ornamental fish farming for 1000 beneficiaries. Thus 200 people were trained.

(B) Training schemes are being implemented. Youngsters are being trained in ornamental fish farming for the management of ornamental fish farming production.

(C) Programs will be formulated and implemented under the Matsya Kerala scheme to provide information and training on the possibilities of ornamental fish farming and to provide financial assistance to interested farmers.

Chengannur Ornamental Fish Market

126 [2000]) Sri. P. C. Vishnunath: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you elaborate on the current activities of the Chengannur Ornamental Fish Market under the Department of Fisheries;

(B) the number of people currently employed here; Can you explain who they are and in what positions they are employed?

(C) What are the action plans of the said Center for the year 2007-08?

Answer

(A) Initial steps have been taken to prepare the infrastructure of the Ornamental Fish Market at the Chengannur Ornamental Fish Market for its efficiency.

(B) There is only one watchman post in Nil. The post is currently vacant. Now looking for a temporary watchman on special duty.

(C) Steps are being taken to prepare the infrastructure of the Ornamental Fisheries Center for the year 2007-08. For the same, an amount of 3.6 lakh has been given to Harbor Engineering Department to the Executive Engineer, Kayamkulam.

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Kayamkulam Fish Market

127 [2001] Sri. C. K. Sadasivan: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether administrative permission has been obtained for the construction of a fish market at Kayamkulam; If so, can a copy be made available?

(B) when will the construction work of the said fish market can be commenced;

(C) Who is responsible for its construction?

Answer

(A) Administrative approval has been obtained. Adding copy content[¥].

(B) It is expected to start within two months.

(C) The Harbor Engineering Department has been entrusted with the construction work.

Matsyafed building at Kamaleswaram

128 [2002] Sri. George Mercier: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) What is the current stage of construction of the new building of Matsyafed at Kamaleswaram in Thiruvananthapuram district;

(B) How much is estimated cost of the building;

(C) How much amount is spent on construction to date;

(D) When will the construction of the building be completed?

Answer

(A) Concrete work on the second floor roof slab of the Matsyafed headquarters is nearing completion. Work on the ground floor walls is also underway.

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- (B) The estimated cost of construction of the said building is Rs.1,56,64,902.
- (C) An amount of 1,18,60,852 has been spent on construction activities till date.
- (D) Construction of the building is expected to be completed by December 2007.

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Fishermen's Welfare Bank

129 [2003] Sri. P. Viswan: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether any steps have been taken to set up a 'Fishermen's Welfare Bank' to cultivate saving habits in the coastal fishermen and to assist them during the famine;

(B) If not, will action be taken to initiate it?

Answer

(A) No. But to achieve the same goal, there is now a central assistance scheme called the Savings Relief Scheme. This is a scheme to collect the share from the fishermen during the months when fish is available and return it to the fishermen during the famine months by adding the Central and State share along with the amount collected.

(B) Not currently under consideration.

Plans to solve the problems of fishermen

130 [2004] Sri. K. K. Shaju: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether details of the schemes proposed to be formulated to address the problems faced by the coastal inland fishermen will be made available;

(B) whether it has been noticed that many schemes sanctioned by the Central Government for the welfare of fishermen are falling into disrepair; If so, what steps will be taken to address this?

(C) whether the loan arrears taken from various schemes by fishermen will be written off; Can you provide details about this?

Answer

(A) 1. Subsidy of up to 50% or 25% of the project cost is given to the Fishermen's Self Help Groups through the scheme 'Economic Empowerment of Fisherwoman' implemented through SAF for coastal and inland fisher women.

2. Interest free loan scheme for fisher women.

3. The project 'Matsya Kerala' is being finalized for the comprehensive development of the inland fisheries sector.

4. An action committee has been set up to formulate various schemes for the welfare of the fishermen.

5. A number of projects to increase employment opportunities for coastal residents under Tsunami Emergency Relief Project (TIP), Tsunami Rehabilitation Project (TRP) includes 400 small scale enterprises, 250 vehicles for women fishmongers, mini supermarkets, 38 IT kiosks, 31 soap manufacturing units, 60 dried fish/cleaned fresh fish units, 30 ornamental fish production units, 20 seafood kitchens, and 45 fish kiosks.

6. Through the SGSY scheme, the fishermen will be able to ensure a fair price for the fish they catch and to create employment opportunities for the youth below the poverty line in the fisheries sector. The scheme can provide assistance to 2500 beneficiaries.

7. Through value added fish/fish products marketing network, it is possible to prevent the fall in prices of fish when its more available to some extent and to prevent nutrient-rich fish from becoming unusable.

8. Deep sea fishing can reduce coastal fishing pressure and increase the income of fishermen by effectively exploiting deep sea fisheries.

(B) None of the Central schemes sanctioned in this area have gone awry.

(C) The Fishermen's Debt Relief Commission Bill, 2007 is being tabled in the Select Committee for consideration, to provide immediate relief to the distressed fishermen due to loan liabilities taken under various schemes, to resolve their problems, to provide relief to the indebted fishermen and to make appropriate recommendations.

Allotment of land to fisher families in Tanur constituency

131 [2005] Sri. Abdurahman Randathani: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether consideration is being given to allotting four cents of land to fisher families; If not, why not?

(B) the number of fisher families in Tanur constituency who are yet to be allotted land and when will be allotted;

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(C) How many fisher families have been issued titles in the constituency since this Government came to power?

Answer

(A) Allotting four cents of land in coastal areas is not currently under consideration. This is because the number of beneficiaries will be halved if the lease is given at four cents in the coastal areas, it is not considered. This information has been communicated to the Legislative Estimates Committee (2001-04).

(B) Applications for land title deed are accepted and are issued by the Revenue Department. The District Officer of Fisheries has been giving permission to issue land title to the eligible persons as per the requirements of the Revenue Department on coastal apex. However, the NOC Revenue Department had asked for 91 persons is land above 4 cents. There is no obligation to provide it.

(C) Information is being collected.

Assistance to fishermen affected by seasickness

132 [2006] Sri. B. Babu Prasad:

Sri. K. Sudhakaran:

Sri. K. C. Venugopal: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) How many fishermen lost their homes due to the storm surge and monsoon this year; How many fisher families lost their fishing equipment's; How much is lost due to loss of fishing equipment;

(B) How much compensation is paid to those who lost their fishing equipment;

(C) what assistance has been provided to those who lost home so far;

(D) Have all those who were in the camps at the time of the disaster been rehabilitated?

Answer

(A) 908 fishermen lost their homes due to the storm surge and monsoon this year. 554 fishing families lost their fishing equipment. The loss due to loss of fishing equipment is estimated at Rs.2,45,16,400.

(B) Information is being collected.

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(C) Information is being collected.

(D) Information is being collected.

Housing Loan Scheme for Fishermen

133 [2007] Sri. P. C. Vishnunath: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) What is the number of persons from Chengannur constituency who were sanctioned under the housing loan scheme for inland fisheries workers; Who are they?

(B) What are the qualifications and procedures required to avail a loan from a home loan scheme?

Answer

(A) Housing loans are not provided to fishermen through the Department of Fisheries. The housing project is being implemented with the assistance of the National Fishermen's Welfare Board. Two of those sanctioned under the above scheme are from Chengannur constituency. Name information is added below:

1. Thomas Lazar, Pallippuram, Lakshamveedu, Budhanoor.
2. James Kunnumparambil, Budhanoor.

(B) Housing loans are not provided to fishermen through the Department of Fisheries. Eligibility for the grant under the National Housing Scheme is as follows.

1. The applicant should be a registered fisherman.
2. Must be married.
3. Must be a fisherman.

4. Must be under 60 years of age.
5. Land not less than 2 cents should be in its own name.
6. The applicant must be a homeless person.
7. The annual income of the applicant should not exceed Rs.22,,000.

The information on accepting applications for housing will be published in the newspapers, the applications will be investigated, a preliminary list of eligible candidates will be prepared, submitted to the District Fishermen Housing Beneficiary Committee for approval and the above list will be published in the concerned Matsya Bhavan.

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should submit their complaint to the Deputy Director of Fisheries within 10 days of the publication of the list. The complaints will be re-investigated and, if eligible, added to the list of eligible and re-submitted to the District Fishermen Housing Beneficiary Committee for approval. The houses allotted from this approved eligibility list are given by lot in proportion to the number of houses allotted each year. Once all the members of the list get the house, the eligibility list will be prepared by inviting applications again.

Chinese net workers

134 [2008] Sri. A. A. Aziz :

Sri. Kovoov Kunjumon: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) how many Chinese net workers are registered in the state;
- (B) whether it has been noticed that there are unregistered Chinese net workers;
- (C) What compensation is being paid to the Chinese net workers who are being evicted?

Answer

- (A) 1725.
- (B) Yes.
- (C) Compensation is paid as per the decision taken from time to time.

Epoxy cover for the pillars of the Fish Landing Center

135 [2009] Sri. A. P. Anil Kumar: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether it was suggested in the plan prepared by the Designing Wing that the pillars used for the construction of the buildings of the Fish Landing Center being constructed at Ponnani Fishing Harbor should be covered with fusion bonded epoxy;

(B) whether this was mentioned in the tender notification;

(C) How many pillars of the buildings are completed;

(D) whether they used fusion bonded epoxy coated rods;

(E) what is the cost of epoxy coating per kg of rod;

(F) How much tons of rods are required for the said buildings;

(G) What is the profit to the contractor if those rods are not epoxy coated;

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(H) whether the pillars of the buildings of the Fish Landing Center being constructed for Ponnani Harbor are submerged in salt water; If they are not covered with epoxy, whether the life of the pillars be shortened;

(I) Will it be suggested to give epoxy cover to the said pillars?

Answer

(A to I) information is being collected.

Construction of Ponnani Fishing Harbor

136 [2010] Sri. A. P. Anil Kumar: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether it has been stated in its design and tender notification that the buildings of the Fish Landing Center to be constructed for the Ponnani Fishing Harbor should have rods of at least 500 grade FE; If so, whether such a rod is used for the purpose?

(B) the profit to the contractor if such rods are not used for the said work;

(C) whether low quality rods below FE500 grades are capable of resisting corrosion;

(D) if not, whether the construction of such rod shall have a long life;

(E) Will the defects in the construction of the buildings of the Fish Landing Center being constructed for the Ponnani Fishing Harbor be rectified and acted upon as stated in the design and tender?

Answer

(A) No. FC415 graded rods are recommended for buildings and designs. They are used for work.

(B) Not applicable.

(C) The quality of the rod is determined based on the tensile strength. Rust has nothing to do with grade.

(D) The type of grade rods required for the specific strength of the building is taken into account when designing. So longevity can be expected.

(E) No deficiencies have been noticed so far.

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Fish Landing Center south of Mukhadar

137 [2011] Sri. P. M. A. Salam: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following question:

Whether a request has been received from the fishermen to set up a Fish Landing Center at the south of Kozhikode Mukhadar using the natural facilities; If so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

Answer

Yes. The development of Kallai estuary as a small fishing port between Marad and Mukhadar beaches in Kozhikode district can be decided only after detailed research studies.

Law prohibiting benami land transactions

138 [2012]. Sri. Mangode Radhakrishnan: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you elaborate on the changes made in the Registration Act to prevent benami land transactions;

(B) Can you explain the new arrangements put in place by the Registrar's Offices for the implementation of these changes?

Answer

(A) According to the amendment to the Registration Act which came into force as per Notification No. RR 4/5448/2003 dated 4-5-2007, the photo and fingerprint of the person presenting the registration should be affixed in document. In addition, the document

should include the buyer and seller's photo and fingerprint. Identification card is also mandatory to prove the uniqueness of the parties present in connection with the registration.

(B) Evidence presented without photo and fingerprint shall not be accepted for registration as required by law.

Action to revise land prices

139 [2013] Sri. M. M. Monaj: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether it has been noticed that the price of land fixed by the Government is very low in Ernakulam district especially in the vicinity of the Smart City in view of the rising cost of land;

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(B) If so, have steps been taken to revise the price?

Answer

(A) The Government has not fixed the price of land.

(B) The process of determining the fair value of land is in its final stages.

Fake land transaction in Kadakampally village

140 [2014] Sri. P. C. George: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) what steps have been taken to prevent fraud in connection with land registration;

(B) How many crores of rupees were registered two months ago at the Sub-Registrar's Office Kottakkam, Thiruvananthapuram, for eleven acres of land in Survey No. 1888, opposite the toll area at Akkulam on the NH Bypass and between Parvati and Puthanar, Chakka-Kollam in Kadakampally Village, Thiruvananthapuram District;

(C) whether it has been noticed that an amount more than 65 crore has been shown in documents on this basis;

(D) Can you specify the address of the company or individual who purchased the land in the transaction;

(E) whether the allegation that the person/company who purchased the property on the basis is a forgery has been noticed;

(F) whether an inquiry will be held to find whether fraud has taken place in this land transaction;

(G) whether the area of land related to this registration, the price of each land documents and the details of the persons who purchased it will be disclosed;

(H) what is the market value of the land on which this basis took place;

(I) whether legal action has been taken before registering the land, if the land was purchased by a person outside the State; Will the details be revealed;

(J) whether the registration numbers and dates of these documents be clarified;

(K) How many lakhs of rupees has the Government received in stamp duty on this basis?

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Answer

(A) According to the notification of RR 4/5448/2003 dated 4-5-2007 as per the existing Registration Amendment Act, the photo and fingerprint of the presenter should be affixed on the documents for the registration. In addition the documents should include the buyer and seller's photo and fingerprint. Identification card is also mandatory to prove the uniqueness of the parties present in connection with the registration.

The Kerala Stamp Act, 1968 has been amended to prevent the depreciation of buildings by ordering the inclusion of Form 1B in addition to the evidence by Order No. GO (P) 28/2007/Ni. Va. dated 17-2-07.

Measures have been taken to determine the fair value of the land to prevent underestimation of the value of the property. The fair price of land will come into effect.

(B) It is registered for Rs.64,23,40,000 (Sixty four crore twenty three lakh forty thousand)

(C) The documents show that the value is Rs.64,23,40,000.

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(D) Messrs. P-One Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai.

(E) Not noticed.

(F) If a complaint is received that fraud has taken place, an inquiry will be held.

(G) The information is appended †.

(H) The market price of land has not been fixed by the Government.

(I) The Government has received information that it has complied. In order to prevent benami transactions, the photo and fingerprint of the buyer and seller of the property should be affixed and produced along with the document under Section 32A and the identity card should be verified to prove the uniqueness of the parties.

(J) Document No.	Date
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(K) 8,59,73,800 (Eight crore fifty-nine lakh seventy-three thousand eight hundred rupees only).

Sub-Registrar's Office, Chirayinkeezhu

141 [2015] Sri. Ananthavattam Anandan: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether the Chirayinkeezhu Panchayat's request for the unused part of the Chirayinkeezhu Sub-Registrar's office building to be handed over to the police station has been heeded; If so, will the details be disclosed;

(B) Will immediate action be taken to hand over part of the said building for Chirayinkeezhu Police Station?

Answer

(A) The petition of Chirayinkeezhu Panchayat has not been heeded. However, the registration department has agreed to give away 24 cents of land from the Sub-Registrar's office premises at Chirayinkeezhu for the construction of the police station.

(B) The issue of handing over part of the building where the Sub-Registrar's office is functioning to the police station is not under consideration at present.

Sub-Registrar's Office, Mullassery

142 [2016] Sri. Murali Perunelly: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether it has been noticed that the Mullassery Sub-Registrar's Office in Manalur constituency is functioning in a very old building;

(B) If so, will action be taken to construct a new building for the said office?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) A High Level Meeting was convened on 4-9-2007 regarding the construction of Sub-Registrar's Offices in the State. The meeting directed to expedite the construction of buildings for the Sub-Registrar's Office and renovation of old buildings on lands owned by the Government.

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Development of Vadakara Registrar's Office

143 [2017] Sri. M. K. Premnath: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Explain what innovative schemes are being implemented in the Registration Department;

(B) What steps are being taken for the development of Vadakara Registrar's Office?

Answer

(A) Out of 309 Sub-Registrar Offices in the State, 268 are computerized. Computerization of 41 offices is in progress. Steps have been taken to produce the documents along with the fingerprint version of the parties for registration. The identity card is also mandatory to prove the uniqueness of the parties present in connection with the registration. A digital image printer system is being set up in the Sub-Registrar's Offices to avoid delays in the preparation and submission of documents. Efficiency has increased significantly in the 110 offices where digital image printers have been installed. The digital image printer system will be introduced in all the remaining sub-registrar offices this year itself.

(B) Vadakara Sub-Registrar's Office is computerized. A digital image printer will be installed to provide copy of documents without delay.

Sub-Registrar's Office in Kadakkavur INA Memorial Building

144 [2018] Sri. Ananthavattam Anandan: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether a petition has been received to set up a Kadakkavur Sub-Registrar's Office at the INA Memorial Building named after Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in Kadakkavur, Attingal constituency;

(B) Details of the steps taken to start a Sub-Registrar's Office at Kadakkavur INA Memorial?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) For the functioning of Kadakkavur Sub-Registrar's Office, Government granted permission under SO (SA) No. 196/07/Niva dated 14-3-2007 to acquire Netaji Bhavan, Survey

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No. 1644/3 and which is the Central Headquarters of Kerala XINA Association. The computerized Sub-Registrar's Office can be relocated only after the building is repaired and electrical re-wired. The PWD has been asked to carry out repairs and electrical work on the building. The Kadakkavur Registrar's Office will be shifted to Netaji Bhavan as soon as the Public Works Department completes these works.

Vacancies in Ottapalam Taluk Sub-Registrar's Office

145 [2019] Sri. M. Hamsa: Will the Minister of Fisheries and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the total staff required in the Sub-Registrar's Office at Ottapalam Taluk Headquarters;

(B) the number of employees presently in office;

(C) whether steps have been taken to fill the vacancies here; Will the details be revealed?

Answer

(A) Eight.

(B) Eight.

(C) There are currently no vacancies in this office.

Forestry in collaboration with other states

146 (2020) Sri. N. Rajan Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following question:

Can you elaborate on the steps taken by this Government since coming to power to address issues that require the co-operation of other states, such as the protection of the state's forest boundaries, inter-state deforestation and poaching?

Answer

A meeting of the Ministers of Forests of the Southern Indian States was convened on November 3 and 4, 2006 to address issues requiring the mutual co-operation of other states in areas such as protection of sandalwood, wildlife conservation, restricting wildlife poaching, encroachment on state borders, capturing inter-state criminals, detection of culprits and in improving communication with each other to catch criminals. Discussions are being held with top officials of the neighboring states at regular intervals in this regard.

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Construction of barbed wire fence to protect sandalwood in Marayoor

147 [2021] Sri. S. Rajendran: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the amount spent by the Forest Department so far on the construction of barbed wire fences to protect the sandalwood trees under the Marayoor Forest Division in Devikulam constituency;

(B) whether there are any plans for construction of barbed wire fence; Can you clarify the details?

Answer

(A) An amount of 157.49 lakh has been spent for construction of barbed wire fence in Marayoor Forest Division till 31-3-07.

(B) Construction of 8 km long barbed wire fence at Nachivayal 2 Chandana Reserve has started this year. An amount of 99.89 lakh has been approved for this. In addition, a proposal XII of 16.00 lakh for the construction of 2 km of barbed wire fence has been included in the 2007-08 action plan for the Finance Commission Award.

Action to protect sandalwood in the Arakkal hills

148 [2022] Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair:

Sri. N. Sakthan:

Sri. Varkala Kahar: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the Environmental Protection Coordinating Committee and the Nilamel Environmental Protection Committee have submitted a petition to the Government to stop the quarrying of rock in the Arakkal hills and revenue land in Pathanapuram Taluk and to provide protection to the sandalwood trees;

(B) if so, on what dates and what action has been taken on the basis of the said petitions;

(C) Is the Forest Department patrolling the sandalwood areas?

Answer

(A) Yes.

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(B) Following the complaint of Sri. Odanavattam Vijayaprakash and Sri. VS Rana dated 16-8-06, it was found at first sight that rock mining was taking place on government fallow land. There are about sixty sandalwood seedlings growing in the said area. Many monkeys also live near the Malamel temple on a nearby hill. According to Survey 268/1, the Kollam Mining and Geology Authority has given permission for rock quarrying, but it has been noticed that rock quarrying is also taking place on government land adjacent to the said land. A letter has been sent to the Kollam District Collector on 5-9-07 from the office of the Forest Conservator, Southern Region, Kollam to conduct a survey with the Pathanapuram Taluk Revenue authorities on the issue and to take necessary legal action to expose the encroachments and evacuate them.

(C) Officers of the Anchal Range are patrolling the sandalwood areas.

Forest Division in Marayoor

149 [2023] Sri. Therambil Ramakrishnan:

Sri. T. N. Prathapan:

Sri. George Mercier: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether a special forest division has been set up at Marayoor to protect the sandalwood forests; If so, how many employees does this division have? Can you clarify at what stage the work of numbering the sandalwoods here; Whether a sketch of their location has been prepared;

(B) whether sandalwood is being stolen from there even after the formation of the special division; If so, how many sandalwoods have been stolen so far?

Answer

(A) Marayoor Sandalwood Division has been formed for the protection of sandalwood forests. It has a total of 94 employees, including 80 employees, including the Divisional Forest Officer in the Forest Conservation Division and 14 employees in the Office Division. Prior to the formation of the Marayoor Division, 51,846 sandalwood trees were numbered here. Later, the work of numbering the sandalwood trees and sketching their location has not yet begun.

(B) Yes. Since the formation of this division, 284 sandalwood trees have been stolen so far (31-8-07).

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Coastal Forest Project

150 [2024] Sri. R. Selvaraj: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Where the Tsunami Prevention Coastal Forest Project has been initiated;

(B) whether the progress of the project has been assessed; If so, can you provide the details?

Answer.

(A) The name of the project being implemented for tsunami prevention is 'Haritha Theeram'. The project has been implemented in the coastal areas of 9 districts namely Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Kannur and Kasaragod. The Forest Department implements biomass in coastal land availability areas.

(B) The state level inauguration of the Haritha Theeram Project was held on 16-8-2007. Biomass construction and related activities are currently underway. The formation of Coastal Protection and Afforestation Committees has been initiated in all the nine coastal districts at the sites where the biomass is being produced. Biomass production is in progress at the sites set up by the committee. The full participation and cooperation of the coastal people is being received everywhere. Up to 25 trees per family are provided free of cost for planting in backyards and farms.

Protection of kavu

151 [2025] Sri. V. N. Vasavan: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following question:

Are there any special projects for the protection of kavu in the state; Can you explain then?

Answer

Yes. A plan has been prepared and submitted to the Central Government for approval and funding for the protection of kavu in the State with the participation and co-operation of the owners and others concerned. The expected cost of the project, which will end in 5 years, is 127.50 lakh. The implementation of the project will pave the way for the development of the area along with the conservation of Kavuu. It is also envisaged to transform selected Kavuu's into tourist destinations and implement eco-tourism. The project is being considered by the Central Government.

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Mangrove afforestation project on the banks of Vembanad Lake

152 [2026] Sri. V. N. Vasavan: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following question:

Can you explain current stage of the mangrove afforestation project on the banks of Vembanad Lake?

Answer

A project for protection of Vembanad Lake and its shores has been sanctioned and funded by the Central Government. During the financial year 2006-07, an amount of 41.25 lakh was received for carrying out approved works.

Out of this 29.83 lakh was spent. The money was spent for the production of mangrove saplings for planting in selected suitable backwaters, production of various species of trees for distribution to the general public living in the backwaters, 2 boats for intensifying family health and conservation activities, tents for conducting nature study classes, awareness classes, etc., camera, laptop, etc. for making leaflets, posters, stickers and handbooks and recording the current state of the mangroves and their changes, computers, generators and audio-visual equipment for conducting seminars and workshops. The remaining amount of 11.32 lakh was sanctioned in 2007-08 for planting of mangroves produced and completion of unfinished works in the previous year 2006-07. In addition, a management action plan of 71 lakh for the year 2007-08 has been submitted to the Government.

Mangroves in the state

153 [2027] Sri. A. K. Shashindran: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the number of hectares of mangrove forest cover in the State;

(B) what schemes the State Government has adopted to protect the mangrove forests;

(C) Has any financial assistance been received from the Center for their protection?

Answer

(A) It is estimated that there are about 1700 ha of mangroves in the State.

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(B) The Forest Department has formulated and implemented plans and programs for the conservation, maintenance and expansion of mangroves. A project of 2.10 crore for 5 years for protection of Vembanad lake and shore and a project of 6 crore for protection of mangrove forests in Kannur region in North Kerala has been submitted to the Central Government for approval. The Management Action Plan for the year 2006-07 has been approved by the Central Government. An amount of 51.25 lakh was sanctioned for Vembanad backwaters project and 49.21 lakh was sanctioned for the protection of mangrove forests in Kannur region. In addition, the Haritha Theeram Project is being implemented in 9 coastal districts of the state and a program for afforestation of suitable mangroves along the coast. The Social Forestry Department is taking steps to acquire 50 hectares of private mangrove forests in Kannur, Thrissur and Kollam districts.

23.6 ha in Kozhikode division, 12.925 ha in Kasaragod district under Kannur division and 133.5857 ha in Kannur district have been acquired for protection, maintenance and expansion of mangroves. In addition, mangrove saplings have been planted in 193.71 ha and new mangrove forests have been created in Kannur Division since 1997 with revenue outflow.

Steps are being taken to protect the Kadalundi area where mangroves are abundant in Kozhikode division. It also facilitates college students to learn about the importance of mangroves and to experience them first hand. Initial steps are being taken to survey and demarcate the area under mangroves. During the financial year 2006-2007, 28 hectares of mangroves have been planted under the Kozhikode Region for the protection, conservation and expansion of mangroves.

(C) Received. During the financial year 2006-07, out of the sanction of 1 crore fourty six thousand, 85.45 lakh was received and out of which 60.58 lakh was spent on approved works.

Land purchased by ISRO at Ponmudi

154 [2029] Sri. Joseph M. Puthussery: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

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(A) whether the land purchased by ISRO at Ponmudi for the Space Research Institute has been found to be government land;

(B) whether Sevi Mano Mathew had filed an application on March 30 after the contract was signed with ISRO on March 7, asking for the land to be allotted to him;

(C) whether the Chief Conservator of Forests, Sri. V. Gopinathan, issued an order on June 12 granting the land to the applicant on the basis of this application;

(D) What is the reasons for issuing this order immediately; What steps were taken between the application and the order; Which officials are involved; Will the details be clear;

(E) whether action has been taken against the officials who were found guilty at first sight in the context of proving that the forest land had been encroached upon and convinced of serious violations; If so, in whose name; If not, why not?

(F) whether the Office of the Minister of Forests has taken note of the reports that it has intervned;

(G) whether it has been found to be a major scam related to the land mafia operating in the state; Can you explain what action has been taken against this?

(H) whether it has been noticed that many high-ranking officials were involved in this and contacted the officials to issue orders; If so, can you clarify the details?

Answer

(A) The land purchased by ISRO at Ponmudi on behalf of the Space Research Institute has been found to be the land included in the Notification No. C4-21437/2000 dated 20-10-

2000 in Government gazette dated 2-1-2001 under the Ecologically Fragile Lands Ordinance 2000.

(B) No information is available as to whether an agreement was reached with ISRO on March 7. Sevi Mano Mathew has not filed an application on 30-3-07 seeking land allotment. Mr. Sevi Mano Mathew had filed an application with the EFL Custodian on 30-3-2007 seeking exemption of the estate land from the scope of Section 3 of the EFL Act.

(C) No order has been made to grant the applicant. According to the application dated 30-3-07, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Sri. V. Gopinathan issued the order on 12-6-2007 that 24,409 hectares to be protected as EFL and the rest to be handed over to the previous owner of the land.

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(D) As the decision on the complaint received on 30-3-2007 was taken on 12-6-2007, it cannot be said that the order was issued immediately. According to Rule 20 of the EFL, a renewed notification has to be issued within three months of receipt of the application. The application dated 30-3-2007 was sent to the Kollam Forest Conservator on 3-4-2007 and to the Thiruvananthapuram Divisional Forest Officer. A committee consisting of the Thiruvananthapuram Divisional Forest Officer, the Technical Assistant in the Kollam Forest Conservator's Office and the Punalur Working Plan Officer will be appointed to inspect and submit the report in accordance with Rule 18. The inspection of the committee was scheduled for 8-5-2007 but no inspection was done on that day. The inspection was carried out on 24-5-2007. Other range officers were also present at the inspection. The Committee prepared its report and submitted a copy to the Kollam Forest Conservator and Custodian on 8-6-2007.

(E) The facts will be examined and appropriate action will be taken.

(F) Media reports have been noted.

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Merkiston Estate

155 (2030] Sri. Aryadan Muhammad:

Sri. M. Murali:

Sri. K. Babu:

Sri. M. A. Waheed: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the notification has been issued that the Ponmudi Merkiston Estate has been fully or partially reserved to the Government as per the Kerala Forest (Westing & Management of Ecologically Fragile Lands) Ordinance, 2001; If so, the notification issued date;

(B) When did the Forest Department informed the Revenue Department about the acquisition of this estate; Can you explain the reason for the big delay?

(C) whether the Forest Department had registered a case against Sevi Mano Mathew against the felling of timber from the said estate;

(D) whether a High Level Conference was held in the Chamber of the Minister of Forests in April 2007 to discuss the complaint filed by Savi Mano Mathew against this; Who attended the conference;

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(E) whether it was decided at the aforesaid meeting that its owner, Savi Mano Mathew, should apply for the return of the Merkiston Estate reserved to the Government; Will the minutes of the meeting be tabled;

(F) whether it has been decided to give the estate to the owner ; If so, when and who made this decision?

(G) whether a new notification has been issued accordingly and issued to the land owner; If so, will a copy of the notification be placed on the table;

(H) Can it be clarified as to when this land was given to its owner?

Answer

(A) Notification was issued in the Government Gazette dated 2-1-2001 stating that 268.872 ha of land belonging to the Ponmudi Markiston Estate is reserved for the Government as per the Kerala Forest (Westing & Management of Ecologically Fragile Lands) Ordinance, 2000.

(B) This information need not be specifically communicated to the Revenue Department as the notification of reservation has been made public through the Government Gazette. The Act, which replaces the above ordinance, came into force in 2005

and its provisions in 2007. Copies of the said notification have been sent to the Revenue authorities for special attention on 8-6-07.

(C) A case was registered against Savi Mano Mathew and others on 5-5-2007 under OR 14/2007 in Palode Range for felling trees from the forested area of the said estate.

(D) Savi Mano Mathew has not filed a complaint against it or held a High Level Conference in April 2007 on its basis. However, a joint meeting of the Minister of Forests and the Minister of Labor was held on 16 May 2007 on the basis of petition by said person to the Minister of Labor stating that the estate could not continue to function due to the intervention of the Forest Department and that the plantation would be closed from 9-5-07. The meeting was attended by the following persons besides the Ministers:

1. Sri. Savi Mano Mathew
2. Sri. A. Alexander
3. Sri. K. Abbas, C. I. T. U.
4. Sri. Patrick Gomez, D. F. O., Thiruvananthapuram.
5. Sri. N. Sukumaran, Additional Secretary (Forest and Wildlife Department).

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6. Sri. K. J. Varghese, Forest Conservator, Southern Circle, Kollam.

7. Sri. C. V. Bimal Roy, Advocate, Vanchiyoor.

(E) Sri. Sevi Mano Mathew repeatedly stated in the meeting that the estate does not fall under the purview of the EFL and informed the meeting that if he has a complaint in this regard, the complaint should be given to custodian as per the rules. A copy of the minutes is attached[¥].

(F) Sri. V. Gopinathan, Acting EFL Custodian, a Statutory Quasi Judicial Authority, had on 12-6-2007 issued an order to protect 24.409 ha of this estate as EFL and to hand over the rest to the former owner of the estate.

(G) No new notification has been issued to the land owner. Not planning to.

(H) The question does not arise as the land has not been given to the owner.

Mangrove land encroached by Parrot Group Company

156 (2031) Sri. M. Murali:

Sri. C. P. Muhammad

Sri. K. Babu: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

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(A) whether Mr. Faris Aboobacker, Chairman, Parat Gop Company, has encroached on 47.60 acres of land and destroyed the mangrove forests there in Valanthakkad island in Maradu Panchayat in Ernakulam District; Whether such allegation made by a member of the Legislative Assembly noticed?

(B) the number of acres of mangrove forest in the area; Whether it has been destroyed; If so, what action has been taken in this regard? If not, can you explain why?

Answer

(A) The District Collector's report states that no land was found in the name of Mr. Faris Aboobacker, Chairman of the Parat Gop Company on Valanthakadu Island in Maradu Panchayat in Ernakulam District or the encroachment of land and destruction of mangroves.

(B) does not apply in presence of the above answer.

Land given to the residents of Vattachira tribal colony

157 [2032] Sri. George M. Thomas: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

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(A) whether attention has been paid to the fact that the residents of Vattachira Adivasi Colony in Kodancherry Panchayat have not been given permission to cut down trees even for agricultural purposes from the land allotted by the Government; If so, please provide details;

(B) Will necessary steps be taken to grant permission for felling of timber for essential purposes from the said land?

Answer

(A) Yes. The Vattachira colony area in Kodancherry village was acquired under the Vesting and Assignment Act of 1971 and handed over to the Revenue Department in 1980 for allotment to the tribals. It is not specifically recorded that the trees were reserved in the title deed issued by the Revenue Department when the forest land was thus given. However, in the Colony area, the 1975 Kerala Forest Preservation Reproduction and disposal of trees and timber be-longing to Government but grown on lands in the occupation of private persons rules apply to logging in this area. Holders are not allowed to cut teak, spear, ebony or sandalwood as per Rule 3 of the above rules.

(B) The legal aspect will be considered in this regard.

Leased farmers in Sultan Bathery constituency

158 [2033] Sri. P. Krishnaprasad: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you clarify the stage of rehabilitation of lease farmers residing in the forest land in Sultan Bathery constituency;

(B) Can you give details of the utilization of funds allotted for this?

Answer

(A) Residents of Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary in Sultan Bathery Constituency

(1) Residents of revenue land

(2) Traditionally forest dwellers

(3) Lease farmers, rehabilitation plan has been prepared for relocation from the sanctuary to these three categories.

(B) No funds have been made available for the rehabilitation project.

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Construction of fence on the land of Thomas at Vallikkattuparambil, Kurottupara

159 [2034] Sri. George M. Thomas: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the allegation that the Forest Department had illegally constructed fence on Thomas' land at Vallikkattuparambil in Kurottupparayil, Kodancherry Nellipoyil Village under Thamarassery Range has been noticed;

(B) Can you explain the circumstances under which the fence was constructed;

(C) If this land is genuine agricultural land, will action be taken to release it to the said farmer as per law?

Answer

(A) No.

(B) As part of the protection of forest land, the forest boundary is protected by a fence. The place of reference belongs to the Edathara section of the Thamarassery range. The fence was built here before 2000 on the forest boundary of the Elikode-Pulikode hills. I think this may be the reason for this reference.

(C) The question is irrelevant in presence of answer 'B'.

Construction of road to Adichilithotti colony

160 [2035] Sri. B. D. Devassi: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether there are any obstacles from the Forest Department in connection with the construction of the road to Adichilithotti Colony in Athirippilly Grama Panchayat in Chalakudy constituency;

(B) If so, what steps have been taken to remove it?

Answer

(A&B) Yes.

The existing road is a short distance jeep route and the rest of the distance is pedestrian only. The trees in the area will have to be cut down while developing the road to the Adichilithotti colony. This requires the prior approval of the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. As it is argued that the forest will affect the conservation of wildlife, this can be examined subject to central approval.

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Forest roads

161 [2036] Sri. K. Kunhiraman: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following question:

Will the district-wise list of forest roads permitted by the Forest Department be issued after this government comes to power?

Answer

Since this Government came into power, it has been included in the NABARD Scheme and on 25-11-2006, administrative sanction has been given for the rehabilitation of 11 roads. In addition, on 26-3-2007, approval was given in principle for the rehabilitation of 7 roads under NABARD scheme. The district wise figures are as follows:

Roads approved by NABARD scheme

Serial No.	Road Name	Division	District
1.	Kudiyamala-Pallikunnu Road	Kannur	Kannur
2.	Pakkam-Karuvai-Pannikkal Road	Wayanad	Wayanad
3.	Udayakkara-Chekkad Road	Wayanad	Wayanad
4.	Deer Park Road, Walayar	Palakkad	Palakkad
5.	Sapal Eliwal Road	Palakkad	Palakkad
6.	Murthukunnu-Thalikallu Road	Nenmara	Palakkad
7.	Mukkali Karuvara Road	Mannarkkad	Palakkad
8.	Periyachola-Thekkady Road	Nenmara	Palakkad
9.	Veluppadam-vettingapadam Road	Chalakkudy	Thrissur
10.	Maniyar-Kattachira-Thannithodu		

11.	Road Achankovil-Chittaur Road	Ranni Konni	Pathanamthitta Kollam
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Roads approved in principle for rehabilitation under NABARD scheme

Serial No.	Road Name	Division	District
1.	Meenpatti-Mulakuthottam Road	Kannur	Kannur
2.	Arakkala-Poyin-Edoni-Koovakkolli Karingad Road	Kannur	Kannur
3.	Mukkali-Aanvasi road	Palakkad	Palakkad
4.	Vellikkulangara-Nayattukund- Chokkana Road	Chalakkudy	Thrissur

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5.	Kaprikkad-Panamkuzhi road	Chalakkudy	Thrissur
6.	Aanamukk Junction -Thavalakuzhipara Road	Vazhachal	Thrissur
7.	Kulathupuzha-Peruvazhikkala Road	Punalur	Kollam

Timber auction depots

162 [2037] Prof. K. V. Thomas:

Sri. V. D. Satheesan:

Sri. K. C. Venugopal: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the

following questions:

(A) How many timber auction depots in the State;

(B) whether timber is being retailed at these depots; If so, can you give details;

(C) If not, will timber retail facility be provided from timber depots?

Answer

(A) There are 35 timber auctioning depots in the State functioning in six timber sales divisions.

(B) Of the 35 timber depots operating in the timber sales divisions, 17 are retail outlets.

(C) In addition to the 17 mentioned in Answer (b), other depots will be facilitated for retail sale as far as possible.

Timber auction through depots

163 (2038) Sri. Thiruvancher Radhakrishnan:

Sri. B. Babu Prasad:

Sri. G. Karthikeyan: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the government is conducting the timber auction at the timber depots with the necessary publicity and publication;

(B) whether it intends to sell timber through tender with extensive advertisements every month;

(C) Will it consider setting up timber depots in cities and selling timber through auction or tender?

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Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) The timber is auctioned at timber depots under the Forest Department through tender/dargahs, it is being sold after extensive publicity through the Kerala Public Gazette through the Department of Information and Public Relations.

(C) Many of the existing timber depots are located within and within the city. The question is therefore irrelevant.

Jeep missing incident

164 (2039] Sri. P. Krishnaprasad: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether missing of jeep belonging to the office of the Assistant Forest Conservator of Wayanad Social Forestry noticed; If so, please provide details;

(B) who used the vehicle; Can you explain the circumstances under which the theft took place;

(C) what is the explanation given by the concerned officials in this regard and whether it was satisfactory;

(D) whether any disciplinary action has been taken against him; If so, can you elaborate?

(E) whether action will be taken to recover the compensation of this vehicle from the concerned officer;

(F) the progress of the steps taken to locate this vehicle;

(G) Will the file number and date be made available in this regard?

Answer

(A) Yes, the new Mahindra Jeep donated to Wayanad Social Forestry Division was stolen on 19-08-1997 from Kozhikode Baby Memorial Hospital compound. The jeep was stolen during the registration process.

(B) Sri. M. Murali, then Assistant Forest Conservator in charge of the Social Forestry Division, was the custodian of the vehicle and used the vehicle. The jeep was stolen while parked in Baby Memorial Hospital compound in Kozhikode.

(C) The Government assessed that the explanation given by Sri. Murali was partially satisfactory. The official raised the following points in the explanation:

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1. The Jeep was parked in the Baby Memorial Hospital compound under certain special circumstances and the jeep was parked there because of the burning smell from the jeep and the absence of the driver, which made to park in the area and was convinced that vehicle would be safe as there is a 24 hour watch and ward.

2. It was stated that he was driving in the absence of Driver because he was the custodian of the Jeep and had a legal license to drive the vehicle and Driver was sent to the Regional Transport Office in Kalpetta for registration of the Jeep.

3. The theft took place without his knowledge or consent and the jeep was never expected to be stolen and with the help of police, private detective agencies and other forest officials, an attempt was made to collect information on the stolen jeep.

(D) Yes. By partially accepting his explanation, as per Government Order No. (RT) 499/05/Forest and Wildlife Department dated 6-9-2005, it has been ordered to withhold annual increase in salary without cumulative effect and avoiding the government's tentative decision to recover Rs 30,610 of the stolen jeep.

(E) The Government Order dated 30-06-2007 under RT 368/07/Forest to conduct a formal inquiry into the case on the basis of the conviction that his sentence should be reconsidered on the basis of his reply to the show cause notice from the Government, in view of the value of the lost jeep and the charges against Mr. Murali. Has been ordered.

(F) Crime No 307/97 case has been registered at Kozhikode Nadakkavu police station and an attempt has been made to trace the jeep. The Case has been declared as

undetected by order No. D1-12464/98 dated 25-8-98 of the Kozhikode City Police Commissioner.

(G) The file number of the Kerala Forest Department in this regard is B1-19800/99 and the file number under the Government of the Forest and Wildlife Department is 5363/A1/06/Forest.

Action to protect sandalwood forest

165 (2040) Sri. Roshi Augustine:

Sri. Joseph M. Puducherry:

Sri. Thomas Chazhikadan: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) how many hectares of sandalwood is in Marayoor; Whether the sandalwood is now cut down for industrial purposes from these areas; So what kind of scientific restrictions are in place;

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(B) whether the activities of the sandalwood mafia are widespread in the Marayoor area; If so, what steps have been taken to prevent it;

(C) Will immediate action be taken to equip the Forest Department officials such as the Forest Guard with rifles and pistols to take strong action against the said forest mafia?

Answer

(A) The total area of sandalwood in Marayoor is 6123.247 ha. Sandal wood is not cut down for industrial purposes from this area. However, the Forest Department collects and stores only sandal wood trees that have fallen due to wind or rain or which are completely dry and are auctioned off and sold.

(B) The activities of the sandalwood mafia in the Marayoor area are not widespread. The following steps have been taken to curb the activities of the sandalwood mafia.

1. The Sandalwood Protection Convention was held on 28-6-06 in Marayoor to ensure public participation in the protection of sandalwood with the participation of all political parties and the general public. In this way, the cooperation of the people was ensured for the protection of sandalwood.

2. The Minister visited the Tamil Nadu Forest Minister and requested for assistance for the protection of sandalwood. Accordingly, Tamil Nadu officials are assisting in

sandalwood protection activities and arresting the accused. The meeting of the Ministers of Forests of South India was convened on November 3 and 4, 2006 in Thiruvananthapuram and it was decided to work together for the protection of the forest. Sandalwood conservation is an important decision in it.

3. Chain link fencing was done at a distance of about 17 km around Chandana Reserve. Work has again started on chain link fencing at a distance of 8 km. This prevented the rapid influx of sandalwood smugglers.

4. The Minister convenes a direct meeting to ensure that the police and forest staff work more closely and accordingly the police station holds a range head meeting and a district level meeting.

5. Chandana Reserve is divided into smaller blocks and deploy staff and more watchers to ensure day and night forest protection. Steps have been taken to provide more weapons and communication equipment to the staff. Camp sheds are set up in vulnerable areas and watchers and staff are deployed to monitor the situation.

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6. In collaboration with the Forest Police in neighboring states of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, steps are being taken to catch inter-state criminals. As part of this, two inter-state criminals were arrested in May 2007 from Basna Halli in Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh.

(C) Forest officers in Marayoor Division have been provided with 26 rifles and 4 revolvers for use.

Roadside shade project

166 [2041] Sri. Raju Abraham:

Sri. Manjalamkuzhi Ali:

Smt. K. S. Saleekha:

Prof. C. Ravindranath:

Sri. M. J. Jacob: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the roadside shade scheme has been evaluated;

(B) how many trees are being planted and protected under the scheme;

(C) whether any other organizations besides the load workers' organizations have come forward to implement the scheme;

(D) Does the Forest Department provide the trees required for this project?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) 85,936 trees are being planted and protected under the scheme.

(C) Other interested labor organizations, Tree Guard sponsored industrial enterprises, voluntary organizations, locals and small traders are involved in project implementation locally.

(D) The trees required for this project are provided only by the Forest Department.

Thoothumpara Estate

167 [2042] Sri. T. N. Prathapan:

Sri. Therambil Ramakrishnan:

Sri. K. Babu: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

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(A) whether there is an intention to preserve the Thoothupara Estate, which was owned by the Pobson Group and acquired by the Forest Department at the end of the lease term;

(B) whether the said estate will be handed over to the Plantation Corporation; If so, can you explain the terms of this transfer?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) The Government intends to give up the estate under the direction of the Plantation Corporation. Proposals for this will be set by the Central Government as per the Central Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary

168 [2013] Sri. V. Chenthamarakshan: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether an order has been issued to allow visitors to the Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary and to limit the number of visitor vehicles; If so, a copy of the said order, if any;

(B) the circumstances under which the number of vehicles of visitors may have been restricted;

(C) Will consideration be given to devising and implementing alternative methods of viewing the Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary without disappointing the long distance travelers?

Answer

(A) Yes. Attached is a copy of the order issued by the Parambikulam Wildlife Warden on 17-4-07 limiting the number of vehicles for visitors[¥].

(B) Many tourists come to Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary to enjoy eco-tourism and understand its benefits. And some come just for tourism or day trips. There are no restrictions on ecotourism. But there are some restrictions for those who come only for tourism. The number of people arriving exclusively for leisure trips has been steadily increasing recently. This poses a number of obstacles to the wildlife and environment of the area and endangers the very existence of the wildlife sanctuary. In addition, the excessive

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presence of plastics and other substances is very harmful to the environment. As a result, the environmental protection provided in the management plan cannot be fully implemented. Due to the limited number of existing staff, they are unable to pay attention to the increasing number of visitors and vehicles in addition to wildlife protection. This is a precautionary measure to avoid such situations and to protect the wildlife sanctuary and its wildlife.

(C) The following measures have been formulated and implemented for the visitors of Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary:

1. A website was issued at www.parambikulam.org.
2. There are no restrictions for tourists staying under the Eco Tourism Package.
3. Phone booking system has been introduced for tourists from distant places.
4. Facility to book slot by e-mail from different countries has introduced.
5. Additional travel facilities are also provided for visitors at minimal cost during busy seasons.

All this information has been given to the public through the media.

Wildlife Census at Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary

169 [2044] Sri. V. Chenthamarakshan: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

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(A) whether the wildlife census at Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary has been taken; If so, will the number of animals be specified by species;

(B) whether any significant reduction in the number of animals has been found in Parambikulam; If so, will action be taken to provide them with special protection?

Answer

(A) Yes. The Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary also conducted a census of major mammals in 2002 as part of the state level wildlife census. Below are the details of the animals seen directly in the blocks during the census.

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Serial No.	Animal Name	Count
1.	Lion-tailed monkey	180
2.	Native monkey	111
3.	Black monkey	411
4.	Hanuman monkey	47
5.	Elephant	90
6.	Wild buffalo	293
7.	Mlav	214
8.	Spotted deer	319
9.	Indian Muntjac	7
10.	Kooran	6
11.	Wild boar	121
12.	Giant Squirrel	92
13.	Hedgehog	2
14.	Bear	8
15.	Wild dog	7
16.	Nilgiri tahr	17
17.	Tiger	18

The figure above is not proportional to the number of animals in the Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary covering an area of 285 sq. Km. In addition, the elephant census was taken in 2005 and 2007, and the tiger census in 2006. The census of other major animals was taken along with the 2006 tiger census. The final report of the 2006 tiger census and the 2007 elephant census have not been received. According to the 2005 census, 388 elephants are estimated to be endemic to the Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary.

(B) A comparative study of the 1997 and 2002 censuses found no reduction in the number of animals.

Legal provisions relating to the natives Elephants

170 [2045] Sri. N. Anirudhan: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the existing legal provisions regarding the purchase, rearing and sale of native elephants in Kerala;

(B) whether there are any restrictions on the sale and purchase of elephants; If so, what?

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(C) whether the rights of the child of a legally bred native elephant are vested in the owner; Or can you reveal the reasons for that?

Answer

(A) The provisions of the Wildlife Conservation Act, 1972 and the Kerala Captive Elephant (Management and Maintenance) Rules, 2003 are in force.

(B) Yes; The purchase and sales of elephants is prohibited under the Wildlife Conservation Act.

(C) In the event of a native elephant breed, the rights of the child are vested in the owner if there is certificate of ownership. The elephant owner has to make a special declaration for the calf and obtain a certificate of ownership from the Chief Wildlife Warden.

Rules for caring for elephants

171 (2046) Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali:

Sri. Abdurahiman Randathani:

Sri. M. Ummer: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) what laws are in place to protect elephants and take action against torture;

(B) what are the conditions to be observed when bringing an elephant at festivals as per the local conservation laws;

(C) whether it has been noticed that elephants are become rampage and die due to improper compliance; If so, will action be taken to strictly abide by the rules in this regard?

Answer

(A) The Wildlife Conservation Act, 1972 and the Native Conservation Act, 2003 are in force.

(B) According to the local conservation laws, there are no special conditions to be observed when bringing an elephant during festivals. However, Rule (8), paragraph (6) of the Kerala Native Elephant Conservation Act, 2003 stipulates that elephants may not be kept for more than three hours at a time, and Rule (12) (x) prohibits prolonged exposure to sunlight and firecrackers.

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(C) Yes. Legal action has been taken in such cases. Steps are being taken to strictly adhere to the rules of elephant care.

Registration of elephants

172 [2017] Sri. V. D. Satheesan:

Sri. C. P. Muhammad: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the registration of elephants in the state has been completed; If so, How many elephants were registered?

(B) Explain what is included in the register regarding elephants;

(C) Can you explain the benefits of implanting a microchip in an elephant's body?

Answer

(A) None.

(B) Owner name information, title deed information, information about the elephant, how it was obtained, health status information, behavior, microchip number and mahout information are included in the register.

(C) The attachment of the microchip gives the elephants a permanent identification number so that the officers can identify the elephants anywhere with the help of a reader. This will prevent misuse of the certificate of ownership and verify the total number of natives elephants.

Wildlife hunting

173 [2018] Sri. V. K. Ibrahimkunj:

Sri. Abdurahman Randathani: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) The number of cases of poaching of wild life in the State during the last one year;
- (B) In which forest areas of the State the wild life has been hunted;
- (C) How many defendants have been convicted in these cases;
- (D) What species of animal has been prosecuted for animal hunting;

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(E) Explain what steps are being taken to prevent wild animal hunting?

Answer

(A) 94 cases have been registered.

(B) Wildlife hunting has been observed in almost all forest areas;

(C) No one has been convicted since no judgment was made.

(D) The case has been registered for hunting elephants, wild buffaloes, wild cats, wild boar, Indian Muntjac, porcupines, mlav, mongoose, butterflies, wild squirrel, civet, spotted deer and breeding undocumented parrots and hornbills, fishing in rivers in the forest, possessing tiger skins and illegally keeping birds and snakes.

(E) Strict measures are taken against poaching and prosecution of offenders under the Indian Wildlife Conservation Act and strict patrolling and anti-poaching camps are organized in the State to prevent poaching. The field inspections were carried out by providing protection vehicles, communication equipment and weapons to the defense personnel. The work of the Forest Intelligence Cell has been strengthened to detect crimes in a timely manner and take action against them. Steps are being taken to collect information about poachers with the help of deforested communities, local communities, forest protection committees and eco-development committees, and to give cash awards to

those who provide such information, and to give certificates of appreciation and cash awards to employees who find crime. It also conducts joint patrols in forest areas adjacent to other states and exchanges information on criminals. In addition, measures have been taken to strengthen the communication systems and prevent poaching completely.

Comprehensive Building Rent Control Act

174 [2049] Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) whether there is a comprehensive building rent control law in the state; If not, will action be taken to bring about a comprehensive building rent control law acceptable to tenants and building owners;

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- (B) Will it be made clear that the said Act can be enforced?

Answer

(A&B) Kerala Building Lease and Rent Control Act, 1965; The proposal to amend it comprehensively is under consideration by the Government.

Housing loan schemes

175 [2050] Sri. B. Babu Prasad:

Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan:

Sri. G. Karthikeyan: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) whether any proposals are being considered for the formulation and implementation of new housing loan schemes suitable for the lower middle income group through the Housing Board;

(B) whether it intends to implement new rental housing schemes or women's hostels in the State through the Housing Board; If so, can you clarify the details?

Answer

(A) Not under consideration.

(B) The Housing Board is implementing a rental housing scheme at Poojappura in Thiruvananthapuram (Stage II), Kuttanelloor in Thrissur, Nedunkandam, Muttam, Peermede and Kasaragod, and working women's hostel schemes at Thodupuzha, Kattappana, Kasaragod, Kozhikode and Mananthavady.

Low interest rate home loan through Housing Board

176 (2051] Mr. M. Chandran: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether it has been noticed that the housing lenders have gradually increased the interest rates on the loans;

(B) whether it has been noticed that low and middle income earners are indebted and unable to repay their loans due to such increase in interest rates;

(C) whether there are any schemes in place to provide housing loans at very low interest rates through the Housing Board;

(D) If not, will action be taken to provide such loan?

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Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) Yes.

(C) does not currently exist.

(D) will be considered according to the financial position of the Government.

Housing Board Home Loan Scheme

177 [2052] Sri. Mangode Radhakrishnan: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the State Housing Board is currently providing housing loans; If not, whether action will be taken to restart the loan scheme;

(B) Can you explain the existing relief schemes for those who have taken home loan arrears from the State Housing Board?

Answer

(A) No. The government is not currently considering resuming the loan scheme.

(B) The one-time settlement scheme implemented by the Kerala State Housing Board as a relief scheme expired on 30-6-2007. Action is being taken under Government Order No. (MS) No. 18/2007 / Housing No. dated 22/5/2007 to provide relief and for writing off loan arrears of vulnerable and very low income beneficiaries who have availed housing loans from the State Housing Board.

Amount to be received by Housing Board of various housing loans

178 [2053] Sri. C. P. Muhammad:

Sri. Therambil Ramakrishnan:

Sri. George Mercier: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the Government has directed the Housing Board to write off any of the amounts (principle, interest, penalty interest and investment interest) to be received from the beneficiaries of various housing loans and higher purchase schemes;

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(B) whether the figures for the year 2001-2002 to date will be clarified by year;

(C) whether the Government has taken any steps to assist the Board in proportion to the amount so proposed to be written off; If so, will the details be disclosed;

(D) What is the total amount of benefits provided to the beneficiaries of the auction and one-time settlement scheme of houses and flats and the extent to which the profit of the Board has been reduced;

(E) Is the Government considering providing assistance to the Board to offset the loss incurred by providing such benefits due to its social commitment?

Answer

(A) The Government has directed to write off Rs.54,26,396 from the beneficiaries of various housing loan schemes of the Housing Board during the period 2001-2002 to 2006-2007. Information on item wise, i.e., interest, penalty interest, investment interest and higher purchase plans are collecting.

(B) The year-wise figures from 2001-2002 for the amount written off in the above manner are given below. The loan schemes implemented by the Board, the loan schemes

implemented by the District Collectors and the MLA / MP loan scheme have been written off.

Year	Amount to be written off
1. 2001-2002	Rs.19,238
2. 2002-2003	None
3. 2003-2004	Rs.6,97,908
4. 2004-2005	Rs.26,68,406
5. 2005-2006	Rs.8,05,235
6. 2006-2007	Rs.12,35,609
Total	Rs.54,26,396

(C) In various housing loan schemes, the Board is directed to deduct the amount due to the Board from the amount due to the Government as per the Government Order exempting the beneficiaries from loan repayment. The order has been written to the Government and the amount has been adjusted.

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(D) Details are being collected.

(E) This matter is not under consideration of the Government at present

Action to provide concessions to borrowers from the Housing Board

179 (2054] Sri. M. K. Premnath: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Explain the steps taken to provide loan waivers to the poor who have not been able to repay their loans from the Housing Board;

(B) Can you explain whether steps are being taken, including writing off the loan, for those who are unable to repay the loan?

Answer

(A) As per GO (MS) 18/2007 / Housing No. Order dated 22-5-2007, a benefit of 29.75 crore has been sanctioned to the poor people who are facing difficulty in repaying loans. In addition, under the one-time settlement scheme implemented from 7-2-2004 to 30-6-2007 to alleviate the loan repayments of the beneficiaries who had taken loans from the Housing, credit interest and penalty interest were completely waived on the loan arrears of the weaker sections and the lower income group under the repayment schemes.

(B) Government Order dated 22-5-2007 (MS) 18/2007/Housing Order has been issued to write off the arrears/to provide relief to the weaker / lower class beneficiaries of various loan schemes who took loans from the board.

One-time settlement plan

180 [2055] Sri. A. M. Arif: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the amount of money raised under the one-time settlement scheme as part of the collection of loan arrears from the Housing Board;

(B) whether the project has been assessed as a success; If so, will this project be implemented again?

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Answer

(A) An amount of `14202.86 lakh has been collected from 1-2-2004 to 30-6-2007 under the one-time settlement scheme as part of recovery of loan arrears from the Housing Board.

(B) Through the one-time settlement scheme, many old and outstanding arrears have been repaid and accounted for with the benefit of this scheme. In this way, the arrears, which were uncollectible, could be recovered to some extent. The government is considering extending the scheme.

Houses built by Housing Board in Ottapalam

181 [2056] Sri. M. Hamsa: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) how many houses have been constructed on the land of the Housing Board at Ottapalam;

(B) What is the construction cost of each house;

(C) whether any houses have been sold by the Board to anyone; If not, why not?

(D) The of houses are divided into how many categories; How many square feet each house is built on; Is there any plan to distribute all houses?

Answer

(A) The Board has constructed 67 houses on the site of the Housing Board at Ottapalam.

(B) The construction cost for each model house is included below including overhead charge (excluding interest):

Model	Cost (in rupees)
D11	3,20,009
F19	5,55,993
E9	5,82,810
F12	5,99,347
F17	7,58,904
	(Rs.446.94 per sq. Ft.)

(C) The 67 houses constructed by the Board have been offered to the registered persons at Ottapalam Center several times but the houses could not be allotted. Attempts

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are now being made to sell T houses through public auction. The houses could not be sold as the fixed price plus the cost of the project was higher than the market price.

(D) Houses are divided into five categories. Their details are as follows:

Model	Plinth sq. Ft. area	Number
D11	716	4
F19	1244	24
E9	1304	24
F12	1341	6
F17	1698	9

It has been decided to auction the unsold units through banks through the Tripartite Agreement with Higher Purchase Benefit.

Repairs to housing board buildings

182 [2057] Sri. K. C. Venugopal:

Sri. N. Sakthan:

Sri. Varkala Kahar: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the amount spent so far on the renovation and beautification of the office buildings and guest houses of the Housing Board since the coming into existence of this Government;

(B) How much has been spent so far on beautification of the quarters and premises of the present Chairman and Secretary of the Housing Board?

Answer

(A) A total of Rs.9,70,674, 5,87,478 for the renovation and allied maintenance of the Housing Board's offices under Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi and Kozhikode regions and 3,83,196 for the renovation and related repairs of the Housing Board's guest houses at Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi and Kozhikode were spent after the coming into existence of this Government.

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(B) No special expenditure has been incurred for beautifying the quarters of the Chairman and Secretary of the Housing Board. Rs.1,32,645 in the Chairman's and Rs.1,65,549 in secretary's quarters was spent for urgent repairs;

.Various posts in the Housing Board

183 [2058) Sri. K. C. Venugopal:

Sri. N. Sakthan;

Sri. B. Babu Prasad: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) the number of persons working on contract basis in various posts in the Housing Board and the pay scale of their posts;

(B) whether any of these employees have been posted in different pay scales; If so, the details and its reasons;

(C) Will immediate action be taken to unify the different pay scales of similar posts?

Answer

(A) The number of posts on contract basis in the Housing Board is given below:

Serial No.	Post	Number	Salary
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1.	Chief Architect		1	Rs.25,000
2.	Architect		1	Rs.18,000
3.	Assistant Architect		2	Rs.13,500 for each
4.	Assistant Engineer (Civil)		4	Rs.12,676 for each
5.	Architectural Head Draftsman		1	Rs.13,344
6.	Architectural First Grade Datsman	2		Rs.9,294 for each
7.	LGE		4	Rs.2,000 for each
8.	Pump operator		1	Rs.750
9.	Electrician		1	Rs.3,000

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10.	Wireman		1	Rs.4,350
11.	Skilled Assistant		1	Rs.4,950
12.	Security Guard / Watcher		28	from 1,500 to 5,100
13.	Guest House Keeper	2		Rs.2,700 for each
14.	Sweeper		49	from 800 to 2,400
15.	Gardner		1	Rs.2,700
16.	Plumber		1	Rs.2,700
17.	Lift operator		10	from 2,00 to 2,250

(B) Yes.

The posts of Security Guard / Watcher, Sweeper and Lift Operator have been filled with various remunerations as follows:

Security Guard/Watcher	from Rs.1,500 to Rs.5,100
Sweeper	from Rs.800 to Rs.2,400
Lift Operator	from Rs.2,00 to Rs.2,250

In order to recruit the required temporary staff in the various offices of the Board across Kerala, the lowest quoted agency / individuals are being recruited after inviting competitive quotations from the respective areas. In addition, the salaries of long-serving members of the Board other than through the agency are revised from time to time in accordance with the PWD Schedule of Rate and Government Order as decided by the Board.

(C) In view of the present deplorable financial condition of the Board, appropriate action will be taken after a detailed examination in this regard.

Medical Reimbursement Regulation for Housing Board Employees

184 [2059] Sri. George Mercier:

Sri. K. Babu:

Sri. G. Karthikeyan: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions;

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(A) whether the Housing Board has requested that Housing Board employees need approval for medical reimbursement regulation similar to that of state employees and permitted to other statutory bodies such as the Electricity Board;

(B) whether there are any impediments to the ratification of the said Regulation; If so, what is it; Will action be taken to give immediate approval if there is no impediment to this?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) The Government is examining the matter.

PF Credit Cards of Housing Board Employees

185 (2060) Sri. G. Karthikeyan:

Sri. T. N. Prathapan:

Sri. Thiruvanchar Radhakrishnan: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) The PF Credit Card for the year in which the Housing Board employees were last issued.

- (B) the number of years in which credit cards are currently in arrears;
- (C) When can PF Annual Credit Cards be issued without arrears; Will steps be taken to computerize and make the system for this efficient?

Answer

- (A) The last issue of PF Credit Card to the Housing Board Employees was for the year 1997-98.
- (B) Preparation of credit cards for 9 years from 98-99 years is now in arrears.
- (C) Steps will be taken to computerize the work of issuing credit cards in arrears and make them efficient and expeditious.

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Salary increase for employees of Thrissur Construction Center

186 [2061] Sri. A. C. Moideen: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) whether the needs of the employees of the Thrissur Construction Center, including the pay hike, have been taken into consideration;
- (B) whether it has been noticed that the agreement was signed at the request of the workers in the presence of Rajya Sabha member Sri. P. R. Rajan, who have the trade union leadership and chairman of the construction center;
- (C) whether it has been noticed that the Union Leader Sri. M. V. Jayarajan Ex MLA declared a hunger strike following the unilateral violation of the terms of the agreement;
- (D) the reasons for the violation of contract;
- (E) whether action will be taken in connection with the action of the Secretary of the Central Governing Board of construction which withheld even the previous salaries of the workers and employees;

(F) whether the Minister of the Department has intervened and taken any action to resolve the issue; If so, what was the action?

(G) Will action be taken to determine the periodic salary increment and grade of the employees of Thrissur Construction Center?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) Yes.

(C) Yes.

(D) According to Bylaw, any action at the construction site must be approved by a majority of the Governing Body. The agreement was signed by the District Collector on the condition that the terms of the contract would take effect only subject to the approval of the Governing Body. However, the majority of the members of the governing body did not agree to the terms of the agreement when it discussed the agreement. That is why the terms of the agreement could not be implemented.

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(E) The previous salaries of workers and employees were not withheld.

(F) Yes, the Minister has discussed the matter with the Chairman and Secretary of the Thrissur Construction Center on 14-8-2007 and on the basis of the discussion it has been decided to pay the present honorarium to the employees immediately and accordingly the honorarium was paid on 17-8-2007 itself. It is also proposed to take a decision on the revision of the Honorarium Terms in September 2007 in consultation with the concerned parties.

(G) The action has already been taken and an order has been issued to pay the salary as per the pay revision procedure approved by the Governing Body but the case filed by a section of the employees against the said order is pending in the High Court.

Restrictions on the construction of luxury homes

187 [2062] Sri. A. M. Usaf: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether it has been noticed that the highest construction activity in Kerala is in the housing sector;

(B) whether it intends to impose restrictions on the construction of houses larger than necessary;

(C) Will action be taken to collect the amount required to build a suitable house for the families who cannot afford to build a house through tax or any other means from the builders of luxury houses?

Answer

(A) it has been noticed that there is a lot of construction activity in the housing sector in Kerala;

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(B&C) Yes. The Kerala Housing Policy 2007 draft envisages the use of amount from the State Shelter Fund for the construction of houses for poor homeless by imposing 1% cess on the price of houses or flats of more than 3000 sq. Ft. with a view to comprehensive development of the housing sector.

Agencies working in the field of housing

188 [2063] Sri. Mangode Radhakrishnan: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following question:

Whether it intends to coordinate the activities of government agencies working in the field of housing; If so, will the details be disclosed?

Answer

Yes. The Kerala Housing Policy 2007 draft focuses on coordinating the activities of government agencies working in the field of housing and for tackling emergencies.

Housing scheme for the homeless

189 [2064] Sri. V. N. Vasavan: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following question:

Can you clarify whether the Housing Board has any adequate plans to provide housing to the population living in untitled land and the homeless below the poverty line?

Answer

There is currently no such scheme in the Housing Board. However, the Housing Board is considering providing housing to poor outlying residents.

The Housing Board has a Safety Housing Scheme in collaboration with voluntary organizations to provide housing to families who own two cents of land belonging to the most economically backward sections of the community.

Home loan schemes for dayly workers

190 (2065) Sri. P. C. Vishnunath: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

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(A) Explain what schemes are in place to provide loans from the Housing Department to ordinary day laborers in the State;

(B) Can you explain the eligibility, procedure and conditions for obtaining the said loan?

Answer

(A) The Housing Board is not currently implementing any special scheme for granting loans to these categories.

(B) Not applicable.

Mythri Housing Project

191 [2006] Sri. P. C. George: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Has any level of investigation been carried out into the allegation in connection with the Mythri House construction during the period 1996-2001?

(B) Who was the Minister of Housing during the period and who was the Chairman of the Board;

(C) What are the allegations related to Mythri house construction; Will the details be revealed;

(D) Whether the investigation into the allegations has been completed; If not, when do you intend to complete it?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) Sri. P. J. Joseph was Minister of Housing from 1996-2001 and Commander Chevalier Sri. T. U. Kuruvila, was Chairman of Housing Board.

(C) The allegations made in connection with the Mythri Housing Scheme are summarized below:

1. The loan amount collected by the Board from Hudco for the Mythri Housing Scheme was not utilized for the project but was diverted for other purposes of the Board.

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2. Exceeding the amount sanctioned by the Government for providing subsidy to the beneficiaries of this scheme, was spent from the amount collected as board loan.

3. The Board has not sanctioned full loan installments to all the applicants.

4. Recipients of loan installments have not completed the entire work of home on time.

5. Many people violated the agreement with the board by giving false stage certificates and receiving installments.

(D) Investigations by the Financial Inspection Wing, the Accountant General and Me.Dhan& Company have been completed. Investigations by the Vigilance Department, Local Fund Audit and Panchayat Director have not been completed.

Construction of houses in tsunami affected areas in Kayamkulam constituency

192 [2067] Sri. C. K. Sadasivan: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you clarify how many houses in Tsunami affected areas of Kayamkulam constituency are proposed to be constructed using the Tsunami Fund?

(B) whether the project has received SLEC recognition and administrative approval; If so, can you get a copy?

(C) Will the necessary steps be taken to obtain the recognition and administrative approval of the SLEC?

Answer

(A to C) Beneficiaries of the Rehabilitation Scheme are not fixed. To take the land, the Revenue Department is taking steps to select the beneficiaries. The Revenue Department is taking steps for this in collaboration with the Fisheries and Local Self Government Departments. The construction of houses is the responsibility of the Housing Department.

Laksham Veedu in Ernakulam district

193 (2068), Sri. Jose Thettayil: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can it be clarified that the entire houses of laksham veedu in Ernakulam district were inhabited;

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(B) what action has been taken against those who have illegally occupied houses in laksham Veedu;

(C) Can it be clarified whether houses in laksham veedu have been fully electrified?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) The Ernakulam District Collector has directed all the tehsildar to take immediate action against the illegal occupants of laksham veedu in connection with the respective panchayats.

(C) Could not be fully electrified.

The deplorable condition of laksham veedu

194 [2069]. Sri. M. M. Monaj: Will the Minister of Forests and Housing kindly answer the following question:

Whether the deplorable condition of houses in laksham veedu in the state has been noticed. If so, can you explain what steps the government has taken to address this and increase infrastructure?

Answer

Yes. As per the Government Order dated 26-11-04, the Housing Board is formulating and implementing the Laksham veedu Renovation Scheme to address the plight of Laksham Veedu in the State. The project is intended for the renovation of single houses and the reconstruction of two houses into a single houses. The cost of rebuilding a house is estimated at Rs.40,000. Of this, 50% (maximum Rs.20,000) is borne by the government and the remaining (50%) by NGOs and local bodies. So far 5 crore has been sanctioned for the renovation of 2500 houses. As on 31-8-07, 1328 houses have been rebuilt in different districts. Construction of the rest is in progress. In addition, the Gram Panchayats are taking up the availability of funds as part of special schemes for the rehabilitation of houses which cannot be repaired to address the deplorable condition of houses in Laksham veedu in the State.

(Questions and Answers are over)

(Answer to Unstarred Question No. 2028 not received in Editing Branch.)

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Irregularities in the use of tsunami funds

Mr. Speaker: Sri. K. C. Venugopal, Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali, Sri. Thomas Chazhikadan, Sri. K. B. Ganesh Kumar, Sri. K. K. Shaju and other esteemed members have issued a notices under Rule 50 asking the House to adjourn and discuss the serious situation that has arisen due to the collectorate blockade and coastal hartal in Alappuzha today against the non-payment of funds earmarked for the repair of schools in the tsunami affected areas.

Minister of Revenue (Sri. KP Rajendran): Sir, in the aftermath of the tsunami disaster, the Government of Kerala is formulating and implementing the Tsunami Rehabilitation Plan with the assistance of the Central Government for the comprehensive development of the coastal region of Kerala with utmost vigilance and in a timely manner. The project, which aims to provide housing, livelihoods, health care, education, drinking water, environmental protection and coastal protection, is expected to be completed by September 2009. With the

full implementation of the scheme, about 80 lakh people in 9 districts of the coastal region will benefit. The State Government has undertaken projects worth 1441.75 crore. The project mainly covers four areas namely Housing, Infrastructure Development, Community Infrastructure and Coastal Protection. Projects worth 146.18 crore are included for facilities in the social background sector. Out of this 42.5 crore has been earmarked for development of school infrastructure and renovation of libraries. Projects worth `41.5 crore for the development of coastal schools in the State have already been submitted to the Government by the District Level Monitoring Committees from various districts. The amount has been earmarked for 125 LP schools, 65 UP schools, 20 high schools, 57 higher secondary schools, 13 fisheries schools and 17 vocational higher secondary schools in different districts. After the approval of the District Level Monitoring Committee, the list is submitted by the concerned administrative departments in order of priority and submitted to the SLEC for approval by the Central Government. Schools are selected and prioritized by the respective administrative departments. According to the existing guidelines, the renovation of government schools can only be undertaken by the TRP.

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The criteria for this are set by the Central Government. This includes schools determined on this basis. But the esteemed MLAs had pointed out to the government that some government schools had been left out of the inclusion of schools. The Cabinet sub-committee which met last Wednesday discussed the issue seriously. It has been decided to take necessary action including any government schools in the coastal areas which have been left out. Accordingly, we have to send it separately to the Central Government. The need to include of aided schools in this was raised by Sri. A. M. Arif, MLA through submission. All the four MLAs from Alappuzha district, Sri. K. C. Venugopal, Sri. B. Babu Prasad, Sri. P. Thilothaman and others brought the matter to my attention and we discussed the matter. Aided schools are not included only because they cannot meet the criteria. They say government schools and government hospitals are included on the basis that they are public institutions. On the contrary, we discussed the issue in the light of the fact that the majority of the aided schools in the coastal areas are already attended by students from fishing families. This can be said only after discussing the matter with the Central Government again and examining whether it can be included in any way. Then there was a strong point in the coastal district of Alappuzha, where an urgent resolution was raised about today's agitation. At the same time, I would like to inform you that there is another issue related to this in the coastal region. It is a student scholarship; This is a scheme which provides Rs.300 per month to the students of poor families in tsunami affected areas especially from fishing families studying in classes I to X. Funding for the project will be provided by the Prime Minister's National Disaster Relief Fund. About 18,500 students, which were prepared in 2005 and sent to the Central Government by the State Government, received funds from the Prime Minister's Fund under the scheme. The

esteemed members pointed out to the Government that many deserving students were excluded when this amount was distributed. Sri. Ananthlawattam Anandan, Sri. A. M. Arif brought the matter to the attention of the government as submission to the Assembly. When this was examined, the government became aware of some inaccuracies and shortcomings.

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Following this - the distribution of the amount was stopped. In connection with the Central Government, we have received an assurance that the Government should issue a guideline for the selection of students, that the steps for the selection of students should be taken accordingly, and that the Central should submit to the Government after disbursement of the amount to students on that list and to examine if there is more students, left out students. Malappuram, Kozhikode and Kannur districts were completely excluded when the list was prepared. There are only 7 students in this list in Thrissur district. According to that list, there are many differences in different districts. So we are working to rectify those shortcomings and compile a list of students this year. The list will be completed within the next two months. We should be able to discuss it all and prepare a list in an impeccable manner and submit it to the Center. Steps have been taken for this. We have already given administrative sanction for the projects of 1441.75 crore mentioned in one part with the Tsunami Project, for the first phase of its TIP program in 2005-2006 itself and 100.0 crore received under the Rajiv Gandhi Package Scheme and 245 crore received in assistance of ADB. At present, the remaining number of projects worth about Rs.1100 crore have been formulated for various sectors. We first sent a list of Rs.460 crore to the Central Government in July. A list was sent again in August. After checking these two lists, the list we submitted first was approved. The state government has not received any money from the central government for this. Central criteria do not give such numbers. Fifty percent advance if they approve the plans. When the project is about 75 per cent complete, the remaining amount will be available. These are their norms. As part of this, they released Rs.68 crore last week. It has not decided to which category the amount should be given. The Cabinet Sub-Committee and the Cabinet itself discussed the need for the State Government to complete this without delay. Based on the directions given by the Minister of Finance, we have decided to start these projects by giving an advance to the State Government itself. I hope that its discussion and decision will be taken at the next Cabinet meeting. I repeat what I have said in the Assembly many times, and this Government is committed to the fact that this amount will be used only for the upliftment of the coastal fishing families, especially the poor, and for the development of the coast.

Sri. K. C. Venugopal: Sir, the Assembly has heard the reply of the Hon'ble Minister of Revenue many times in connection with the tsunami. The Hon'ble Minister said that things related to the tsunami project are being looked at with extreme caution. An important evidence of vigilance is the Unstarred Questions 816, 818, 819 and 820 which came after the commencement of this Assembly session. All these questions are about the steps taken by this government in connection with the tsunami project. I would like to point out that the Hon'ble Minister has not yet been able to answer a single question. Not only that, I am reading the reply given to Sri. T. N. Prathapan. What is the amount allocated from the Prime Minister's Disaster Relief Fund? How much of this has been spent to date? Can you clarify what activities were carried out with the said amount? Nineteen crore fifteen lakh eighty one thousand eight hundred rupees has been sanctioned from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund. Plans are being prepared for this. This is the answer. This is the answer given in this assembly. The assembly has MLAs from tsunami-affected districts. The esteemed minister has been in power for 15 months. Is it possible to say that at least one work has started in connection with the tsunami? The Honorable Minister should answer. The important issue here was that there were a number of projects given by the AS at that time, beginning with the tsunami-related central government assistance and using ADB assistance during the UDF government. Apart from those actions, no action has been taken since the coming of this government. It is true what minister said that the work could start only with the approval of the Planning Commission. Whether plans were given to Planning Commission in a timely manner? The Hon'ble Sri. Babu Prasad asked the question. What is the answer to that question? Plans are being prepared by all departments for tsunami rehabilitation work in Arattupuzha Panchayat, the tsunami affected area of Alappuzha district. This is the reply given by the Hon'ble Minister of Revenue in this Assembly. The plans have not been prepared for sixteen months. Shouldn't it end in 2008? Should work be completed with ADB's assistance and all other assistance in 2009? Where does this end? The people of the coastal region are anxious. You should investigate. Fifteen thousand people have been besieged Alappuzha Collectorate. The Hon'ble Minister should inquire the number of people there? Should explore the excitement of that struggle? Why? It is said here that everything is according to the central norms. There is a list of school approved in Alappuzha district. I've given you that list. There are schools that have nothing to do with the tsunami.

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In the constituency of the Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, Pullut Government School, did you not allow there? Which tsunami area does it belong to? Is it coastal? Is it a tsunami area? He said it could not be given to aided schools. The Hon'ble Minister of Revenue should reply. The health insurance scheme, if the norm of the Central Government is followed, includes only private hospitals. Whether the Hon'ble Minister of Health not know. Only private hospitals are covered under the health insurance scheme. The norms of the central government should be kept on the table. Whatever is done to mislead the people, everything is tied to the head of the central government - that is not right. The Hon'ble Minister of Finance is here. Who are the students of Kattoor School, Arthunkal School and Thumpoli School? There are so many schools where only the students of poor coastal fishermen attend. Schools devastated by the tsunami, without even helping them, have diverted the entire fund. There is no discrimination in giving to government schools. The Minister of Education should reply to this. There are 4 government schools in my constituency. Mohammedan Government Boys and Mohammedan Government Girls are all coastal schools. Has any of those schools been included in the scheme? Isn't politics what you have taken even in the case of government schools? In my constituency, in Alappuzha district, 53 schools were allotted and not a single government school was allotted. Not only that, the esteemed Sri. Babu Prasad is sitting. Not even three government schools in the area where the tsunami killed 28 people were on the list. Who made this list? Who approved this list? The entire coastal area of Alappuzha district is in turmoil against this. This was not called for by any political party. The people on the coast are all upset. So I have to ask, can this government take this sentiment into account? The government should be prepared to issue a White Paper in this regard. What was done and how many works were given administrative sanction. As for the road, there is no road in the area where the tsunami hit Alappuzha district. As for the sea wall, Hon'ble N. K. Premachandran, one of the four things you mentioned is the housing project. The Minister of Revenue should make a note. How many houses have you selected for your housing project? Have you selected any houses? What could be more shameful than to say that you have not even been able to get a list of homeless fishermen in the coastal area for a year and a half in order to give a home to the poor fishermen in the housing scheme. In case of house the beneficiary is not selected. No land has been found for it.

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You have decided to relocate those within 100, 150, 75 km. It was decided to take up land for it. Has land yet been found for it? What does the Revenue Minister say? How will you finish it? - Coastal protection is a project. The Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources should also listen, whether a c.m high sea wall was built in the name of the tsunami? When nothing is done, all the problems are avoided and when the people of the coastal areas are changed by showing political discrimination in the amount of money given to them, we must be prepared to understand that public sentiment beyond party politics is rippling through the coastal areas of Kerala today. This is a very serious matter. He mentioned about the

scholarship here. The scholarship given by the Prime Minister will be given for 300 rupees a month for 10 years. The government has not been able to take the list even though the ten-year amount has been paid in advance; Criteria cannot be given. Now you have widely called for application. Millions of applications are coming in for this. You have brought these tsunami plans to the abyss of confusion. Due to your incompetence and lack of foresight, all these projects could not be carried out in a straightforward manner. You said the list was approved by the MLAs at the district level. You have to say which MLAs have been approved. Did the ruling MLAs approve the list? Who chose it? You have to understand the real issues. This is a very serious issue. I urge the Assembly to adjourn and discuss this issue as the Central Government has taken a generous approach in the name of the poor people of the coastal areas who have died and has been unable to spend that amount due to the mismanagement of this Government.

Minister of Revenue (Sri. K. P. Rajendran): Sir, these are matters that need to be handled very carefully. It is not right to send worries and wrong messages to the people of the coastal land. That's why I mentioned those facts here. The Prime Minister's plan, the plan for students, I will say for the knowledge of Mr. Venugopal too. We took all those lists from here We took all those lists from here. In 2005, it was not ruled by a government led by Sri. V. S. Achuthanandan. The list, which was sent to the Central Government in 2005 in two districts, Kollam and Alappuzha, in November and December 2005 - I am also asking the Leader of the Opposition to listen - is an issue that needs to be addressed carefully. In November and December 2005, the Government obtained the list from the District Collectors and sent it to Delhi. Under this scheme of the Prime Minister, the list of about 18500 students was approved and Rs.300 for 12 months was distributed

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here. The Collector of Malappuram wrote and sent that time ... (noise) Let me tell you Listen to what I say.. let me tell you? The lists were collected from the districts in November and December 2005 and the list came here. Sent to Delhi. According to that list, Malappuram, Kozhikode and Kannur districts were not included in the list at that time. The names of seven students were sent from Thrissur. Here are the names of all seven students. The central government approved it and sent the funds in December. When the funds were received, we did not cancel the list prepared by the previous government as per the direction of the then government, but when the amount received was distributed accordingly, Sri. Ananthawattam Anandan and Sri. A. M. Arif told the assembly that the students of eligible fishermen were not included in the list. When it was checked, it was told to stop because the government noticed that there were some shortcomings. Discussed with the Central Government several times. The Central Government then informed that the list had been approved and the funds had been sanctioned by the Prime Minister. This is not a matter of administrative sanction here. You can distribute that amount and prepare a

guideline to address the deficiencies and give it to the districts so that when you select students accordingly you can have an idea of how many students can be included this year. The amount can be given based on that. Based on this, we started giving the amount last month. Was suspended; The Central Government has asked to report after the amount is distributed. When we started accepting applications, thousands of students' applications came. That's right. Not accepting the application? Applications are being accepted in Alappuzha district till the 20th of this month. Applications could be accepted in some districts. Now we have to process them, think carefully, prepare that list in an impeccable manner, send it to the Prime Minister's Office and try to get as much amount as possible from the government. We can enroll as many students as we buy as much amount as we can. This is not a one year plan. May update again next year. Thus, this ongoing project should strive to get maximum number of students in the coastal areas of Kerala. 133,000 people were selected for the health insurance scheme. On August 25, Union Minister Sri. M. V. Rajasekhar came here. He himself inaugurated the project. Sri. K. Babu and Prof. K. V. Thomas also attended the event. In Alappuzha, Sri. Venugopal was also present.

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They hope to be able to include nearly a one lakh people who left when they make the list next year. It is operated by United India Insurance Company. About 2.5 lakh families can be covered under this scheme. The scheme provides assistance for treatment in private hospitals as treatment in government hospitals is free. It is a scheme developed by the Government of India in association with United India Insurance Company. And that's not the list we brought with us to any private hospital. If there is any misunderstanding in this, it should be rectified.

For government schools, the obstruction is for construction of building. There are no barriers to scholarship. Computers can be purchased in schools with MLA funds. Can the building be placed? There are some restrictions and conditions. But when you all raised this issue strongly, the Cabinet Sub-Committee discussed the matter. He said that the aided school should also be included. Didn't Sri. Arif ask for it through sublimation here? In reply to that I said, the Cabinet sub-committee has discussed and I cannot give a clear answer without discussing with the Central Government. We can request attention of central. The list of schools has been sent to the Central Government but has not been approved. Because it was given in August. The offer given in July was accepted. Sri. Venugopal asked what you started. Now it has started in the health plan. The renovation project of the largest hospital in Paravur was started by Smt. K. Sreemathy Teacher and Sri. S. Sharma also attended and made the inauguration last day. Some projects have just begun. A large

mangrove afforestation project was started in Thalassery in Kannur district. 460 crore has been sanctioned. Of this, only Rs.68 crore was provided by the central government last week. This are very strict norms. We will not get permission from the Central Government to do anything other than those norms. If we want to change anything, we must bring to the attention of MPs collectively. Other than that, the state government can do nothing about it. All the work related to the TEP started during the last government is progressing very fast. It is expected to be completed by September 2009. We must try to implement and complete its implementation in the respective constituencies without any hindrance. Cabinet Sub-Committee members and officials discussed the matter in great detail with Union Minister Sri. Rajasekhar and his accompanying officials from the Center on the 25th. They have been asked to submit some suggestions Based on this, a project of 400 crore has been submitted to write off the debts of the fishermen. The Central Government has called for its discussion.

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So instead of trying to get more help, can we raise more than the amount we got if we were told to include all of these in the controversy? Can more than 41 crore be set aside for schools? Procedures for selection of houses and purchase of land were started. Assigned its officers in all collectorates. Following the decision of the State Level Committee chaired by the Chief Minister, the Cabinet also decided on a sub-committee comprising eight ministers. The Cabinet Sub-Committee has been reviewing the proceedings for a week after the Cabinet meeting every Wednesday and is in the process of redressal the offense. It has been reported in the news that the fishermen have been excluded altogether and the number has been spent in other areas. All the funds for this were given by the Central Government and the State Government diverted all the funds, so do not make such false propaganda. I have brought the matter that came to my notice to Minister of Education about the two schools in the coastal areas, including Kodungallur, have left out. I have told this Assembly that the Department of Education and the Department of Revenue will update the list and send it to the Central Government to address that. I'm going to repeat that again. Therefore, we should not discuss this issue in a way that worries the coastal areas and we should never end up with problems and obstacles in the coastal areas without being able to implement it. Instead, we request assistance from all parts to implement this project properly. So if there are concerns or misunderstandings, we should let them understand. The government will be ready for that. So there is no need to stop the church and discuss it. This Government is committed to implementing the Tsunami Relief Project for the families of fishermen in the coastal areas. There is no need for the assembly to stop and discuss this issue.

Mr. Speaker: Based on the explanation of the Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, the Chair does not think that this matter should be taken up for discussion in the assembly.

(Permission denied for presenting urgent resolution)

Leader of the Opposition (Sri. Oommen Chandy): Sir, the reply of the Minister of Revenue has caused more concern. I agree with you that you have to be careful about making schemes and spending money on it. You should investigate what happened in Tamil Nadu. How many crores of rupees have already been spent there?

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Your reply states that so far 68 crore has been received from the Center. We give will get an advance of 50% of the project from Central Government. So if you say you got Rs.68 crore here last week, you could have approved a Rs.136 crore project there?

Sri. K. P. Rajendran: Don't get me wrong. It was in the month of July that our various departments prepared the project in the districts and approved it by SLEC. The first project of 460 crore was given in July. The remaining number was given in August. Now the special package is about to be given. Received 68 crore now. Starting with that, they have now informed that the remaining amount will be paid as soon as they inform us. That said, we decided to get it started by advancing it from the finance department.

Sri. Oommen Chandy: It was said that 50% of the approval will be given in advance and when the work is 75%, the remaining 50% will be given. I am saying in that regard. Then Rs.136 crore has been approved. It is worthwhile to look at how many crores of rupees have already been spent in Tamil Nadu. The biggest flaw that suits you is pointed out here. The Central Government has sanctioned money for scholarship. The list was given during the last government. If you look at the file, you can know how many days after receiving letter requesting the list from the center was given. There are flaws in that, I agree. We need more. But we sent the circular as soon as we had to pay on time. The government was informed in time and sent to the whole to Delhi and obtained permission. Need more than that. I agree. What should a government do that is accountable to the people? The obtained amount was to be distributed and should request for remaining amount. Is it right to delay for a year instead? You place your second order on 22-12-2006. I agree with what you say. There is a shortage within it, some districts did not come, some districts went down in amount, I agree. But got the circular from the Central. When the opportunity arose for the poor students here to get Rs.300 per month, we sent the list in a timely manner. If anyone has got it ineligible, it can be blocked. I do not mind. Because no one who is ineligible should

get it. But if you thought that it was given to those who deserved it, then you should have distributed that amount, then say it's not enough and we should have gone with new list saying that the old list is the list we gave in hurry. Didn't you do the same with health insurance plan?

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Sri. K. P. Rajendran: I am drawing the attention of the esteemed Leader of the Opposition. He asked why we took the time. We had to look into it because it was raised by two MLAs in the assembly. Now informed to give details about money spent. 9154 people in Thiruvananthapuram district and 7 in Thrissur district were selected. None from Malappuram, Kozhikode and Kannur districts. Can't we check it?

Sri. Oommen Chandy: I do not question what you said. What the MLAs have raised here is reasonable. Because everyone is not in this list. Its number should be increased. I agree. But when the circular came from the Central about the benefit, the list was given without responding to it in time. What was the difficulty in distributing them and giving them a list of new people

(Noise)

Mr. Speaker: The urgent resolution will not be allowed to be discussed like this.

.... (noise) ...

Sri. Oommen Chandy: I admit that there are inaccuracies in this. Correction of malpractice should not be done by withholding the amount received for those who are eligible. That's what you did. You withhold the benefit of those who deserve it. The rest had to be applied for after giving to those who deserved it. That's what people with common sense do. You did the same with the health insurance plan. More people should get this benefit. Let's try for that. You withheld benefit of the eligible. Is that right? Give to those who deserve it and try to get more. That is what a responsible government should do to the people. If someone who doesn't deserve it get it, it makes sense if you cancel it. But it is very unfortunate that you have left without doing anything and it has taken months to get to those who deserve it. You didn't answer for amount diversifying and spending. I am telling to Mr. Rajendra, if any of the tsunami projects prepared by the previous government have been diverted from the coast, can you tell me in this assembly ... (Noise) ...

Mr. SPEAKER: Permission denied. No further discussion is allowed.

Sri. Oommen Chandy: It has already been given from the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund. It has been given since then. It has been given all along. But if any project has been sanctioned during the UDF period apart from the coastal areas, it should be mentioned .. (noise) I repeat this again and again. You have all the files. You should state if any of the funds given for the tsunami off the coast have been spent on any other project. Similarly, if the funds provided by the Central Government to compensate the victims of the tsunami disaster have been given to people outside the coastal areas to buy boats or nets, it should be mentioned.

Sri. K. P. Rajendran: I have heard Mr. Dominic's presentation repeatedly say that the lumpsum grants and scholarships given to fishermen have been misappropriated. Now it has come back to the C&AG report. Accept only according to their guidelines. That's why they said a guideline should be issued to select students for scholarships. We have prepared that guideline and sent it to all the districts.

Sri. Oommen Chandy: The 14 crore shown in the C&AG report is the amount given to the coastal students only. But it should have been given from the budgeted amount, not from this. Not a single penny of that 14 crore has been spent than for coast. You have to look. But C&AG said it should have been put into the budget and given as a budgeted amount. You gave it instead. We agree with that. We have decided in the cabinet. This is because the tsunami hit mostly on three panchayats. But after the tsunami, the entire coastal population of the nine districts of Kerala was affected. They were given free rations that day. Seeing that the ration would not be enough, we immediately decided to pay the arrears to the people of the coastal areas in whatever way they could. It's to help the people there. The approach you have taken today is not beneficial to the people of the coastal region. You are talking about Norms. The Honorable Minister should place those Norms on the table. Then the we can say what changes need to be made collectively in it to the central. The Union Minister told to distribute the amount to the old list and send the rest of the list? Similarly, we can propose to make changes in Norms to suit the conditions of Kerala. Total unrest is raging in the coastal areas today. Do not take it lightly. 1441 crore has been received for coastal development and there is a complaint that it is not being utilized effectively.

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The minister himself admitted that there had been a delay. In terms of the way funds are spent in other states, the losses we have had are huge. We are raising this issue 16 months after you came to power. You got so much time. A strong storm of protest is raging in Alappuzha today. No one created it intentionally. It is a self-rising protest. My party and I are walking out as protest to the government's policy of not taking the seriousness of this seriously.

(Honorable Leader of the Opposition and members of his party walked out of the assembly).

Sri. C. F. Thomas: Sir, in the statement of the Hon'ble Minister of Revenue you have said that we should not discuss in such a manner as to cause concern. You have to understand one thing. We are all sitting here for the people of this state. Serious concerns are rife throughout this coastal region. Tomorrow marks one year and four months. One year and four months later, you still replied that action had been taken to prepare plans. Is that enough? Its subcommittee has not been able to meet properly for a year and four months. Here are other issues. What a fuss you made in the name of the tsunami in the state during the last election and beyond. What was spread that time. You did not have this intelligence then. Even though it has been so long since you came to power today, the people of the coastal people are the most miserable people in our state. To be fair, the coast is the poorest region. What about the condition after tsunami too. Even then, have you done anything significant? Is there a government school or an aided school when it comes to waves? Dr. Thomas Isaac's constituency, or schools in the coastal areas where all the students studying there are students from BPL family. Everything in aided schools in Tamil Nadu (Mic off).... was ready. To be accepted in any way (Mic Off) Government has shown in this matter. In this gross misconduct, my party members and I are walking out as protest this atrocity against the people.

(Mr. CF Thomas and members of his party left the assembly.)

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Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali: Sir, Sri. K. C. Venugopal expressed the sentiments of the people, including the coastal fishermen. Sixteen months later, the government has shown great disregard for the people of the coastal areas in this regard. Even though an amount of 1441 crore has been sanctioned by the Central Government, it has not been able to prepare or submit its plans in time and the amount received has not been disbursed in time. In the case of this excellent scheme which provides scholarships of Rs.300 for 10 years to the students, the benefit of the scheme provided by the Central Government should have been given to the students in due course. The guidelines for this are still unclear. It is understood that no clear guideline has been prepared in this regard. The amount sanctioned by the Central Government should have been given to the deserving students in case of any inadequacy and those students should have been excluded and distributed to the deserving students immediately. Similarly, the students who were left out of it, regardless of whether it was an aided school or a government school - this tragedy has affected all students equally - could have selected deserving students from it and given them additionally. This shows the utmost negligence and irresponsibility of this government. Similarly, many projects like housing, road, drinking water project, electrification and seawall have not been implemented. There has been a delay in the preparation of the plans except that the plans

have been prepared and submitted to the Central Government. The projects submitted by our MPs at Central under pressure should be spent only on these tsunami affected areas and not on non-tsunami affected areas for any reason. All these plans must be approved as soon as possible to end the negligence of this government. My party and I are walking out as protest of the unwillingness to discuss an urgent resolution on this important issue here.

(Mr. C. T. Ahmed Ali and members of his party walked out of the House and the Opposition members who had left reappeared in the House shortly after.)

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(1) Planned Urban Development Plan

Sri. Therambil Ramakrishnan: Sir, the present condition of our cities is very deplorable. Infrastructure development is not on our agenda today. We are facing the challenges posed by waste heaps, mosquito infestations, daily pipe ruptures, power cuts, floods and traffic jams.

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The distorted growth of our cities is creating new problems. Tourists who come to God's own country with hope are in a desperate situation. Waste generated in emerging multi-storey buildings and flats in cities paves the way for infectious diseases. This is causing serious health problems. We have not yet been able to formulate scientific and effective plans for waste management. Vilapilsala, Kurippuzha, Brahmapuram, Laloor and Njeliyamparambu have become the black spots of the urban face. Despite the strong intervention of the esteemed High Court, we have not been able to find even a temporary solution to the waste management in Kochi. We had to find the technology to convert the waste into raw material for energy production and treat it at source. Due to the inadequacy of drainage facilities, floods have become a threat to city life. We cannot provide the basic human needs of fresh water, water and light. Environmental issues and the atmosphere pollution is also getting out of control. Travel itself is difficult due to traffic congestion. City life has become like hell. Planned urban development should be taken up automatically. In this situation, we must be prepared to replace outdated master plans and prepare new master plans with foresight to enable balanced growth of cities. Although some special plans have been formulated and implemented for the development of the capital city, they are in the process of being abandoned half way. The Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi and Kozhikode Urban Development Authorities have undertaken several renovation projects but none of them are progressing as we would like. With the realization of Smart City and Vallarpadam, the city of Kochi will literally suffocate. Gradually, the situation in other cities

is likely to be similar. We do not even care to adapt the physical conditions and infrastructure to the natural growth of our cities. Although there

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are five corporations in the state, the government's approach to the Thrissur and Kollam corporations is discriminatory. Instead of providing protection and encouragement to the newly formed municipalities of Thrissur and Kollam, the government is showing a negative attitude of completely ignoring them. The development authorities there were removed and the assets worth crores collected by the Thrissur Urban Development Authority from people were confiscated. Many of the projects that have been started have come to a halt. It is a narrow-minded approach to abandon existing infrastructure development projects as governments change. A negative attitude that reverses the progresses made is not conducive to the growth of the country. The government should seriously consider restoring the Thrissur and Kollam municipalities Infrastructure development and the creation of better living conditions are urgently needed to give a new face to our cities, which are centers of growth and employment. This requires a large investment and a long-term, well-planned plan. The present situation where the growth and development of cities is left to the municipalities alone is not entirely consistent. Municipalities may not be able to solve problems completely. Therefore, I urge the Minister of Local Self Government to take the initiative to prepare a comprehensive master plan for the comprehensive development of all the 5 corporations in the state and to formulate and implement general plans for infrastructure development in a timely manner.

Minister of Finance (Dr. Thomas Isaac):Sir, on behalf of the Minister of Local Self Government and Rural Development: Sir, the Government agrees with all that the Hon'ble Member has said except one point. As the esteemed member said, the problem is getting worse in urban areas. Today, it is home to 25 percent of population, though it is 10 percent. Fifty percent of the economic income of our state comes from there. In two decades, forty percent of the population will have an income of seventy-five to eighty percent. The land area will remain at ten per cent. Landscaping plays an important role in urban planning. It is a special science of planning. Based on that, it can be said that the general plan is a structural plan. The more detailed and more familiar is called the master plan. Going one step further, having the details of the junctions is called a development plan. The Town and Country Planning Department takes steps to prepare. The master plan of Thiruvananthapuram is ready. Kochi has a structural plan. The development plans for Kozhikode and Kollam have been revised and their draft regional controls have been published. After considering the detailed comments, the Government has formulated the revised rules for the Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi and Kozhikode town planning schemes. The City Development Plan is being formulated as part of JNNURM's activities. As the esteemed member commented, it needs the help of a specialized agency. The assistance of the agency has also been secured for the preparation of this special plan.

Its operation is progressing efficiently. But the government does not agree with the view that a development authority is needed. Because corporations are strengthened by the city council we elect. Report of Ashok Metha committee is here. Report of P Ramachandran Committee is here. They point out that the fact that boards and authorities come in parallel to the elected committees weakens them. This is a very important issue. All scholars have pointed out that this is our experience when examining the experience of decentralization in India. The concern of Honorable member is also for decisions of development authority. They will not disappear. Existing law provides for the consideration of urban as well as suburban areas with integrated plans in place of integrated urban development authorities. Under Section 37 of the Municipality Act and Section 165 of the Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, the Government has approved and implemented a new concept of General Development Plans, the formation of Joint Committees and the District Plan. The second is to prepare detailed plans. That is, the urban / rural planning departments are doing what I said earlier. Third, there will be no officials in the municipality or corporation who have the capacity to do all this. Officials and assets are integrated with municipalities while detailed plans are prepared and rejected by the authorities. Thus it is possible to raise loans independently if there are authorities. We have now decided to merge rural finance and urban finance to form the Kerala Urban and Rural Development Finance Corporation, which will utilize the proceeds from the ADB's loan to act as a specialized agency for municipal fundraising. Functions performed by these development authorities - systems have been found to replace them. The work of Kozhikode, Thrissur and Kollam authorities is nominal. Large projects taken over by Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram authorities cannot be stopped immediately. Let these two continue. The remaining authorities and officials can be merged with the municipality. So there is no problem. Our municipalities will be further strengthened and thus the waste disposal and drinking water issues pointed out by the esteemed member will be made part of the socio-economic plan of the municipalities. Government's view is no authority in contrast to this is necessary.

Sri. Therambil Ramakrishnan: It is factually incorrect to say that the Thrissur Municipal Development Authority is inactive. The first property pooling in India with the participation of the people is worth crores of rupees. The government did not give ten paise but there was no objection. You have not even shown the usual courtesy to consult with your people's representatives before. It's not too late yet. Could talk if meeting is called. Leaving to them will make everything worse. If we call another meeting, we can also talk about assets. It is not enough to have a department in the Panchayat Act and the Municipal Act. Experience is required. So if the Urban Development Authority does not exist for the planned development of cities, is it ready to form a body of people's representatives and

technical experts? Many projects cannot be done by the local government alone. Where is waste disposal now? It doesn't matter if you pretend you haven't seen it. So I meant the government should take up a coordinated and planned scheme

Dr. Thomas Isaac: The controversy in Kerala over this is that once the authorities become independent, the municipalities will not be strong. Therefore, these agencies need to work in collaboration with municipalities. Therefore, the expertise of municipalities needs to be enhanced and the assistance of specialist agencies is needed. But it should work under municipalities.

(2) Welfare scheme to provide pension and other assistance to farmers

Sri. P. Krishnaprasad: Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the assembly today to the importance of implementing a new welfare scheme adequate to provide pensions and other benefits to the farmers of our state. The economic structure of our Kerala is still agriculturally important. Farmers are a very important group in our society. It is estimated that there are about 75 lakh farmers. Today, the agricultural sector is facing an unprecedented crisis. The highest level of insecurity exists here. The cost of agriculture is increasing day by day. Farmers' incomes are declining sharply due to falling prices. Today, agriculture is becoming unprofitable. It is a situation where farmers are widely withdrawing from farming. The new generation of people are not interested in accepting agriculture as their income. There is a situation where they cannot do that.

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There is a situation where agricultural land is mortgaged due to debt. As a result, many farmers are forced to sell their land. The central government, on the other hand, is pursuing policies that undermine agriculture and bankrupt farmers. The central government is not ready to release farmers from debt, implement welfare schemes for them or ensure crop price security. After the Left Democratic Front government came to power in Kerala, it took several steps to save the farmers from debt. I am not going to explain. Wayanad district, which witnessed the highest number of widespread farmer suicides when this government came to power, has now come down. It is the policy of this government to bring it about. The main requirement of this call is to be able to ensure a farmer's pension, welfare scheme and accident security. It will go a long way in instilling confidence in the farmers. It will also help save agriculture. During the previous LDF government, the Farmers' Protection Scheme was formulated and implemented. But it was learned that the project was stopped during the UDF government as it was not ready to go ahead. A scheme was devised to collect one thousand rupees from one lakh young farmers and give them a pension of one thousand

rupees on reaching the age of 60 years. One thousand rupees was collected from young farmers for this purpose. But it is not ready to be implemented. In that case, the new Left Democratic Front government has announced in an earlier announcement that it would be willing to provide benefits to farmers, including pensions. I want to ask you to be ready to formulate and implement this as soon as possible.

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Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Mullakkara Ratnakaran): Sir, Hon'ble Member P Krishna prasad has drawn the attention of the House to the need for a welfare scheme which can provide relief to the farmers. The interest shown by the esteemed member in raising this issue in the assembly for the protection of the agricultural sector is commendable. In the state, most of the farmers are small/ marginal farmers. Farmers often suffer due to natural calamities, pests, the Centre's flawed import policy and the fall in prices of agricultural produce. The lack of an insurance scheme for compensation based on the cost of farming is a major factor in the development of the agricultural sector. Moreover, there are no other social security schemes for farmers. It was at this juncture that a farmer protection scheme was formulated during the last LDF government. One million farmers became members of the scheme. The scheme was implemented with the government paying the premium of one million farmers who were members of the scheme, which had a premium of Rs. 10 per farmer per year. To the dependents of farmers who die in accidents while engaged in farming and to farmers who die due to deadly diseases like cancer, the scheme provided assistance of Rs.1 lakh as compensation and assistance to the farmers for the needs of the victims, including education of students and marriage of girls. Thus, the farmers got Rs.3 crore in one year through various schemes. The subsequent UDF government stopped the project. At present there is no comprehensive insurance scheme for farmers in Kerala. To address this the Government has decided to formulate a comprehensive Farmer Welfare and Security Scheme called Kisansree. The process of formulation of this scheme for providing accident protection and

welfare assistance to the farmers has already started. A meeting was convened under the chairmanship of the Minister of Agriculture with the involvement of the officials of the Public Sector Insurance Company. It is a scheme to provide pension to the farmers along with accident security and welfare assistance. In addition, it is planned to implement a crop

insurance scheme in connection with the Kisan Sree scheme, which will provide compensation for the cost of cultivation. The government hopes that the scheme will be announced on November 1, Kerala Piravi.

Sri. P. Krishnaprasad: The minister has given a very positive response that a scheme in the form of a pension scheme for farmers can be considered and a crop insurance scheme can be announced on November 1 itself. Indeed, I take this opportunity to commend this Government, led by Sri. V. S. Achuthanandan, as the most important people in Kerala, for their overwhelming support beyond the plight of the farmers as well as for the steps they have taken to make progress in every sense of the word.

Sri. Mullakkara Ratnakaran: The government is trying to connect with the farmers' protection scheme announced by the Prime Minister recently. If so, we can announce a very comprehensive plan in this November 1st.

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(1) Kozhikode I. T. Park

Sri. A. Pradeep Kumar: Sir, I raise the need to set up an IT park in Kozhikode. Within seven months of coming to power, this government announced a comprehensive draft IT policy. An IT policy has been announced that will eliminate the digital divide that may arise in terms of knowledge, technology and the development of information technology. We have made some achievements in the field of IT in Kerala. They are the Techno Park in Thiruvananthapuram and the Info Park in Kochi during the old LDF government. But there is a situation where the Malabar region is completely neglected due to lack of due consideration in IT development. In view of all this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister himself had earlier announced that an IT park would be set up at Kozhikode, the center of Malabar. As the people's representatives, we have brought to the notice of the Government the land and other facilities required to start it in the city of Kozhikode itself. A beautiful sketch of as much space needed has already been prepared and given. Today, Kozhikode has not only the natural beauty but also all the infrastructure needed to start a huge IT park. But so far it was not able to start it. Now the place marked there has a lot of travel facilities. It is only a 25 minute drive from the airport. There is also a railway station and a bus stand. The developing Beypore Fort is about 10 km away. The city of Kozhikode has the necessary communication facilities for IT development. It has the presence of all major telecom companies including BSNL and broadband connectivity and optical connectivity. Electricity and water are available in the city. Kozhikode can be reached in five to six hours from Bangalore, the most important IT hub in India. So it has all the facilities needed to start a huge IT park. It is learned that some of the biggest IT companies in the world have expressed their willingness to come here. The government only needs to provide the necessary

infrastructure. That is to say, we must be prepared to make this a reality without further delay.

Chief Minister. (Sri. V. S. Achuthanandan): Sir, it is intended to start IT parks in all the districts where Technopark and Info Park do not exist (except Thiruvananthapuram and Ernakulam districts). In Kozhikode district, 68 acres of land belonging to Nellikode, Kovur and Palazhi in Kozhikode taluk has been identified. A team comprising of IT Special Secretary, Techno Park Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Collector, KSEB, Water Authority, BSNL and Kozhikode Corporation inspected the site and found it suitable. Steps are being taken to prepare a detailed project report and obtain additional Central Assistance from the Central Government and give administrative approval at the State Government level.

(2) Steps to make Vazhikkadavu Nadukani Churam road passable

Sri. Aryadan Mohammad: Sir, there was an incident of splitting of three or four places in Nadukani pass in Vazhikkadavu panchayat on the Tamil Nadu border in Nilambur constituency a few days ago. Both parts of it are forest. This crack can be seen at the top and bottom of the road. As a result, the traffic there is completely blocked. This is an important road that brings thousands of people to Gudalur every day and from there to Nilambur, Malappuram, Manjeri and Kozhikode. People are in a lot of trouble because that road is blocked. It has been checked by the Geology Department. I want to say that action should be taken to make that road passable immediately.

Chief Minister. (Sri. V. S. Achuthanandan): Sir, due to continuous rain, the Kovur Bridge near Nadukanichuram on the Kozhikode-Nilambur-Gudalur road collapsed into the concrete joint slab and abutment in the middle of the concrete. In addition, a crack appeared on a road 100 meters away and a section collapsed. As soon as the information was received, the officials of the Public Works Department and the District Collector visited the spot and banned the traffic considering the danger of the road. On 6-9-2007, experts from the Geological Survey of India inspected the site. They suggested that cracks and depths should be monitored for 10 days. Observation has found an increase in cracks and depths. In consultation with the experts of the Geological Survey of India, immediate steps will be taken to repair the road and make it passable.

[Mr. Deputy Speaker is in the Chair]

(3) Palayam Kannimara Market Renovation

Sri. V. Sivankutty: Sir, I would like to draw your and assembly's attention to the deplorable condition of the Palayam market in my constituency in Thiruvananthapuram. Palayam Market is a 190 year old market. The market was established in 1817. Kannimara Market was established in the year 1817 by the Governor of Madras, who controlled the princely states of Thirukochi on the instructions of Rani Parvatibhai. That is why the name of this market itself is Kannimara Market. The market has about 4 acres of land. There are now 6 lane road in front of this market. Construction of two commercial complexes nearby has been completed. It is a market with many development possibilities. It is a market in the heart of the Secretariat and the Assembly Complex. Once a plan is drawn up to expand this, a lot of private entrepreneurs will be ready to collaborate. 10, 15 years ago, Charles Correa, a well-known architect, came up with an elaborate plan. The uniqueness of this market is that the market is open from 4 am to 12 noon. There is retail trade and wholesale trade. We see it as a center where all goods are available. There are about 1500 shops. The Palayam market is one of the main reasons for the traffic congestion in the city. In a place where so many people come and go, there is a situation where there is no parking facility for even a bicycle. In view of this situation, the Government must seek the assistance of your department or the Center as well as any other agencies to prepare the necessary steps and plans to transform this 190-year-old market into a market as vast as Travancore's historically deserving market with the help of local bodies and state, central government. Steps should be taken to make it a center of pride for Kerala itself.

Minister of Fisheries and Registration (Sri. S. Sharma): Sir, the Kannimara fish market in Palayam, Thiruvananthapuram is operating in the most unsanitary environment due to lack of infrastructure. The comments made by Hon'ble Sri. V. Sivankutty here are absolutely correct. This market is not functioning in a way that is suitable for a civilized society. In view of the general deterioration of fish markets in Kerala, an amount of 500 lakh was set apart in the last

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financial year budget for modernization and construction of fish markets. Projects have been invited through local bodies and the District Fisheries Office to modernize the markets using this amount. Based on this, projects were received for the renovation of the Petta

market and Pangode market, as the esteemed member of the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation is aware of. Accordingly, administrative sanction has been given and an amount of 25 lakh. But there was no specific proposal for the renovation of the Kannimara market in the Palayam. Here is one thing is clear. It is learned that the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission of the Corporation is in the process of revamping this market. If there is no such plan at this juncture, I would especially like to point out that a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being set up to upgrade about 5 markets in Kerala with modern facilities. The scheme is expected to cost Rs.1 crore per market. Thus, subject to the aforesaid understanding, special consideration will be given to the modernization of this market as an important market of the state to be included in that particular central scheme.

(4) Projects formulated by the National Rural Health Mission

Sri. V. K Ibrahim Kunju: Sir, the Director of NRHM in May for its work to upgrade and innovate five Women and Children's Hospitals in the State, including Mattancherry W&C Hospital, Hindustan Prefab was entrusted to obtain DRP and estimates to perform works worth Rs.7,53,00,000. But its initial steps have not yet begun. Poor pregnant women as well as children are being treated at 5 existing women and child hospitals in the state. Many W&C hospitals lack basic facilities. At present, only 25% of the allotted amount from NRHM is for civil work. Others are intended to purchase machinery and other equipment. Then the work can be done quickly. There is no need for delay. Probably the lapsed may not be number or fund. But if this is not done, there is no doubt that this number will be reduced for our state from center or NRHM next year. Therefore, in a timely manner, the steps to complete these tasks should be completed by March 31 with respectable wartime ministerial monitoring. It is an opportunity

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for poor pregnant women as well as children to get the best treatment. I request that let it not be a wasted.

Minister of Health and Social Welfare (Mrs. P. K. Sreemathy. Teacher): Sir, as part of the Government's decision to give special consideration to the five district level hospitals in the state as W&C, When the National Rural Health Mission's project was submitted to the Central Government, it demanded funding for new W&C hospitals and old W&C hospitals in nine districts. He demanded the amount including burial. On this basis 7.53 crore was received for the five existing district hospitals for hospital renovation. The Detailed Estimate Project for Mattancherry W&C Hospital, as mentioned by the Hon'ble Member, is funded over a period of 5 years. All these 5 hospitals have been included in the PAP this year and approved. It was approved at end of August. The decision has been taken to give importance and to complete Mattancherry W&C Hospital, as well as a new W&C Hospital at

the former Medical College, adjoining the Thrissur District Hospital and to renovate the W&C Hospital in accordance with Palakkad District Hospital and to renovate the W& C Hospital at Alappuzha. Necessary steps will be taken to complete it as soon as possible.

(5) Distribution of agricultural loan

Sri. M. V Shreyams Kumar: Sir, there are massive irregularities in the disbursement of agricultural loans. Financial institutions, including co-operative banks in the state, lend large sums of money on gold loans for non-agricultural purposes. This loan is registered as an agricultural loan and avails the benefit of the interest rebate sanctioned by the Reserve Bank. It is recorded that such a large amount is disbursed in the State as an agricultural loan under the Central Assistance Scheme. But neither the agricultural sector nor the farmers get the benefit of this. The gold loan scheme is against the interests of the farmers in the state. This can lead to miscalculations in the NPAs of the primary credit unions. In the future, it will be the government official or money lenders who will benefit from the loan interest concessions granted for agricultural loans. Kissan credit card should be prescribed as a document for co-

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operative agricultural loan. The Government is requested to take immediate action in this regard and make available to the farmers, the amount disbursed as agricultural credit.

Minister for Co-operation, Coir and Devaswom (Sri. G. Sudhakaran): Sir, For the financial year 2006-2007, a total of 2112 crore was disbursed from the Agricultural Co-operative Sector, including short-term loans in State. NABARD repays only 31 per cent of the short-term loans disbursed as refinance in the co-operative sector in the State. Under the Central Assistance Scheme, two per cent instant subvention is received for short-term loans up to 3 lakh at a rate 7% or less & 4% to 7%. During 2006-07, the State Co-operative Banks received 7,79,74,499 from the Central for such interest subdivision. To ensure that agricultural credit in the region is used for agricultural purposes, a committee consisting of Co-operative Officers, District Co-operative Bank Inspector and their representatives at the level of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies and a committee comprising of Local Governments for monitoring has been constituted. It has been warned that if an agricultural loan is used for non-agricultural purposes, the loan will be treated as a non-agricultural loan and higher interest will be charged. This is to compel the co-operatives to use it for agriculture at low interest rates. There have been many cases in the co-operative sector where low interest rate agricultural loans have been used for non-agricultural purposes. It is estimated that thousands of crores of rupees were spent in this way in 2001-06. In 2005-06 alone, out of more than 3000 crores given, over 2000 crore was used for non-agricultural purposes. Since the coming of this government, it has been greatly reduced as a result of the strict directive. But some may have happened here and there. It will be completely

removed. All conditions, including the scale of Finance, which applies to agricultural loans on other collateral, are strictly complied with when agricultural loans are made on the collateral of gold loans at low interest from the co-operatives' own funds. It is reported that in the year 2006-07, no agricultural loan was given on gold collateral at a rate of 7% or less. At the same time, as the esteemed member said, there is a decision to focus on Kisan Credit but not everyone can get a loan for agricultural purposes if they cannot

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get a Kisan Credit Card. So we have to continue with the traditional style also. The government is of the view that gold loan should be maximum discouraged.

(6). Regarding the transfer of revenue land to Ashapura Company

Sri. Pallipram Balan; Sir, I am raising the issue of allotment of 200 acres of land to the Mumbai-based Ashapura Company in Kinanoor Karinthalam Panchayat in my constituency for mining. Although I have given notice to the Hon'ble Minister of Revenue in this regard, the list I have received here is that the Hon'ble Minister of Industries is replying. Bauxite mining in Kannadipara was permitted in 2003. The Liaison Officer of this company is a former Joint Director of the Geological Department. I came to know that this company got permission to carry out mining on the basis of false information given by him. It is learned that the permission has now been obtained on 81 acres of land. Although an application was submitted for mining on more than 1600 acres, permission was granted for mining on 81 acres. It is learned that an application has been filed through the Department of Industries for allotment of 200 acres of revenue land and it is awaiting the permission of the Revenue Department. Locals are protesting against mining in the area. Moreover, the people of Kannur have the experience of the dangers of such mining in Madaipara. Kannadipara, the area asked for mining, is the source of water for the Karyangode and Neeleswaram rivers. It is also a center of a lot of biodiversity. So the people in this area are very worried. Therefore, land should not be allowed for mining. My request is to postpone the request for allotment of 200 acres of land in view of the demand of the people to stop the existing mining itself.

Industries Minister (Sri. Elamaram Kareem): Sir, Mumbai-based Messrs. Ashapura Minechem has requested permission to mine bauxite, aluminous laterite and china clay form 675.9895 hectares of government outlying land in Kinanoor village in Hosdurg taluk and 426.5538 hectare government outlying land in Karinthalam village. In the above two applications, mining lease has been granted for 30 years under Government Order No. 54/2007/condition of 25-04-2007 after obtaining the prior permission of the Central Government for mining of 80.937 ha (approximately 200 acres) of re-survey No. 198 part in Kinanoor village on government outlying land. According to the existing rules, before signing

the mining lease, the documents related to the surface right of the land or the NOC of the District Collector are required to be produced. Accordingly, the Government has directed the Kasargod District Collector to produce the NOC for a period of 30 years. In addition, a condition is present that an environmental impact study must be conducted to obtain the environmental clearance of the Ministry of Forests and Environment of the Central Government and to seek public opinion. The mining lease agreement with the said company has not been signed till date. The Department of industries has not made any recommendations to the Revenue Department for allotment of land. According to a study conducted by the Department of Mining and Geology in Hosdurg Taluk, the area applied for mining is uninhabited. Due to the presence of the bauxite and Chinese clay in this area, rainwater does not seep into the ground. Due to this, the area is experiencing groundwater scarcity. Due to the bauxite lying on the surface, no natural topsoil is formed here. This area is not suitable for cultivation as there is no topsoil. It is hoped that the excavation of this solid surface and the clay beneath it will enable the area to be used for future cultivation after filling the earthen pits suitable for cultivation.

(7) Locked gardens

Mrs. E. S. Bijimol: Sir, there have been several attempts to open the locked gardens in the last six years since this government came to power. Several conferences have been held under the leadership of the Hon'ble Minister himself. As part of this, steps have been taken to open nine gardens in Peermede taluk. Of this, 9 gardens have been opened during the tenure of this Government, including two gardens at Pullaikkanam, 3 gardens of MMJ and 4 gardens of RBT. All benefits declared by the State Government have been given during this period. Benefits worth crores of rupees have also been announced under the package announced by the state government. The state government's declaration was fully implemented as the plantations took a compromising approach. The Central Government has announced several schemes in this regard. Even if it is expected to be available, the situation is such that the open plantations can only function well with the benefits announced by the Central Government. Seven of Peermede Tea Company and RBT estates are yet to be opened in Peermede. These companies have not taken a favorable position in the negotiations. The Union Commerce Minister had said that the central government would take over the companies if they were not opened before August 31.

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He made this statement at a meeting held in Vandiperiyar in my presence. The assembly requests that action be taken to recommend to the Central Government that the Central Government should take over the plantations which have not yet been opened, despite the State Government declaring all the benefits.

Minister for Labor and Excise (Sri. P. K. Gurudasan): Sir, what the government has to say about what Mrs. E. S. Bijimol said is that about seven plantations in our state are now completely closed. Six plantations were opened before the project announced by the central government. Since then, 4 gardens have been opened. The state government has granted several concessions. The gardens are open on that basis. Plantation tax and agricultural income tax were exempted. Minimum demand charge for electricity has been waived. It was also allowed to charge only for used electricity. It was also facilitated to be paid in installments. As a result, 10 gardens were opened. Factories have also started operating. It has declared a five-year moratorium on bank loans under the Central Government Assistance Scheme, including the plantations Smt Bijimol mentioned. Similarly, the Penal Interest was waved. A five-year moratorium was imposed on the EPF. It was decided to write off all the obligations of the Board. These assistance schemes have started to be implemented. The Central Government has announced a plan to take over the issue related to the acquisition of the plantation. That is, a committee has been constituted for this purpose as per the Act. The Central Government has constituted a Committee comprising the Principal Secretary, Finance and the Labor Secretary, Kerala.

It is true that the Union Minister of State for Commerce, Sri. Jairam Ramesh, has said that if all the closed plantations are not reopened by August 31, everything will be taken over. He himself said in Idukki that RBT's second group plantations would open in November. Therefore, the announcement that the plantations will be taken over after August 31 will not be valid at present. However, the Central Government will be pressured to take over the five plantations of the RBT's Second Group as well as the two plantations called TRNT, also known as Swamy in Thiruvananthapuram. Efforts to acquire the plantations will continue. In addition, the state government had last year submitted a scheme to the central government for the rehabilitation of tea estates. Accordingly, the Central Government has approved it. Steps will be taken to implement that as well.

(8) Crisis in the education sector

Sri. P. C. Vishnunath: Sir, the Supreme Court has stayed the process of changing seven textbooks in Higher Secondary by an order dated 12-09-2007. KER has very clear provisions regarding changing textbooks. States in chapter VIII Rule 2. "A list of text books approved and / or prescribed for study in the various classes of different types of schools during any particular year shall be published in the Gazette by the Director with the sanction of the Government before the end of February of the preceding school year "This time when tried to change seven books, not only was there no notification on the last working day of February, but the students and parents came to know about the change of book through a press release on July 31st In his reply to Mrs. K. S. Saleekha in this House, the Hon'ble Minister said that the books in classes 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 will be changed next year. In his reply on the 25th he said that the book would not be changed this year and on the

31st he gave a notice to change this year. It had a case and things. Accordingly, the examination was postponed and finally the examination had to be held. The SCERT authorities have committed a serious misconduct. It is very clear that if the book and the NCERT syllabus are to be changed in a systematic manner, the subject's sub-committee should meet and that the sub-committee should also submit its report to the Curriculum Committee and present the report of the Curriculum Committee to the Government. Five months later, when the class started and a term was coming to an end, the decision was made to change seven books. If it is to be changed as per NCERT syllabus, is it not 10-16 months since this government came? Wasn't that the same education department? If they wanted to change it, they could change it according to its criteria. The government has given an affidavit in the high court that it has incurred a huge financial burden. It is said that a book worth Rs.2.5 crore has been newly printed. The Supreme Court has said to teach old books this year. The teachers' resource group meeting was held in Thiruvananthapuram last Thursday. Teachers starting from Kasaragod came. Nothing happened. They had to pay Rs.7.5 lakh as TA / DA. There was so much loss. There is a fall in this form. There have been very serious irregularities on the part of the officials. We urge the Government to take very responsible steps, including replacing and investigating the SCERT Director.

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Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs (Sri. M. A. Baby); Sir, The issue raised by the Honorable Member Sri. P. C. Vishnunath is related to the Plus One textbook. There has been a practice in the matter of this textbook since 1991 after converting Plus One Plus Two from our universities to Higher Secondary and making it a part of school education and public education. Apart from language subjects, NCERT books are taught here. When the syllabus of NCERT is changed, the syllabus will be changed here too. This system has been in place since 1991. It is also important to note that the Department of Education of the State Government has not taken the responsibility of printing books for all these students. Private entrepreneurs continued to print these textbooks and rob students at a much higher price than they actually charged. In addition, there is a very strong guide lobby for Plus One and Plus Two classes. As soon as the new government took office, the syllabus committee deliberated and printed the language subjects to control it. Books on NCERT core subjects such as Energy, Biology, Mathematics, Geography, Political Science and Economics, these NCERT-determined book was printed and distributed by the guide lobby and the private book lobby in connection with the NCERT's decision, thus to put an end to this profiteering system, NCERT was contacted. That's when. NCERT says that in Kerala, there is a practice of printing and selling these books by guide lobbies and private entrepreneurs without doing anything to contract with them or pay the royalties they owe. They are very happy that the government is in touch with them now. The NCERT said it welcomes the government's willingness to make a provision in book distribution by signing an agreement with the state government and the NCERT and paying a royalty of two per cent. It was then that the government noticed that the previous government should have

taken the necessary steps to replace the books that were changed by the NCERT in 2005. No action was taken against it. All these divisions and problems come together before this government. At the same time, SCERT representatives negotiated with NCERT, printed the books prescribed by NCERT, signed a contract with NCERT to sell them to students at a fair price, and an agreement to pay royalties to them, thus government has taken strong action and

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measures to exclude the profiteering lobbies in the Plus One and Plus Two textbooks. But the impact of this lobby became clear later. Putting some students in front, they went to the High Court and the Single Bench of the High Court first intervened and took an approach of blocking these initiatives of the government. The appeal went to the Government Division Bench. Although the Division Bench accepted the arguments of the State Government, the curriculum was revised earlier this year and the NCERT approved the printing and distribution of the books. One of the most important of these is that the NCERT has now withdrawn the textbooks that the Supreme Court has directed to be published. We cannot teach these textbooks that were withdrawn by the NCERT. Not legally possible. There are time-related issues with that. Proceedings were due to begin in 2006. The reality is that it didn't start. Now all the confusion about this has come to a complete halt. Given an ex-parte judgment of the Supreme Court. In a case like this, the Supreme Court can legally pronounce ex-parte judgment. But the Supreme Court has ruled without hearing the circumstances under which the state government took such a decision. Thus no longer intends to proceed with the argument in the Supreme Court. Because this class has already begun, we do not want the uncertainty of what to teach to continue. Therefore, we are following Supreme Court rule that the NCERT syllabus should not be taught. We are going to teach it this year because the Supreme Court has said that withdrawn textbooks should be taught. The government hopes that the new textbooks now in print will be able to be taught next year and that the Supreme Court will be able to provide an appropriate verdict.

(9) Local Development Fund

Sri. The. Rajendran: Sir, this submission is not only in my constituency but also in Idukki district to avoid delays in the utilization of development funds of MLAs and MPs. With a development fund of around Rs.1.5 crore sanctioned now, Rs.50 lakh is due in Devikulam constituency alone for computers, VCD players, CD cassettes, lab equipment, apparatus and

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library books, as well as bills related to electrical LT line drawing and drinking water arrears. On the one hand, there is the fact that even though so many bills have reached the

Collectorate, the procedures for passing them have not been completed. Similarly, in my constituency alone, after the coming of this Government, through the action of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, 57 persons have been allotted Rs.1,15,000 (one lakh fifteen thousand) as treatment fund. This money has not been paid yet. But there is also the fact that at least some of the permitted have died. There is also the fact that this is because it does not complete the work on time. At the same time, the ADM is in the process of abandoning or returning even a few bills that have already been received, even when there is a situation where construction is not taking place because of the continuing monsoon. Thus, this condition persists for three to four months. To address this shortcoming, immediate action is required to pass bills.

Minister of Finance (Dr. Thomas Isaac): Sir, Rs.375 lakh was given for the year 2006-07 in all the five assembly constituencies of Idukki such as Idukki, Peermede, Devikulam, Thodupuzha and Udumbanchola. Of this, a total of Rs.300 crore has now been sanctioned. There has been no major failure to grant administrative approval. But the objection raised by the esteemed member was that there was a delay in paying for the completed works. But according to the information received from the Collectorate, bills worth Rs 27 lakh have been passed. Six bills worth Rs 18 lakh are in arrears. The esteemed member said that the bill of Rs 50 lakh is now in arrears. Then the calculation does not match. Will definitely check out what the problem is.

Sri. K. C. Joseph: There are problems in every district.

Dr. Thomas Isaac: We can check the figures in all the districts and take action to avoid delays.

(10) Murders

Sri. K. K. Shaju: Sir, there have been three separate murders in the last few days in three panchayats in my constituency. Udayasree, 24, daughter of late Kochukunju and Ammini in Madathithara in Thazakkara panchayath, postman Vasudevan of Nooranad Pavur and Venugopal of Thamarakulam Chavadi were killed in different incidents. Venugopal was found

dead like on top of a bike near his house. He died on the way to the hospital. The postman was killed at the door of his house in Patoor, Nooranad. There are three accused in connection with that murder case. Two people were arrested. The third defendant is a woman. They have not been arrested. The people of the area believe that the failure to proceed with the proceedings to arrest these accused is due to political interference. Therefore, the accused, including the woman, should be taken into custody and necessary action should be taken. Similarly, Venugopal's murder is an incident that has shocked the region. Venugopal was seen leaning on his bike near his house. It is suspected that a

conspiracy involving more people is behind it. The inquiry into it has not reached anywhere. Udayasree is the mother of a seven month old baby in Thazakkara Panchayath. The girl was rushed to a hospital where she succumbed to her injuries after being repeatedly abused by her husband Balakrishnan and his brother at Pavukkara in Mannar. It is requested that immediate action be taken to find and exemplary punish the culprits in all these three cases.

Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): The Government has come to know the details of the submission made by Sir, Hon'ble Sri. K.K. Shaju. Vasudevan, a resident of Nooranadu police station, was allegedly assaulted by Sugathan, his wife Vasanthi and his brother Kavalan at 5.30 pm on 28-7-2007 and then stabbed. Vasudevan died on the night of 9-8-2007 while undergoing treatment at Kottayam Medical College Hospital with serious injuries. Police have registered a case and are investigating. It is reported that the incident took place on the basis of a complaint lodged by the accused at the Nooranadu police station for insulting Vasudevan's wife on the grounds of caste. Based on this, the police have arrested the accused and remanded them. Further investigation is underway. In another incident, Udayasree, a young woman from Thazakara, got into an argument with her husband at her husband's house in Mannar. Another incident mentioned here is that a young woman named Udayasree from Thazakara had an argument with her husband at her husband's house in Mannar, then the relatives brought her from Mannar at 3 pm on 28-8-2007 and Udayasree fell ill at their home in Thazakara and was admitted to the hospital. And died there.

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The Mavelikkara police have registered a case under Crime No. 394 under Criminal Procedure Code 174 in this regard. On 27-8-2007 at 9.30 am, Venugopal of Vaishakh house Thamarakulam, was hit and stabbed by Sunil Raj, Anil, Suresh and Subhash alias Sunil Raj on the road near Thamarakulam market junction on the border of Nooranad police station. Venugopal, who was critically injured, fell on the road in front of his family home on a motorcycle and died on the 29th while being treated at the Pushpagiri Hospital in Thiruvalla. A case has been registered in this regard. The accused Sunil Raj and Anil have been arrested by the police and produced in court. They have been remanded. It has been directed to intensify the investigation to nab the other accused. The issues related to the deaths of Vasudevan and Venugopal and the Udayasree case will be seriously investigated and action will be taken.

(11) Vehicle accident

Sri. A. M. Yusuf: Sir, this is a very serious and sympathetic incident that took place in Aluva constituency the other day. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so. This government is working well to eradicate counterfeiting alcohol in the state. Spirit lobbies are also very active while that activity is going on. The Spirit lobby has knocked down two people on the side of the road and seriously injured one of the three who went to pray at

the church yesterday. One side of the adjoining house was also demolished. The vehicle was driven without stopping. The vehicle was abandoned at the Thottakkad signal. The vehicle was taken into custody by police. There was spirit in it. News that the spirit lobby is operating extensively is coming up in newspapers including Deshabhimani. Mathrubhumi has also reported on this issue. Action should be taken to bring out the culprits in this incident and give them severe punishment. The Hon'ble Home Minister, on learning of this, has given the necessary instructions.

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism (Mr. Kодиyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, Hon'ble Member have bought this issue to my notice. Based on this, the concerned police officers were called at

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that time and necessary instructions were given. However, this can be said in the context of the incident raised by Sri. A. M. Yusuf here. Abdul Malik, Ansar and Shakeer were hit by a KL-7 6418 Indica car which was speeding towards Aluva at around 9 pm on the 15th in front of UC College Post Office, Aluva, Ernakulam, Abdul Malik and Ansar, who were injured, died at the scene and Shakeer was admitted to hospital. He is currently undergoing treatment at a specialty hospital in Ernakulam. According to Shakeer's complaint, a case has been registered at the Aluva Police Station under sections 338 and 304 of the Indian Penal Code as Crime 1069/2007. The car involved in the incident was found abandoned near the Aluva pump house and has been remanded in custody. A search of the vehicle turned up about 11 liters of liquor in two cans. Subsequently, section 55 (a) of the Kerala Excise Act has also been included in this case. The accused are being investigated. Steps are being taken to arrest them. There has been a recent increase in traffic accidents in and around Aluva. Police are taking several steps to avoid the accident. A meeting at the highest level was convened on the basis of what the esteemed MLA had said. As part of this, it has been directed to conduct speed checks, set up sign boards, deploy police in important places and conduct awareness classes. This issue is under special consideration of the Government. Will be instructed to take the necessary action.

(12) Comprehensive investigation into land encroachments

Leader of the Opposition (Sri. Oommen Chandy): Sir, the Chief Minister has rejected the demand for a comprehensive inquiry into the Ponmudi land dispute. In order to justify that argument, the Chief Minister said things that have nothing to do with it. I am reading only two sentences. "As per the ordinance in 2000 by LDF Government, the land reserved for the government was transferred to private plantation owners in 2003 by a law introduced by the UDF". He writes that "tens of thousands of acres were acquired by private individuals and companies using the protection of the law enacted during the UDF regime". The government

has not lost an inch of land in this regard. Its rule is in my hands. The rule was brought in on February 3, 2007. How can that land be given up without a rule? Approached court for that. The court fully accepted the state government's contention and dismissed all the petitions seeking the return of the land held by the government. Xavi Mano Mathew, who claims to have acquired new land in this Ponmudi estate, filed an application saying that it should be cut down. The UDF government did not allow it. The Chief Minister told the assembly that the land was lost without even making a rule. I have a copy of the rule. Now the application of Xavi Mano Mathew has been accepted as per Section 17 of the Rule issued on 3rd February. The application has been examined by the Designated Committee under Section 18 of this Rule. The custodian has ordered the release of the land in accordance with Section 20 of this Rule. This law was amended during the UDF regime. That is to prevent forest officials from harassing real farmers under the guise of the Environmentally Vulnerable Land Protection Act; it was not meant to be reclaim the land. If it was to reclaim the land given, we would have had to bring this rule then. The UDF's amendment was not meant to reclaim land, but to prevent the real farmers from harassment and intimidation, who grow coconut, squash, pepper, rubber and tea. But the rule required for withdrawal was not brought during the UDF government. It was brought for this ISRO land

(Noise)

Mr. Speaker: Please ... CM will reply

Sri. Ananthalawattam Anandan: As you said, the rules were introduced in 2007. But the rule was brought in subject to the Act of 2003. Jayashree Estate of Xavi Mano Mathew was sold in 2005 under the Act introduced in 2003. Didn't your government pay for the transport and the lease then?

Sri. Oommen Chandy: Sir, I'm saying these. The CM said tens of thousands of acres had been lost. I asked how it was lost during the UDF regime without even bringing in the rule. The rule is brought in subject to the Act. But the amendment to the Act is only an enabling provision. With the advent of that one legal system, all this land does not go to others automatically. The entire procedure had to be completed.

I repeat (... noise ...) Sri. Ananthalavattam Anandan, you should not dismiss this case by arguing. Let the Hon'ble Chief Minister reply; I would like to reiterate that the state has not lost an inch of land under the UDF government's amendment if the land was returned without even a rule. You have deliberately misled this assembly in order to avoid an inquiry. An organized effort, very soon the rule is brought, on the basis of which the ministers

convene a conference. The situation here is that after the conference everything goes fast and the custodian makes the decision.

Minister for Forests and Housing (Mr. Binoy Vishwam): You have been telling a lot of lies here for a few days now. Please do not do this. As you are well aware, Xavi Manomathu acquired the land from Birla on March 30, 2005. At that time, the UDF government did everything for that purchase. I am not saying the rate of traffic. That's all there is to it .. How fast, faster than a rocket. You did the tax deduction that time. What did we do? Xavi Mano Mathew has now sold the land to ISRO. The sale has been blocked by this government. That is the difference. You helped and we did not help. If we had not, all those sales would have been completed. It was only because of the LDF government that the sale could be stopped.

Sri. Oommen Chandy: Now my argument is complete. If there is a mistake on our part we can investigate including that. (...Noise ...) Sri. Binoy Vishwam, do not stand together to cover up a mistake of our time. (..... Noise) I have to request the Chief Minister that you should investigate including that. The Hon'ble Minister of Forests said that I have been telling many lies for days. When I told you about your logging the other day, you denied it. Then outside you told the respondent, the instruction from your department has been given to the Chief Conservator of Forests(..... Noise...) In connection with the arrival of the Prime Minister (... noise ...) it is clearly stated in it that the tree was already cut down by Sevi Manomathu where the helipad was being built. (... noise ...) I can put this on the table. When the Minister of Forests spoke here, the matter became clear. Therefore, I would like to request the Chief Minister that this Government be prepared to look into this matter, including during the tenure of the previous Government.

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Chief Minister (Sri. VS Achuthanandan): Sir, the 2003 Act passed by the UDF Government was approved by the President in 2005. Law Enforcement Notification was issued on 03-05-2005. But if this act was to be enforced, the rules for it had to be issued. Normally, the rules must be published along with the law enforcement notification. The rules governing the formation of an advisory committee under the Act, the four tribunals chaired by the District Judge, and the procedure for handling cases involving custodian land are required. As soon as this Government came into power, the process of enacting the Rules commenced and 4 tribunals were constituted subject to the rules. Everyone knows that the law, which came into force on June 2, 2000, cannot be enforced without rules. Until May 2006, when the UDF came to power, it was not ready to issue rules for more than a year. This provided an opportunity for those, including Sevi Mano Mathew, to protect the land they owned. It also reduced the stamp duty from 10 per cent to 4 per cent. For whom, for Mano Mathew. When his registration completed on March 30, the stamp duty was increased to 10 per cent again from April 1. For whom, for Mano Mathew; This provided everything for the people, including Sevi Manomathu, to protect the land they owned. This is the fact. It can be seen that it was the big landowners who really took advantage of this

opportunity. The law must be in accordance with its essence, within the rules of this law. To the law. If the rules are made contrary, it will be blocked by the courts. The government rules were issued within the 2005 law that you passed. So is it a crime to find out that this government has issued rules that you have not issued? In addition to the rules, the law itself needs to be amended to reclaim lost land to the government using loopholes in the law you brought in 2005. By restoring the provisions of the Ordinance issued by the LDF Government in 2000, this Government will take immediate action to take possession of the land which was handed over to the bigwigs by your Act of 2005 and which is to be vested in the Government. This government will check it and do whatever is necessary.

Leader of the Opposition (Sri. Oommen Chandy): Sir, the reply of the Hon'ble Chief Minister is not acceptable to us at all. This is the answer to protect the minister and the government from corruption. (... Noise ...) This is a statement to save the corrupt.

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If there are any mistakes made during the UDF regime, you are challenged to inquire further. Can you do a thorough investigation into this? I am challenging. Five of our colleagues, Sri. Thiruvanchar Radhakrishnan, Joseph M Puthussery, K. B. Ganesh Kumar, U. C. Raman and K. K. Shaju, are going on an indefinite hunger strike at this gate of the assembly in protest of the Government's stand. We will co-operate in the proceedings of the assembly as long as the Government does not deny the democratic rights of the Opposition. The five colleagues are going on a hunger strike, informing the Chief Minister that we will go ahead with the Gandhian-style strike.

(Opposition walked out of the assembly with members ready for an indefinite hunger strike to protest the unsatisfactory response of the Chief Minister and returned after a while.)

V Report Submission

Thirty-seven to forty-four reports of the Public Accounts Committee

Sri. Aryadan Muhammad: Sir, I, the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, submit the thirty-seven to forty-four reports of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker: The report has been submitted.

VI Legislature Matter

(1) Consideration and follow-up of Bills as reported by the Subject Committee

1 (a) Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, 2007

Mr. Speaker; The Hon'ble Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism may introduce a resolution seeking consideration of the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, 2007 as reported by the Subject Committee.

Minister for Home and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, presenting a resolution to consider the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill 2007 as reported by the Subject Committee.

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Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry (Sri. C. Divakaran): Sir, I support the resolution.

Sri. V. Sasikumar: Sir, I propose to amend the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, 2007, as reported by the Subject Committee, to be circulated for public opinion.

The Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, 2007 is presented here in a very comprehensive manner. Such a Bill has been introduced in the Assembly on the basis of the need to make special provisions for the effective prevention and control of various forms of anti-social activities in the State of Kerala. We know that the Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill has been introduced in a very broad sense in contrast to the previous ordinances issued in Kerala. Bill was drafted in ways that is very relevant to deal with counterfeit liquor manufacturing, fake note printing, environmental destroyers, digital data counterfeiters, drug offenders, hawala fraudsters, notorious criminals, notorious goons, bullies, usurpers, loan fraudsters, and renters. During the presentation of this Bill, we discussed a number of issues on which it is based. Based on that, the bill has now come here after consideration by the subject committee. As I read this bill, I was of the opinion that in addition to the thirteen anti-social activities mentioned in this bill, those who invade temples and places of worship should also be included in the list of anti-social activists. The incident in which the gates of the Thalik temple in my constituency were set on fire by the attackers was actually an anti-social act. The people, the political parties and the government worked together to stop it for the time being but the culprits could not be caught, the problems associated with it still linger in the community. I am of the opinion that people who actually carry out attacks on places of worship should also be included in the scope of this bill. Because the repercussions it has on society are so great. Therefore, I would like to point out that the forces that invaded places of worship such as the Thalik temple and carried out violence against them should be included in this scope.

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Mrs. E. S. Bijimole: In a situation where such illegal and high-profile issues are being discussed in the country, have you noticed that these people with criminal backgrounds are deliberately creating such incidents in places of worship in order to divert the attention of the government and the people from such issues?

[Mr. Deputy Speaker in chair]

Sri. V. Sasikumar: I raised it in this Assembly through a submission. The incident itself is said to be the intervention of such forces. The government is on this next day. About Rs.200 crore worth of hawala money was seized in various raids in Malappuram district. Similarly, several criminals were arrested. It is seen as an intervention by anti-social elements to divert the attention of the government and the police from such activities. Therefore, such cases should be considered as anti-social activities and should be included in the scope of this Bill as they are serious issues and may destroy the atmosphere of social unity. I would like to add here that the forces responsible, especially in this case in my constituency, should be brought before the law and exemplary action should be taken. It is important to note that in the appendix to this Bill, such laws give the Government the power to take extraordinary action in exceptional circumstances. It is, therefore, an accusation that it may infringe on the democratic rights of citizens and undermine democratic activities, and that it may infringe on the fundamental rights of the people, and a critique was raised that such laws would be used for political gain. Such things have been added to the dissent as well. This is an issue that we need to take seriously when examining such bills. This is because Articles 21 and 22 of the Constitution of India relate to it. Article 21 defines the democratic rights of the citizen and the powers conferred by the Constitution on the protection of life and liberty of the individual. Article 22 states that a detainee should not be detained as soon as possible without disclosing the reasons for his

arrest, or denied the right to consult with a lawyer of his choice and to represent him through the lawyer. Under the new bill, the reason for detention must be read out to him at the time of his arrest and a copy of the order must be provided within five days. It is noteworthy that this bill specifically states that a detainee may seek the assistance of an attorney. India has a long history of encroachment on individual liberties, especially in a way that undermines individual liberties. But if we look at that history, we can see that the ruling class political parties, especially the Congress and the BJP, which came to power in India instead of the Congress, used such laws of the government for the destruction of civil liberties. That fact must be taken into account. Pointing that such a focus was made by our Minister in the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, 2007. Because the experience in India - during the Indo-China War of 1962, used our Defense Act to make the then Communist Party and its activists anti-nationals. The experience of detaining both EMS and AKG has been around ever since, illustrated and described as Chinese spies. Similarly, the

state of emergency declared in India on June 26, 1975 was the darkest chapter of democracy in the history of our country. During that Emergency, we know that the present Chief Minister of Kerala and the undisputed leader of the Communist Party, Comrade Sri. V. S. Achuthanandan, and the present Home Minister Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan were among those arrested under the MISA Act. At that time, Mr. Paloli Muhammed Kutty, our Minister of Local Self Government, was absconding without being arrested by MISA Act. According to the DIR of that period, the present ministers in this Assembly Sri. M. Vijayakumar, Sri. G. Sudhakaran, Sri. Thomas Isaac and Sri. M. A. Baby were detained. Then we in Kerala have that experience. After that the TADA law came to India. It came as an ordinance. Later, with the enactment of the Act in 1993, a number of leaders across India were imprisoned without trial under the TADA Act. At that time, four communist leaders of Kannur district were imprisoned under TADA law. MLA Sri. P. Jayarajan and others were lodged in Jail. After the TADA Act, the POTA Act came into force in India in 2002. The law was introduced by BJP. People, including Prof. Gilani, who was later proved innocent in Kashmir

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under the Pota Act, were arrested under the Detention Act. Sohrabuddin Sheikh and his wife Kauserbi were shot dead by police in Gujarat for abusing such a law. Police later described the shooting as an encounter. Thus, there are many experiences in our country where the government has exploited such laws. But all those laws have come under the rule of the present ruling Congress and BJP in our country. The Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, 2007 has now been introduced in the Assembly with very strict provisions to ensure that those experiences are not repeated. There is still such a law at the center - the NSA (National Security Act). It still exists in India. Within the scope of that National Security Act, anti-social activities in the special circumstances of Kerala, while still in existence, are a very vigilant attempt to put an end to the growing violence, hooliganism and encroachment in our country. That is very, very welcome. I'm pointing out that here. Small amendments have to be pointed out through its class bay class discussion. I think it can be added then.

Sri. K. C. Venugopal: As the bill was not taken in the order mentioned in the list, we did not get a chance to present the decent. ... (noise)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Honorable Member was not present in the House at that time. It is not enough to have an understanding in the assembly. That's not a problem at all. After this it will be taken.

Sri. M. Prakashan Master: Sir, point of order. Here it is correct to say that it must be taken in order. But after initiating an action within the legislature, they were not called after the time to present the rejection resolution. Legislative rules do not allow the chair to go back to it after it has been registered and the descent has been recorded. What is going on right now is a discussion of the Amendment. Cannot go back from it. Respected Chair regarding that ...(Noise)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Please, Sri. K. C. Venugopal..... asked it no one at that time. Can't go back.

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Sri. K. C. Joseph: Sir, I am raising a point of order. In today's agenda, legislation (1) is the Kerala Public Service Commission (Additional Responsibilities for Administrative Services under Devaswom Boards) Bill. Elaborating it. Whether it is introduced here or not, what is the future of that bill? .. (noise). The bill has not been introduced. Here is what is shown in the Legislative Business, Kerala Public Service Commission (Additional Functions as Regards the Administrative Service under Devaswom Boards) Bill, 2007. That Bill has not been introduced in the assembly. Here was our dissenting note on the second bill - dissent. We could not move that dissenting note as there was no time to introduce the bill. ... (Noise)

Mr. Speaker: The chair can say. The first thing to be taken up in this regard was the Kerala Public Service Commission (Additional Responsibilities for Administrative Services under Devaswom Boards) Bill, 2007, as mentioned earlier by Sri. K. C. Venugopal. Just before the bill was taken, the Hon'ble Minister had given a note to the Chair that he had a minor stomach ailment. So he wanted to take secondly. It could not be announced as the opposition boycotted the meeting even before the chair said it. That is why the second bill was taken. That's right. The bill was taken under special circumstances.

Sri. K. C. Joseph: Will it be allowed?

Mr. Speaker: No, it's taken. The chair can do one thing ... (noise)

give the opposition a chance to speak. May provide an opportunity to speak depending on presenting amendment.

Sri. V. Sasikumar: It is the attitude of the Opposition that is wasting the valuable time of the assembly on very unimportant matters and wasting time for discussions on very important matters. After the Chief Minister gave a very clear explanation about the Ponmudi deal, the Opposition, which could not say anything, left. I would like to add that it is very strange that the Opposition, which has shied away from its responsibility to the Legislature when the most important bill is about to be taken up, would later raise such a paradox. My words about this bill end here.

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Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali: Sir, I am presenting my amendment. Amendment Notice to the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, as well as the dissenting note I have already filed in the Subject Committee. The irregular bill was brought up for discussion here as we

were out in connection with the hunger strike that took place here under special circumstances. Very sorry about that.

Mr. Speaker: Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali, not taken out of order. It was taken under special circumstances.

Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali: Sir, it's a special situation. It's also a special situation of illness. Both are special circumstances. It's very important. Since this government came to power, anti-social activities have been rampant in our state. Although there are many laws in place to prevent this, none of them can prevent these crimes. Such crimes are on the rise. The main reason for this is the incompetence of our intelligence services as well as the political interference of our law enforcement agencies to fully uncover these crimes. We know that if our police are given the freedom to carry out their duties independently, our Kerala will become a state with a model police force for India. Therefore, the police must first be given the freedom to act impartially in this matter. We need to change the attitude of controlling the police sitting in the party offices and the police chiefs should come up with an impartial way of controlling the police force in our state. We know, goons play here in broad daylight; Houses and other things are looted. Similarly, in our state today, people are being killed even in broad daylight on open road. Our secret investigation agencies have completely failed to detect bomb making in the state. The law should be brought under control to curb unethical activities, gambling and gambling centers, hawala money laundering, bank robberies and the spirit mafia. Kerala is a model state for religious harmony in India. Different religious sects live here happily. Steps must be taken to prevent communal conflict. There should be immediate action to remove boards and graffiti from public places that incite communal sentiments. Isolated communal riots are taking place here. It should take action against the goons who lead it

without hesitation and bring them within the ambit of the law. Action must be taken to prevent land encroachment. Land prices are soaring. So the common man cannot buy land of five or ten cents and build a house. In addition, the prices of cement, wire, and sand used to build houses are rising. The government should take necessary steps to prevent encroachment of land. Traffic accidents and deaths are on the rise as a result of traffic congestion. But the width of the roads cannot be increased. Roads are lined with setup as and flagpoles. All these crimes should be stopped by bringing them under the purview of this law. Strong action should be taken against the encroachers without any political consideration and brought under the purview of this Act. This Act should be implemented with the full approval of the Legislature and by approving the necessary amendments during the departmental discussions in a flawless manner. I end by recording the descent.

[Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair]

Prof. K. V. Thomas: Sir, this is an important piece of legislation. It is a bill that empowers the government to take extraordinary action in extraordinary circumstances. This should not be missed for any reason. The law should not be twisted at the whim of the political parties in power so that they can do things to their advantage. I want to say an important note that is not in bill. One of the students I taught was a registrar at Cochin University. There has been political interference in the action he took. We need to note that even those who lead a very high standard of living are being questioned. The reason I say this here is because this bill has a lot of powers. That power must be exercised in a way that convinces the people as well. The Chairman of the Advisory Board is said to be a High Court Judge or a former High Court Judge. That should be the High Court judge. A former High Court judge means that the influence of the government will increase. An example of this is the work of the Fee Setting Commission in the field of self-financed education. Judges are the ones I respect the most. But don't play judges like monkeys. If such an approach comes in this bill, then if the retired person is a judge in the High Court, the government can appoint the person of its choice. The government can miss use this. That should be informed to High Court. Or it should be a Supreme Court judge.

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Sri. M. Prakashan Master: Sir, point of order. I am raising the point of order because what Prof. K. V. Thomas said is bad for himself. The reference to a former High Court judge, though contextual, has been combined with the term monkey. It should be removed from the record.

Prof. K. V. Thomas: I never said that. I said that he is being played like monkey.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: He said that the judge should not be played like a monkey.

Prof. K. V. Thomas: The other two members are eligible to be appointed as High Court judges. This is something that needs to be handled very carefully. The government can appoint anyone. If people are hired for political motives, no other law is needed to suppress their opponents. Because if action is taken under this law, he will not be able to get out of jail for six months. Therefore, a committee consisting of the Hon'ble Speaker, Leader of the Opposition and the Minister of Home Affairs should consult with the Chief Justice of Kerala and appoint high standard people. Governments will take turns. Therefore, if this law is not carefully considered when it is introduced, it will become a law for the political annihilation of the government. Similar laws exist in our neighboring states. I find it a bit more rigorous and transparent out there. Therefore, the government should take care to make this law transparent. I am the people's representative of Ernakulam. When it was learned that this law was coming into force in recent times, many well-known goons in the area were forming political parties. The goons of our society should not escape in the guise of a political party. Terrorists, extremists, hawala gangs, interceptors and the liquor mafia have never been so strong. The government says it is taking action. But thousands of liters of alcohol are flowing every day. Who is behind this? Not ordinary people. They are influential. We can't touch

them. All such people should be brought under this law. There is another. Cyber criminals. When entering as a new area in IT field, cybercriminals should also be brought within the ambit of this policy. In our state, black market and hoarding was widespread during the last Onam season. Action must be taken against it. All of them should be brought under the purview of this law. Counterfeit note cases are now an area where the state government can intervene even if it is

under the control of the central government. Foreign notes arrive here. Another problem is the destruction of public property. Strict action must be taken? Is it right to destroy the public from whoever rules? No one is against popular struggles and democratic struggles. But in Kerala, public property is being extensively destroyed in connection with the struggles. Should the government take a hard line on such matters? If all this is not brought under the purview of this law, there will be a lot of killings and arson in the name of the struggles of the political parties in our state. Another in the fisheries sector. There should be action against those who lend money like usurers.

Sri. K. K. Jayachandran: Sir, we already have the experience of having a clear law and taking cases accordingly and being convicted in at least some cases. So should it be included?

Prof. K. V. Thomas: There are people in Kochi who take hoarding as an art. The officials know them. But will not touch. Because they have a lot of relationships. If these hoardings are to end, action must be taken without hesitation. Like that I am saying about usurers. How many usurers are in our country? In cities like Ernakulam, these usurers are responsible for rowdyism and murder. If the given money is not received, rowdy gangs will be sent. Shouldn't we check this? Another problem facing this state that has never been faced

Sri. K. K. Jayachandran: I asked earlier, there is a law in our state now regarding the destruction of public property. Cases have been filed and convicted in at least some cases involving vandalism of public property in connection with that law. In such a case, I asked whether such a section should be brought under the purview of this Act.

Prof. K. V. Thomas: Violence can naturally occur during a strike. I am talking about that. Behind this, as is often the case in areas like Mattancherry, anti-socials are behind the riots. Buses can sometimes be damaged by students throwing stones. That is not the emphasis here. The goons behind this deliberately create situations and create problems. The police should be

able to identify such people and file a strong case. The practice of dismissing cases for alternate government in any case is not conducive. Many cases are withdrawn in this way.

Sri. M. Prakashan Master: Within the law we are discussing, there is no need to discriminate between conscious destruction of public property and stoning as part of the struggle. Do you notice that it should be differentiated?

Prof. K. V. Thomas: That's what I said. In a democracy, people have the right to strike. Naturally sometimes throwing of stones happen. Public property may be destroyed. That is not intentional. In some cases, bullies, goons and robbers have deliberately entered and looted. There are a lot of instances in experience. Therefore, those who deliberately abuse such situations should be brought to justice. The other is government land encroachment. No matter who encroaches on government land, they should not be left behind. Political parties should not be exempted from encroaching on land. As well as violent struggles. I am not against popular struggles. Another thing that the Hon'ble Home Minister knows. Today, many people come to Kerala from other states, from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa. The robbers and murderers come from some notorious villages in Tamil Nadu and Orissa. Shouldn't we stop them? Aren't there agencies that bring them in? It is difficult to go and investigate these violence in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Orissa. So this is the new situation facing Kerala.

Kerala is growing rapidly in the field of tourism and IT. Respected Kodyeri Balakrishnan is aware of the most important problems in the port of Kochi and the piracy in the backwaters and at sea and no action has been taken. The reason is the lack of law. The Central Intelligence Agency once wrote to the Government of Kerala in this regard. The Central Government has informed the Government of Kerala of some important matters relating to the piracy taking place off the coast of Kerala. Should such people be brought under this law? We need to be able to give this law a little more meaning. The definition of rowdy should include a killer or a robber or anyone who helps them. We need to examine all this to move this law forward. It should never be politically motivated and intended to intimidate political opponents. This law

must be "passed", today should not be the darkest day in the history of Kerala. This legislation should be very careful and impartial and it should be able to convince the people. In the subject committee itself, in the context of this assembly, the law was soon finalized. I doubt there was a serious discussion on this. So very seriously, when examining class by class, you need to examine every aspect to move forward. If not, this historically important bill will become a black chapter for Kerala tomorrow. So I have to say that this law has to be handled very carefully.

Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, this Bill has been subjected to detailed discussion in the Subject Committee. The Bill is now before this

assembly on the basis of the reports of the Committee, with a number of changes on its basis. The esteemed members of the subject committee had a very valuable discussion. Valuable contributions were made by members of the Opposition, including the Leader of the Opposition Sri. Oommen Chandy, the Hon'ble Sri. K. M. Mani and Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali. In its place, a number of amendments were made to the subject committee itself. Members of the ruling party were actively involved, along with members of the opposition. Therefore, the subject committee was able to come up with such amendments not only for one day but also for two days after continuous discussion of the issue. During the introduction of the Bill, the esteemed members had made a number of suggestions in this regard. All such proposals were seriously considered by the subject committee. The bill is now before the assembly with a number of suggestions that can be incorporated into it. As the Honorable Prof. K. V. Thomas said, this is a very important piece of legislation. It is also a law that we must pay attention to. One problem he has mentioned is that such a law is likely to be exploit when it becomes a law that gives too much power. It was this concern that prevented the enactment of such an act. It was during the time of the UDF government that it thought that there should be no legislation in this situation and hence the UDF government issued an ordinance. This ordinance did not exist for a few months after the subsequent LDF government came to power. That is why the bill was later brought here with some other provisions. As Mr. K. V. Thomas points out, the future of this Act

will depend on whether it is being exploited. If such laws are exploited in our state, that act will not exist. That Act cannot be enforced in our State for any reason. So the future of this law depends on the fact that it will not be exploited. We have lot of experience in our country. Whatever laws have been exploited, those laws do not exist here. The biggest proof of this is the MISA (Maintenance of Internal Security Act) pointed out by Sri. Sasikumar. Anyone can be arrested under the MISA law, which was brought in during the emergency. Hundreds of thousands of people were imprisoned when they were arrested and imprisoned if they hated anyone. Things got to the point where India itself was a prison. In the end Misa could not carry as law. It was when Misa exploited that the act was decided to be weakened and today the situation in this country is such that the act no longer exists. Similarly, if a number of legislations and laws relating to detention are exploited, such legislation will not be able to continue for any reason. Therefore, the word "reserve detention" is not included anywhere in the bill. The government has decided to bring in this law as a law to temporarily detain a person who commits a crime. With the enactment of this Act alone, the Government has no hope that with this Act, all anti-social activities and crimes in Kerala will be eliminated. There are still a lot of incidents going on in the states where such laws were brought. Respected K. V. Thomas pointed out the incidents of Karnataka. We know their condition. The government does not think that with this Act and the enactment of the law, it will be the only solution to all the problems. At the same time, we need a special act in addition to the existing laws to prevent organized crime in our

country. It is in that context that the government has decided to bring this bill. When a person is taken into custody, the principles enshrined in our Constitution and the protection of Articles 21 and 22 mentioned here are very important. Civil rights cannot be denied for any reason. We can take such detention measures only by ensuring the protection of the citizens in accordance with Articles 21 and 22 of the Constitution. During the Emergency,

the Attorney General of India told the Supreme Court that all civil rights had been suspended. So for some reason this government is not ready to go that far. That is why such a law was enacted, incorporating all the provisions of the Constitution with protection. So it has a limit. It has been alleged that it does not have the same rigidity as in other states. Anyone can be arrested under the law brought in other states. Not so in this law. We have decided to make a law here that takes clear precautions, as a person can be detained only under certain conditions. The government is committed to this. The points made by Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali, Sri. K. V. Thomas and Sri. Sasi kumar are some of the things already included. It has been expanded a lot more than it was introduced in the last ordinance. A counterfeit alcohol, note printing, an environmental destroyer, a forest robber or someone who harms wildlife conservation will all come in. These include digital data copyright holders, drug offenders, hawala fraudsters, so-called immoral criminals, goons, rowdies, crooks, people working in hired groups, realtors, extortionists, loan fraudsters, and renters. There was a reference in the High Court yesterday that a rowdy gang was operating in Kerala in the name of lending money to vehicles and for collecting that money. This is a very important observation. Such groups must be suppressed. Appropriate conditions are included. Earlier, Sri. Sasi kumar said that looting of places of worship should be a provision in this. There are special system for it in our country. Thieves, robbers, and the like have been included in that section. But here Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali pointed out that the people who are causing the communal riots and communal conflict in our country needs to be included in this. This was also pointed out by some members during the last discussion. The subject committee took the issue seriously. Based on this, offenses under sections 153 (a) and 153 (b) of the Criminal Code of 1973 are also included in its scope. Accordingly, groups who cause communal violence, those who engage in communal riots, those who engage in activities that disrupt national integration, and those who

commit acts of violence in places of worship are included.

Sri. Aryadan Muhammad: People who do such things are already coming in. Those who push for it should also come in. So we pointed out in the first discussion that it should be clear.

Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: This includes people who have committed offenses under sections 153 (a) and 153 (b) of the Act. The cases mentioned by the Hon'ble Aryadan are already included in the law of our country. Under the Terrorist Act, all those categories include people who carry out terrorist activities. This law does not go into such areas. Such a provision can already be incorporated only with the approval of the President. In the departmental discussion, we will talk about what we can do now and what we intend to include in what the members have pointed out here. Now I do not intend to talk any more. Respected C. T. Ahmed Ali also said that the secret investigation community needs to be strengthened. That is what the government is paying special attention to. The intelligence unit has become more efficient in understanding and dealing with such incidents. Within the intelligence community, a special system has been put in place to detect and track down those involved in terrorist activities. Hon'ble Sri. K. V. Thomas said that now all the goons are joining the political party. There is no protection under this Act if one joins a political party thinking that they will get protection.

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

Prof. K. V. Thomas: If you look in Ernakulam, you know, the biggest goon has now formed a regional party and is its state president.

Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: A person who is to be detained under this Act, whether he is the State President or any President, will be remanded in custody, respected K. V. Thomas can confirm that there is a government in Kerala that has the will to do so. In the same context, what is being said here is people do murder, robbery, deforestation, and so on, who have been convicted of three offenses. Participated in an agitation now to calculate the number of cases, and registered a case in its name. Crimes within that case- can be prosecuted in that case only

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by presence. The only stipulation is that such people are not already included. The law does not, for any reason, provide protection against the activities of political parties. The government says there is no chance with that. Other matters relating to this may be examined while the department is re-discussing. I request the esteemed members to cooperate actively. Only with the cooperation of all parties can we enforce a law effectively. So I would like to point out that we can move on to the departmental discussion by saying that we can take time for that.

Mr. Speaker: Sri. V. Sasikumar, did your 1 (a) number amendment is pressed?

Sri. V. Sasikumar: Not pressed.

Mr. Speaker: Sri. V. Amendment No. 1 (a) introduced by Sasikumar has been withdrawn with the approval of the assembly.

Regarding the issue of approving the resolution to consider the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill 2007 as reported by the Subject Committee,

The supporters ...

The opponents

The resolution was approved by the assembly. The bill is under consideration.

Section 2

Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, I am presenting my 107th Official Amendment.

107. (1) In paragraph 2, -

(A) .- In subdivision

(i) After the words "acting in a manner", "Of this department " should be added.

(ii) The word "in paragraphs" should be added instead of the word "in sub paragraphs".

(iii) The words "referring activities" should be replaced by the words "engaging in referred activities".

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(2) In subsection (E) the letters, words and brackets of "intentionally counterfeit currency or section 30 of the NOT Penal Code (Central Act 45 of 1860)" instead of "deliberately counterfeit or counterfeit currency or section 30 of the IPC" , letters, Words, numbers must be added.

(3) In sub section(H) should be replaced by the words "in it" which means "any person who violates" instead of "including any person who violates".

(4) In subsection (I) the words "any type of drug" should be added instead of the words "any drug".

(5) In subsection (I) the words "in the group" should be added instead of the word "in the organization".

(6) In subsection (o),

(i) Instead of the words "for actions done" instead of " for crime committed"

(ii) In item (ii) the words ' who is found guilty' should be replaced by the words 'seeing as guilty'.

(7) Subsection (Q) is replaced by the following sub section, ie., -

“(Q)” “The usurer is a person who physically or indirectly threatens to pay any part of the loan, its interest, any installment thereof, any fixed or movable property related to the loan transaction, or any amount of the loan amount, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, means someone appointed by the creditor or someone who works for him.”

(8) In subsection (t) item (ii), “except, punishable by imprisonment of less than five years of any kind” shall be substituted for the words “except for imprisonment of less than five years of any kind thereof”

At the same time, I would like to point out one thing that the esteemed members have not given here. It says in this context as a verbal amendment.

In (1) of 2(o) words “jurisdictional court or ruler” instead of “court or jurisdiction”.

This issue was raised by Sri. K. M. Mani Sir during the last discussion. The change was decided at the stage of the subject committee. Yet it did not come in the printed group. Therefore, it is presented because it needs a word amendment.

Sri. V. D. Satheesan: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 108, 121, 145, 172, 190, 204, 226, 238, 253 and 273.

108. After “Fear” in paragraph 2 (a) add ‘hate or hatred’.

121. After “storing” in paragraph 2 (c) add “Hold on”.

145. In paragraph 2 (e), remove “knowingly and intentionally”.

172. In paragraph 2 (h)

(1) Add “scientific” instead of “scientifically”.

(2): Add “scientific related” instead of “scientifically”.

(3) After “scientific” add “Intellectual Policy related”.

190. After ‘engaging’ in paragraph 2 (j) Add “it”.

204. Replace “in the organization” with “in the group” In paragraph 2(L) and “as a member or not” instead of “as a member”.

225. In paragraph 2 (o), instead of “within the last seven years as calculated from the date”, add “within the seven years calculated from the date forward”.

238. Remove the second clause in paragraph 2 (p) (iii).

253. Rewrite paragraph 2 (q) as follows.

“(Q)” “usurer” means “a lender who charges interest at several times the bank rate on a monthly basis and forfeits any part of the loan or any of its interest or any installment or movable or immovable property related to the loan transaction or part thereof and part of the loan amount, it means someone who has been personally or indirectly arranged by the lender to physically assault or threaten to assault the borrower.”

Add the following subsection as paragraph 2 (U) followed by (V).

(V) A communal rioter who acts in a way that incites anger, jealousy, hatred or resentment against a person belonging to another community or religion, or who commits a serious act of religious hatred against other members of the community, to preach or act in such a way as to arouse their emotions, to kill people of other religions or communities in the name of religious hatred, or to inflict serious or non-physical harm , It means a person who was a defendant in a case registered at a police station, with or without any complaint, for committing acts of riot, rioting, arson or destruction of public property.”

Sri. K. C. Joseph: Sir, I introduce amendments 112, 132, 153, 154, 191, 210, 228, 240, 271.

112. In paragraph 2 (a) add “threat” followed by “damage or loss”.

132. Add the following explanation after paragraph 2 (c).

“Explanation.- The owner of a stolen vehicle should not be considered a counterfeiter in connection with the smuggling of alcohol or intoxicants”.

153. In paragraph 2 (e) add "with or without remuneration, aiding or abetting such matters" after "perform supply".

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154. In paragraph 2 (e) add "perform delivery" followed by "Import or Export".

191. Instead of “promoting illegal activities” in paragraph (j), add “doing or encouraging illegal activities”.

210. Add " to sell" after paragraph 2 (l) to "to hold".

228. In paragraph 2 (o) (ii) change “two different events” to “multiple different events”.

240. Remove the fourth clause in paragraph 2 (p) (iii).

271. Add the following subsection as (T T) after paragraph 2 (t).

“(TT) Street rowdy means a person who take money or any other reward unjustly from a person so that he may not give or buy any other person or persons or movable or immovable property or to obtain something other than what he or she is entitled to, he or she, in association with someone else, with or without the use of any deadly weapon, forcibly or through intimidation, inflicts serious, non-serious, physical, mental or pride damage on that person or persons, Harassment or intimidation of others with or without lethal weapons for self-indulgence in the name of causing mental distress, person who has received two or more complaints at the concerned police station for misappropriation or misappropriation of funds and the accused in cases registered by the police against him, If the purchaser of the vehicle or any other goods under the contract pays in installments, forfeiture, intimidation or other seizure of the said vehicle or any other goods on behalf of the person who provided them during the installment, and accused has been added to the complaint received at the concerned police station about such a person. ”

Sri. Adoor Prakash: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 113, 122, 151, 199, 212, 229, 242.

113. In paragraph 2 (a) add "any asset or property" instead of "any property".

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122. Remove the word "if passed" in paragraph 2 (c).

151. In paragraph 2 (e) add the word "if supplied" followed by "manufacture or possession of counterfeit or coin making machine".

199. In paragraph 2 (j) add the word "terrorist" after the word "extortionist".

212. Add “if handled” in paragraph 2 (l) followed by “possession of Indian currency which cannot be proved to be owned and whose origin is not known to be disclosed”.

229. In paragraph 2 (o) (ii) add "on the complaint of someone or not." instead of "on the complaint of non-police officers" .

242. Remove the fifth clause in paragraph 2 (p) (iii).

For Sri. P. Jayarajan, Sri. V. Sasikumar: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 115, 138, 149, 158, 202 and 247.

115. In paragraph 2 (a) add “and acts in such a manner” instead of “and such acts”.

138. In paragraph 2 (d), instead of "children or siblings", add the words "children, siblings or" and instead of "also blood relatives" and "if blood relatives".

149. In paragraph 2 (e) Remove the words "Valuable Security as defined in IPC Section 30".

158. Paragraph 2 (e) "Manufacturer of counterfeit notes" means any person who knowingly or intentionally forges or distributes counterfeit currency, notes or counterfeit securities as defined in Section 30 of the IPC or someone who knowingly or unknowingly incites you to do such things. "

202. In section 2 (l), remove the section "In the event that a person is deemed to be acting as a member of any organization".

247. In paragraph 2 (q), remove the word "a" between the word "but" and the word "money".

For Sri. K. M. Mani, Sri. Thomas Unniyadan: Sir, I introduce amendments 118, 119, 128, 156, 157, 160, 161, 162, 177, 215, 231, 236, 258.

118. Change the word "meaning" in paragraph 2 (a) to "activities of counterfeit lottery makers, black marketers, hoarders, cybercriminals, and public destroyers".

119. The following paragraph should be added after paragraph 2 (a) as (aa): - "(aa) Advisory Board means an Advisory Board constituted by the Government under Section 8".

128. In paragraph 2 (c), change the words "to provide support" to "for providing support".

156. Replace the words "anyone who does" in (e) with "whoever does or who manufactures equipment for making such counterfeit currency or counterfeit value securities".

157. In paragraph 2 (e) make the words "Valuable Security" as " fake valuable security".

160. Add the following collections after paragraph 2 (e).

"(E) (i) " Fake Lottery Fraudster " means a person who illegally manufactures a fake state lottery or a fake out-of-state lottery and sells or operates it in the state. That includes those who help with the reward from such people. "

"(E) (ii) " Black marketers " means a person who creates a shortage of temporary essentials and sells the essentials at a price higher than the price set by current commodity laws."

161. The following paragraph should be added after paragraph 2 (f).

"(FA) " hoarders " means those who stockpile essentials to inflate prices in violation of real-time commodity laws."

162. Substitute paragraph 2 (f) "Reserve Detention Order" means a Reserve Detention Order issued under Section 3".

177. Change paragraph 2 (h) "includes one person" to "include all cybercriminals and individuals under the Information Technology Act, 2000".

215. Add the following "meaning" in paragraph 2 (l).

"It also includes those who handle foreign-made counterfeit Indian currency."

231. In the strict provision of paragraph 2 (o) (ii), the words "however intoxicating" should be changed to "but fake liquor".

236. Remove clause in paragraph 2 (p) (iii).

258. The following paragraphs should be added after paragraph 2 (r) "(RA) Political party means a group represented in Parliament or in the Kerala Legislative Assembly or the election symbols are recognized as a recognized political party under paragraph 6 of the Reservation and Allotment Order 1961 Act 1951 (Section 43A of the Central Act, 1951) means a political party or group registered under section 29A. "

"(RB) determined means but determined by the rules made under this Act."

Sri. K. C. Venugopal: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 120, 127, 144, 183, 184, 222, 225, 254 and 262.

120. In paragraph 2 (c) add "and one or all" instead of "and".

127. Instead of "knowingly spending money" in paragraph 2 (c), add "knowingly or unknowingly spending money in whole or in part".

144. In paragraph 2 (d) add "brothers" followed by "siblings of an adopted son or daughter."

183. In paragraph 2 (i) add "to store" followed by "to hold".

184. In paragraph 2 (i) add "Whether to smuggle in or out" instead of "whether to smuggle".

222. Replace "damage" in paragraph 2 (m) with "damage or loss".

225. In paragraph 2 (n) add the word "persuade" followed by "help".

254. After paragraph 2 (q), add the following sub-paragraph as (q q).

"(QQ)" Terrorist or "terrorist activist" means a covert operation to destroy the country, the existing system or system or regime or part of it, or to carry out any kind of riot, conflict, assassination or attempt to intimidate others with this intent or to intimidate society or for any other purpose. A case has been registered in the police station against a person involved in storing or attempting to vandalize or attempt to destroy property, public or private entities, buildings, markets, marketplaces, other places where people congregate, heritage or culturally valuable objects, buildings, places or other such things as roads, bridges, railways or vehicles."

262. In paragraph 2 (s), add "financial aid" followed by "or influence".

Sri. C. P. Muhammad: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 123, 170, 201, 251 and 252.

123. In paragraph 2 (c), add "knowingly" and then "for it".

170. In paragraph 2 (g), instead of "who persuasive", add "inducing or contaminating water or the environment in an environmentally harmful manner."

201. In paragraph 2 (j), add "land encroacher" and then "communal rioter."

251. In paragraph 2 (a) delete "any person directly or indirectly arranged by the payer".

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252. In paragraph 2 (q) add "someone who works for him to threaten to attack" and then "the person who was arranged by money lender directly or indirectly".

Sri. Aryadan Muhammad: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 124, 131, 173 and 189.

124. In paragraph 2 (c), replace "as described above" with "previously described in this paragraph".

131. In paragraph 2 (c) add "aiding or abetting" instead of "persuasive".

173. In paragraph 2 (h). Add "scientific" instead of "scientifically".

189. In paragraph 2 (j) "goons" are those who engage in any anti-social activities or who directly or indirectly promote or incite illegal acts that are detrimental to the maintenance of the public order. " Instead, add "goonda" means any anti-social activist or direct or indirect illegal activity that is detrimental to the maintenance of the public order or encourages or incites someone to do so. "

Sri. A. Pradeep Kumar: Sir, I introduce amendments numbered 125, 167, 180, 214 and 255.

125. In paragraph 2 (c) add the words "to this or any of these" after the word "knowing".

167. Add "Wildlife Conservation" instead of "With Wildlife Conservation" in paragraph 2 (g).

180. In paragraph 2 (a) add "any provision of law" instead of "law".

214. In paragraph 2 (l) add the word "handle" followed by the word "take by smuggling".

255. In paragraph 2 (r) replace the word "whether institution" with "institution"

Sri. K. Babu: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 133, 171, 188, 200, 257 and 268.

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133. Add the following explanation at the end of paragraph 2 (c).

Explanation: - Storage of any intoxicant, whether human or non-human, with water, or any other liquid, color, or bottled or sealed and anyone who smuggles, sells or distributes goods, or anyone else who aids or abets him, must be considered a counterfeit liquor maker. "

Instead of the "one person" in paragraph 2 (g), add "one or the other person directly or indirectly responsible for the destruction of streams, swamps, or the filling of fields".

188. Add the following sub-paragraph as (l l) after paragraph 2 (i).

"(ll)" Black marketer "is accused in a case registered at the relevant police station for hoarding any goods required by the society for the purpose of making more profit or financial gain and thus secretly hoarding goods and selling them to the needy at a price many times higher than its purchase price.

200. In paragraph 2 (j) add "land encroacher" followed by "black marketer".

257. In paragraph 2 (r) add "means" followed by "it does not include a money lender with license operating under the Kerala Money Lenders Act".

268. In paragraph 2 (t) (i) add" one or more "instead of" five or more ".

Sri. M. Prakashan Master: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 139, 198 and 234.

139. Avoid "Or siblings or first generation blood relatives of such husband, wife, parents or siblings, and the children of such persons include their husband or wife" followed by "children" in paragraph 2 (d).

198. Exclude "land trespassers" after "usurer" in paragraph 2 (j)

234. In paragraph 2 (p) (i) add "at least twice" instead of "at least once".

Sri. Varkala Kahar: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 152 and 267.

152. In paragraph 2 (e) add the word "perform supply" followed by "assist for it".

267. In paragraph 2 (t) (i) add "any kind" followed by "offense". ,

Prof. K. V. Thomas: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 155, 206 and 272.

155. In paragraph 2 (e) add "perform supply" followed by "possession of counterfeit note or coin making machine or other equipment".

Instead of "in context" in paragraph 2 (l), add "in context or not".

Add "Appointed by Government" instead of "Government Appointed" in paragraph 2 (U).

Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju: Sir, I introduce the 218th Amendment.

218. In paragraph 2 (m), add the words "to inflict bodily harm" after the words "whether to cause harm".

Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, The following paragraph (AA) should be added after paragraph 2 (a) presented by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani: -

The 119th Amendment "(AA) Advisory Board means an Advisory Board constituted by the Government under Section 8" and 128th Amendment to change the words "to support or not" in paragraph 2 (c) to "for support" are accepted. Paragraph 2 (d) of Sri. A. M. Arif's Notice introduces the 137th Amendment, which replaces the words "children or siblings" with

"children, siblings or" and "those with blood relation" instead of "blood relatives".

Amendment No. 167 to replace "wildlife conservation" with "conservation of wildlife also" in paragraph 2 (g) introduced by Sri. A. Pradeep Kumar and amendment 255 of paragraph 2 (r) to add "institution" instead of the word "whether institution" and the Amendment No. 173 introduced by Sri. Aryadan Mohammad, to replace "scientific" with "scientifically" in paragraph 2 (h) are accepting. Amendment No. 178, as notified by Sri. M. A. Wahid, is a formal amendment to paragraph 2 (i) which reads "for Psychotropic Substances Act" instead of "in Psychotropic Substances Act" and "Procure or Store" instead of "Procurement". We also accept the amendment of paragraph 2 (8) (i) introduced by Sri. K. C. Joseph to the effect of adding "in more than one different case" instead of "in two different cases".

The assembly approved the Official Amendment No. 107 and the Oral Amendment, introduced by the Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism.

The assembly approved the amendments No. 119 and 128 introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani.

The assembly approved the 173rd Amendment introduced by Sri. Aryadan Muhammad.

The assembly approved the 178th Amendment, which was notified by Sri. MA Waheed, as an official amendment.

Amendment No. 137 issued by Sri. A. M. Arif Notice was officially adopted by the assembly.

The assembly approved amendments No. 167 and 255 introduced by Sri. A. Pradeep Kumar.

The assembly approved the 228th Amendment introduced by Sri. K. C. Joseph.

The assembly rejected the amendments 108, 121, 145, 172, 190, 204, 226, 238, 253 and 273 introduced by Sri. V. D. Satheesan.

Amendments 112, 132, 153, 154, 191, 210, 240, 271 introduced by Sri. K. C. Joseph were rejected by the assembly:

The assembly rejected the amendments 113, 122, 151, 199, 212, 229 and 242 introduced by Sri. Adoor Prakash.

Amendments 115, 138, 149, 158, 202 and 247 introduced by Sri. V. Jayarajan on behalf of Sri. V. Sasikumar were withdrawn with the permission of the assembly.

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Sri. Thomas Unniyadan introduced the amendments No. 118, 156, 157, 160, 161, 162, 177, 215, 231, 236 and 258 on behalf of Sri. KM Mani rejected.

The assembly rejected the amendments No. 120, 127, 144, 183, 184, 222, 225, 254 and 262 introduced by Sri. K. C. Venugopal.

The assembly rejected the amendments No. 123, 170, 201, 251 and 252 introduced by Sri. C. P. Muhammad.

The assembly rejected the amendments No. 124, 131 and 189 introduced by Sri. Aryadan Muhammad.

Amendments No. 125, 180 and 214 introduced by Sri. A. Pradeep Kumar were withdrawn with the approval of the assembly.

The assembly rejected the amendments '133, 171, 188, 200, 257 and 268' introduced by Sri. K. Babu.

Presented by Sri. M. Prakashan Master. Amendments 139, 198 and 234 were withdrawn with the approval of the assembly.

The assembly rejected the amendments No. 152 and 267 introduced by Sri. Varkala Kahar.

Amendments No. 155, 206 and 272 introduced by Prof. K. V. Thomas were rejected by the assembly.

Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju introduced the 218th Amendment and the assembly rejected it.

The assembly agreed on the need to make Section 2 part of the Bill as amended.

Section 2 became part of the Bill as amended.

Section 3

Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, I introduce the following official amendment.

274. In paragraph 3- (3) add the word "documents" instead of the word "materials".

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 276 and 305.

276. In paragraph 3, add the word "reserve" before the words "detention" and "in detention".

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305. In paragraph 3 (3) for "except holidays in the Gazette" add "Except public holidays" instead.

Sri. K Sivadasan Nair: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 284, 294 and 300.

284. Add "officer who got authorized " instead of "an authorized officer" in paragraph 3 (1).

294. Add "who got authorized" instead of "authorized" in paragraph 3 (3).

300. In paragraph 3 (3) add "within seven days" instead of "more than 12 days".

Sri. B. Babu Prasad: Sir, I am introducing amendments No. 285 and 303.

285. In paragraph 3 (1) add "essential" instead of "necessary".

303. In paragraph 3 (3) add "within twelve days" instead of "more than 12 days".

Sri. Aryadan Muhammad: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 288 and 301.

288. In paragraph 3 (2) add "nominable" followed by "not more than one month".

301. In paragraph 3 (3) add "within ten days" instead of "more than 12 days".

Sri. K. C. Venugopal: Sir, I introduce the 289th Amendment.

289. In paragraph 3 (2) add "nominable" followed by "not more than two months."

Sri. V. D. Satheesan: Sir, I am introducing the 290th Amendment.

290. In paragraph 3 (2) add "nominable" followed by "not more than three months".

Sri. Abdurahman Randathani: Sir, I introduce the 295th Amendment.

295. In paragraph 3 (3), replace the words "copy of the order and the supporting material" with the words "copy of the order and the evidence and substantiated material

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thereof".

Sri. N. Shakthan: Sir, I am introducing Amendments No. 283 and 299.

283. In paragraph 3 (1) add "rowdy or known rowdy" instead of "known rowdy".

299. Delete "already" in paragraph 3 (3).

Sri. K. Babu: Sir, I introduce the 304th Amendment.

304. In paragraph 3 (3) add "Excluding Holidays published in the Gazette" instead of "excluding Holidays in the Gazette".

Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, Sri. M Ummer has introduced the 277th Amendment to the Official Amendment to Add "(1)" after the Marginal Title of Volume 3.

We accept the 305th Amendment introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani. Requests that the amendments be approved and Section 3 passed.

The assembly approved the official amendments 274 and 277 introduced by the Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism.

The assembly approved the 305th Amendment introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani.

Amendment No. 276 presented by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani was rejected by the assembly.

The assembly rejected the amendments No. 284, 294 and 300 introduced by Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair.

The assembly rejected the amendments No. 285 and 303 introduced by Sri. B. Babu Prasad.

The assembly rejected the amendments No. 288 and 301 introduced by Sri. Aryadan Muhammad.

Presented by Sri. K. C. Venugopal, Amendment No. 289 was rejected by the assembly.

Amendment No. 290 introduced by Sri. V. D. Satheesan was rejected by the assembly.

Sri. Abdurahman Randatani introduced the 295th Amendment and the assembly rejected it.

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The assembly rejected the amendments No. 283 and 299 introduced by Sri. N. Sakthan.

The 304th Amendment introduced by Sri. K. Babu was rejected by the assembly.

The assembly agreed that the amended Article 3 should be part of the Bill.

Section 3 became part of the Bill as amended.

Section 4

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani: Sir, I am introducing Amendment No. 307.

In paragraph 4, instead of the words "a detention order may be enforced anywhere in the State of Kerala", the words "In order for a reserve detention order to be enforced anywhere in India, the person in the reserve detention order must be arrested and placed in the reserve detention area as stated in the order".

Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodiyeri Balakrishnan): Section 4 deals with the implementation of detention orders. There is no need to change from the present in this regard. Therefore, there is no need to accept the amendment.

Amendment No. 307 introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani was rejected by the assembly.

The House approved the issue of making Section 4 a part of the Bill.

Section 4 became part of the bill.

Section 5

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani: Sir, I introduce the 308th Amendment.

308. Wherever the word "detention" appears in paragraph 5, the word "reserve detention" should be added instead.

Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, Section 5 deals with detention areas. So it does not seem necessary to make the fundamental change raised by the esteemed member.

Amendment No. 308 presented by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani was rejected by the House.

The House approved the issue of making Section 5 part of the Bill.

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Section 5 became part of the Bill.

Section 6

Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, I introduce the following official amendment.

310. The following sub-paragraph should be added in paragraph 6 2 instead of paragraph.

"The provisions of Sections 82, 83, 84, 85 and 86 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 (2 of 1974) will apply to him and his property, treat the detention order against a person as per a warrant issued by magistrate against him when a report is made against him under sub-section (a) of (1).

Sri. V.D. Satheesan: Sir, I introduce the 311st Amendment.

311. Add "Gazette" in paragraph 6 (1) (b) and "In the two most widely circulated newspapers in the State".

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. KM Mani: Sir, I introduce the 313rd Amendment.

313. In paragraph 6 (2) replace the words "the detainee's order shall apply to him and his property as a warrant issued against him by the magistrate" by "the officer in charge shall have the power to take action against him and his property in compliance with the conditions as far as possible".

Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju: Sir, I introduce the 315th Amendment.

315. In paragraph 6 (3), replace the words "reasons which made it impossible and where he was" with the words "where he was and circumstances which made it impossible".

Sri. M. Prakashan Master: Sir, I am introducing the 318th Amendment.

318. In paragraph 6 (3), replace the words "he shall serve two years on the charge" with the sentence "he shall serve one year on the charge."

Sri. B. Babu Prasad: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 320, 323 and 324.

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320. In paragraph 6 (3) add "up to one year" instead of "up to two years".

323. In paragraph 6 (3), instead of "or a fine", add "or a fine of up to Rs.2000

In paragraph 6 (3) add "fine or for both" instead of "fine or both".

Sri. Varkala Kahar: Sir, I introduce the 321st Amendment.

In paragraph 6 (3) add "ten months" instead of "two years".

Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair: Sir, I introduce the 322nd Amendment.

322. In paragraph 6 (3), instead of "or penalty" add "penalty of up to one thousand rupees".

Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, I request that the official amendment be approved; Other amendments are not acceptable.

The assembly approved the official amendment introduced by the Hon'ble Minister.

Amendment No. 311 introduced by Sri. V. D. Satheesan was rejected by the assembly.

The 313th Amendment introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani was rejected by the assembly.

The 315th Amendment introduced by Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju was rejected by the assembly.

Amendment No. 318 introduced by Sri. M. Prakashan Master was withdrawn with the permission of the assembly.

The assembly rejected the amendments numbered 320, 323 and 324 introduced by Sri. B. Babu Prasad.

The 321st Amendment introduced by Sri. Varkala Kahar was rejected by the assembly.

The 322nd Amendment introduced by Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair was rejected by the assembly.

The assembly agreed that the amended Article 6 should be part of the Bill.

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Section 6, as amended, became part of the Bill.

Section 7

On behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani, Sri. Thomas Unniyadan: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 325 and 327.

325. Wherever the word "detention" appears in paragraph 7, add "reserve detention."

327. In paragraph 7, the words "when a person is arrested under a detention order" should be replaced by the words "when a person is arrested for enforcing a restraining order".

Sri. V. D. Satheesan: Sir, I am introducing the 333rd amendment.

333. In paragraph 7 (2) add "relevant and available" instead of "relevant possible".

Sri. M. Prakashan Master: Sir, I introduce the 337th Amendment.

337. Avoid the strict provision of paragraph 7 (4).

On behalf of Sri. P. Jayarajan Sri. V. Sasikumar: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 338 and 340.

338. Amend the strict provision of paragraph 1 (4) as follows:

"But if such disclosure reveals any sign of secrecy or is contrary to the interests of internal security or national security, then nothing in this section requires any authority to disclose such matters to the detainee."

340. Make the strict condition under paragraph 1 (4) part of subsection (2).

Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, Section 7 is about disclosing the reasons for the detention order. There are two amendments that need to be approved shown by the esteemed members. Sri. T. N. Pratap's paragraph 7 (1) introduces

the 329th Amendment as an official amendment to add "Order" instead of "single Order". Adoption of Amendment No. 340 to make it a part of Subsection (2) of the Strict Condition under Section 7 (4) introduced by Sri. V. Sasikumar on behalf of Sri. P. Jayarajan.

The assembly approved the oral amendment introduced by the Hon'ble Minister and the 340th Amendment introduced by Sri. V. Sasikumar on behalf of Sri. P. Jayarajan.

The assembly rejected the amendments No. 325 and 327 introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani.

Amendment No. 333 introduced by Sri. V. D. Satheesan was rejected by the assembly.

The 337th Amendment introduced by Sri. M. Prakashan Master was withdrawn with permission.

Amendment No. 338 introduced by Sri. V. Sasikumar on behalf of Sri. P. Jayarajan was withdrawn with the permission of the assembly.

The assembly agreed that the amended Article 7 should be part of the Bill.

Section 7, as amended, became part of the Bill.

Section 8

Sri. CP Muhammad: Sir, I introduce the 360th Amendment.

360. In article 8 (2) replace "and shall consist of two other members who are eligible to be appointed as a High Court Judge under the Constitution of India" by "who shall be a former Judge of the High Court and not below the rank of Principal Secretary to Government".

Sri. B. Babu Prasad: Sir, I introduce the 361st Amendment.

361. In paragraph 8 (2) remove the parts after the word "and" and add as follows "there shall be a District and Sessions Judge appointed by the Government with the consent of the Leader of the Opposition and a person qualified to be appointed as a High Court Judge."

Sri. K. Muhammadunni Haji: Sir, I introduce Amendment No. 366.

366. In paragraph 8 (2), replace the words "the other two members" with the words "the other three members".

Sri. Adoor Prakash: Sir, I introduce the 369th Amendment.

369. After paragraph 8 (2) add (2a) as follows.

"(2a) The appointment of the Board shall be published in the Gazette."

Sri. Varkala Kahar: Sir, I introduce the 370th Amendment.

370. Add paragraph 8 (2) to (27) as follows.

"(2a) The Board shall be appointed by the Government."

Sri. V. D. Satheesan: Sir, I am introducing the 371st Amendment.

371. Rewrite paragraph 8 (2) as follows.

"(2) The Board shall consist of five members each, of whom the Government shall appoint two qualified Members to be appointed as High Court Judges and two such Members shall be appointed by the Leader of the Opposition and chairman of the board must appointed by the government with the approval of the Leader of the Opposition."

On behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani,Sri. Thomas Unniyadan: Sir, I am introducing the 375th Amendment.

375. Rewrite paragraph 8 as given below.

"8. Establishment of Advisory Board "

"(1) The Government shall set up an Advisory Board for multiple districts or for the State as a whole to scrutinize the reserve detention orders issued under this Act and to scrutinize, examine, consider and resolve complaints against it."

(2) The Board shall consist of not more than three members, including the Chairman, as decided by the Government. But board members can be appointed on a part-time basis.

(3) The person to be appointed as Chairman shall be a former Supreme Court Judge or High Court Judge and shall be appointed by the Chief Minister in consultation with the Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly, the Leader of the Opposition in the State Legislative Assembly and the Minister in charge of the State Home Department.

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(4) The person to be appointed as Chairman shall be a former Supreme Court Judge or High Court Judge and shall be appointed by the Chief Minister in consultation with the Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly, the Leader of the Opposition in the State Legislative Assembly and the Minister in charge of the State Home Department.

However, if a sitting judge is to be appointed as a member of the Board, he shall consult with the Chief Justice of the High Court concerned.

(5) A person who has ever been a member of a political party for any of the five years prior to the date of the vacancy of the Chairman or member shall not be entitled to be appointed Chairman or Member of the Advisory Board.

(6) A person appointed as Chairman or member of the Advisory Board shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of his entry into office.

However, the Chairman or a member may resign from the official post with his own letter and seal addressed to the Chief Minister.

(7) Sub-section (5) provides that the accidental vacancy of the Chairman or Member shall be filled by the new appointment and that the Chairman or member so appointed shall remain in office for the remainder of the term for which he or she was appointed to hold the position of Chairman or Member.

(8) The salary, allowances and other terms of service to be paid by the Chairman and members of the Advisory Board shall be as determined.

Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism (Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, Section 8 deals with the formation of the Advisory Board. This is in line with what was said about the Advisory Council in the Amendment brought during the previous UDF Government. This is the ordinance of the day as provided. The government does not intend to change that.

The 360th Amendment introduced by Sri. C. P. Mohammad was rejected by the assembly.

Amendment No. 361 introduced by Sri. B. Babu Prasad was rejected by the assembly.

The 366th Amendment introduced by Sri. K. Muhammadunni Haji was rejected by the assembly.

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Amendment No. 369 introduced by Sri. Adoor Prakash was rejected by the assembly.

Amendment No. 370 introduced by Sri. Varkala Kahar was rejected by the assembly.

Amendment No. 371 presented by Sri. V. D. Satheesan was rejected by the assembly.

Amendment No. 375 presented by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani was rejected by the assembly.

The assembly approved the issue of making Section 8 part of the Bill.

Section 8 became part of the Bill.

Section 9

Mr. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Mr. K. M. Mani: Sir, I am introducing Amendment No. 376.

376. In paragraph 9, replace the word "detention order" with "reserve detention order."

Sri. M. Prakashan Master: Sir, I introduce the 377th Amendment.

377. Instead of "within three weeks from the date of detention of a person by the Government" in paragraph 9, add "Within two weeks from the date of detention of the Government".

Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, we are proposing a verbal amendment to change the word 'Advisory committee' to 'Advisory Board' in the said Department. It is better to change it to an advisory board to make it clearer as it comes at the bottom

The assembly approved the oral amendment presented by the Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism, Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan.

Amendment No. 377 introduced by Sri. M Prakashan Master was withdrawn with the permission of the assembly.

Amendment No. 376 presented by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani was rejected by the assembly.

The assembly agreed that the amended section 9 should be part of the bill.

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Section 9 as amended became part of the Bill.

Section 10

Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, I am introducing Official Amendments No. 385 and 386 and an oral amendment.

Subsection 1 should be replaced by paragraph in paragraph 10, namely: -

"10. Procedure and follow-up of the Advisory Board ": -

(1) The Advisory Committee, which has been given a reference under the aforesaid section, shall, after reviewing the said reference and the facts submitted before it, and any other persons who may be called upon thereafter by the Government or any other person or person concerned for such purpose as may be required to do so. If it is felt or the person concerned wants to be heard directly, the report should be prepared after hearing the person in person, whether there is a sufficient reason to detain the person concerned, and its report should be submitted to the Government within nine weeks from the date of detention.

In paragraph (4) of paragraph 10, the word "to be ensured" should be replaced by the word "to be confirmed".

I also propose a verbal amendment to section 10 of the "Advisory committee" to be the "Advisory Board". I am presenting this amendment because it does not come from the side of the members.

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 387 and 410.

387. In paragraph 10 (1), add "in section 9" instead of "above section".

410. After section 10 (4) add the following sub-sections.

"(5) Any action before the Advisory Board shall be construed as a judicial action within

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the jurisdiction of Sections 193 and 228 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (45th Central Act, 1860).

(6) The Advisory Board shall have the power to set its own procedures, including determining the time and place of the sitting, and to decide whether to convene publicly or privately.

Sri. M. Prakashan Master: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 392, 395, 399 and 403.

392. In paragraph 10 (1) add "must be submitted to the Government within five weeks" instead of "must be submitted to the Government within nine weeks".

395. In paragraph 10 (2) add "if not two members are present" instead of one member not present before "will not be invalid".

399. Exclude the provision in paragraph 10 (3) that "nothing is entitled to be represented by a lawyer".

403. Avoid the strict provision of paragraph 10 (3).

Mr. N. Sakthan: Sir, I introduce the 394th Amendment.

394. Delete "among such members" in paragraph 10 (2).

Sri. C. H. Kunjambu: Sir, I am introducing the 396th Amendment.

396. Add the following strict condition to paragraph 10 (2).

"However, if only two members attend a meeting of the Board and are unable to reach a consensus decision due to a disagreement between them, the decision must be postponed and decided by a majority of all members."

Sri. C. P. Muhammad: Sir, I introduce the 406th Amendment.

406. - Add "more than three months" instead of "for a period which seems reasonable thereof" in paragraph 10 (4).

Sri. V. D. Satheesan: Sir, I am introducing the 407th amendment.

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407. In paragraph 10 (4) add "for a period not exceeding one hundred days" instead of "for an appropriate period thereof."

Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Amendment No. 394 introduced by Sir Sri. N. Sakthan is acceptable. Other amendments are not acceptable.

The assembly approved the Official Amendments 385 and 386 and the Oral Amendment introduced by the Hon'ble Minister.

The assembly approved the 394th amendment introduced by Sri. N. Shaktan.

Amendments No. 387 and 410 introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K.M. Mani were rejected by the assembly.

Amendments No. 392, 395, 399 and 403 introduced by Sri. M. Prakashan Master were withdrawn with the permission of the assembly.

Amendment No. 394 introduced by Sri. N. Sakthan was rejected by the assembly.

Amendment No. 396 introduced by Sri. C. H. Kunjambu was withdrawn with the approval of the assembly.

Amendment No. 406 introduced by Sri. C. P. Mohammad was rejected by the assembly.

Amendment No. 407 introduced by Sri. V. D. Satheesan was rejected by the assembly.

The House approved the issue of making Section 10 part of the Bill as amended.

Section 10 as amended became part of the Bill.

Section 11

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan: Sir, I am introducing the 411st Amendment.

411. Rewrite paragraph 11 as follows.

"Resolution of Doubts: - This Act is outside the local jurisdiction of the officer issuing the reserve detention order, and such reserve detention order shall not be invalid only on

the ground that the detainee has normally resided or the person has been placed in reserve detention".

Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): The amendment is not acceptable.

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Amendment No. 411 presented by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani was rejected by the assembly.

The assembly approved the issue of making Section 11 a part of the Bill.

Section 11 became part of the Bill.

Section 12

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani: Sir, I present amendments No. 413 and 414.

413. Remove the number "(1)" and bracket in paragraph 12.

414. In paragraph 12, replace the words "detention" with "in detention" with the words "reserve detention" and "in reserve detention", respectively.

Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): The amendment No. 413 introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani is acceptable. Amendment No. 414 is not acceptable.

The assembly approved the 413th Amendment introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan. Amendment No. 414 was rejected by the House.

The assembly agreed to make Section 12 part of the Bill as amended.

Section 12, as amended, became part of the Bill. "

Section 13

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani: Sir, I present amendments No. 419 and 420.

419. In sub paragraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph 13, replace the words "detention order" with "of detention order" by the words "reserve detention order" and "of reserve detention order".

420. In paragraph 13 (1) add "whether it can be canceled for written reasons" instead of "whether it can be canceled".

Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, I will explain the matters relating to the repeal of Section 13 Order. The present is sufficient for this. Therefore, the amendment is not acceptable.

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The assembly rejected the amendments No. 419 and 420 introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani.

The assembly agreed that the 13th Amendment should be part of the Bill.

Section 13 became part of the Bill.

Section 14

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani; Sir, I am introducing the 427th Amendment.

427. Instead of "detention" in paragraph 14, add "reserve detention for reasons notified in consultation with the Advisory Board".

Minister for Home and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, To release people in Section 14 detention temporarily, it has the power to do so.

Existing is enough for that. Therefore, the amendment is not acceptable.

The assembly rejected the 427th Amendment introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani.

The assembly approved the issue of making Section 14 a part of the Bill.

Section 14 became part of the Bill.

Section 15

On behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani, Sri. Thomas Unniyadan: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 434, 439, 444, 445, 446, 447 and 451.

434. In paragraph 15 (1), the words "with intent to prevent him" should be replaced by the words "with intent to prevent him from engaging in anti-social activities and to control such acts".

439. In paragraph 15 (1) (a) replace the words "not allowed to visit" with "not allowed to visit or enter there without prior permission".

444. In the strict provision of paragraph 15 (1) (b), replace the words "for the Government by the Director General of Police" with the words "for the Government and the concerned police station through the Director General of Police".

445. The following clause should be added in paragraph 15 (2). "However, a copy of the order issued by the Advisory Board should be sent to the Government and the

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concerned police station through the Director General of Police."

446. - In paragraph 15 (3) replace the words "for its own" with the words "reasons stated in the application or itself".

447. In paragraph 15 (4) add the words, numbers and brackets in subsection (1) or subsection (2) or subsection (3) instead of "in subsection (1)".

451. In paragraph 15 (4), replace the words "punishable" with the words "punishable and a fine of up to Rs.50,000".

On behalf of Sri. P. Jayarajan, Sri. V. Sasikumar: Sir, I am introducing Amendment No. 448.

448. In paragraph 15 (4) add "one year" instead of "three years".

Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, the existing section is subject to Section 15. It is about the power to issue an order prohibiting certain people from entering an area if they want to. So the government is of the opinion that what is within the existing class is enough. Amendments are therefore not acceptable.

The assembly rejected the amendments No. 434, 439, 444, 445, 446, 447 and 451 introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani.

Amendment No. 448 introduced by Sri. V. Sasikumar on behalf of Sri. P. Jayarajan was withdrawn with the permission of the assembly.

The assembly approved the issue of making Section 15 part of the Bill.

Section 15 became part of the Bill.

Section 16

Sri. C. H. Kunjambu: Sir, I am introducing the 453rd Amendment.

453. In paragraph 16 replace the words "Order of detention under section 3 or section

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15" by "detention under section 3 or restraint of freedom of movement under section 15".

Sri. B. Babu Prasad: Sir, I introduce the 455th Amendment.

In paragraph 16, add "up to six months" instead of "not less than three months but up to one year".

On behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani, Sri. Thomas Unniyadan: Sir, I introduce the 456th Amendment.

456. In paragraph 16, replace the words "up to one thousand rupees" with the words "not less than twenty five thousand rupees".

Minister for Home and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, Amendment No. 452 issued by Sri. T. N. Prathapan Notice - I make an official amendment and a verbal amendment.

In paragraph 16, instead of "detaining any person under section 3 or section 15", add "detaining any person under section 3 or restricting the movement of any person under section 15".

The Verbal Amendment proposes that the provision "to detain" in this section should be amended to mean "to be detained". Other modifications are not acceptable.

The assembly approved the official amendment and the oral amendment introduced by the Hon'ble Minister.

Amendment No. 453 introduced by Sri. C. H. Kunjambu was withdrawn with the approval of the assembly.

The 455th Amendment introduced by Sri. B. Babu Prasad was rejected by the assembly.

Amendment No. 456 presented by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani was rejected by the assembly.

The assembly agreed that the amended Article 16 should be part of the Bill.

Section 16 as amended became part of the Bill.

Section 17

Sri. N. Sakthan: Sir, I introduce the 458th Amendment.

458. In paragraph 17 (2) add "authorized" instead of "which was authorized".

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani: Sir, I am introducing Amendment No. 460.

460. The following sub-paragraphs shall be added after sub-paragraph (3) in paragraph 17.

"(4) The provisions relating to search and seizure in the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 (2nd Central Act, 1974) shall, as far as possible, apply to searches and seizures under subsections (1) and (2)".

"An order issued under subsection (5) (1) shall be treated as a warrant issued by a court under section 93 of the Criminal Procedure Code (Act 2 of 1974) for all purposes".

Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Amendments are not acceptable.

Amendment No. 458 introduced by Sri. N. Sakthan was rejected by the assembly.

Amendment No. 460 introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani was rejected by the assembly.

The House agreed that section 17 should be part of the bill.

Section 17 became part of the Bill.

Section 18

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani: Sir, I introduce amendments No. 461 and 465.

461. Instead of "in good faith under this Act" in paragraph 18 (1), add "in good faith in his official performance under this Act".

465. Add "a public servant" instead of "any government official" in paragraph 18 (4).

Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju: Sir, I am introducing the 462nd Amendment.

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462. In paragraph 18 (3) add "any action or failure on its part" instead of "any action or failure".

Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Amendment No. 465 introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan is accepted.

I present as Official Amendment No. 466 issued by Sri. K. Kutty Ahmed Kutty as notice.

466. In paragraph 18 (4) add the words "if perform" followed by the words "in addition to the usual disciplinary action".

Other amendments are not acceptable.

The assembly approved the 465th Amendment introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani and the 466th Official Amendment introduced by the Minister.

Amendment No. 461 introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani was rejected by the assembly.

Amendment No. 462 introduced by Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju was rejected.

The House agreed that the amended Article 18 should be part of the Bill.

Section 18 as amended became part of the Bill.

Section 19

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani: Sir: I am introducing Amendment No. 473.

473. In paragraph 19, replace the word "provided" with the word "issued".

Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): The amendment is not acceptable.

Amendment No. 473 introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan was rejected by the assembly.

The House agreed that the 19th Amendment should be part of the Bill.

Section 19 became part of the Bill.

Section 20

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani: Sir, I present the No. Amendment.

474. Replace paragraph 20 with the following section.

"20 Method of Issuance of 20 Orders: - All orders issued under this Act shall be accompanied by the seal and signature of the authority so determined".

Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): The amendment is not acceptable.

The assembly rejected the 474th Amendment introduced by Thomas Unniyadan.

The assembly approved the issue of making Section 20 a part of the Bill.

Section 20 became part of the Bill.

Section 21

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani: Sir, I am introducing Amendment No. 477.

447. In paragraph 21 (2), the words "change appearance", "in modified shape", "modify or cancel" should be replaced by the words "to amend", "amended" and "modify" respectively.

Minister for Home and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): The amendment is not acceptable.

Amendment No. 477 introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan was rejected by the assembly.

The assembly agreed that section 21 should be part of the bill.

Section 21 became part of the Bill.

Section 22

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan on behalf of Sri. K. M. Mani: Sir, I am introducing Amendment No. 478.

478. Replace paragraph 22 (2) with the following.

"(2) Even if it is canceled,

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(i) Any work or activity done under the said Ordinance or by law thereof shall be continued and completed under the similar provisions of this Act as long as it is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

(ii) All references, inquiries and other proceedings pending before the Advisory Board under the repealed Ordinance may be modified to the Advisory Board as constituted under this Act.

(iii), any action taken or anything that is considered to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken shall be considered to have been taken under this Act".

Minister for Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): The amendment is not acceptable.

Amendment No. 478 introduced by Sri. Thomas Unniyadan was rejected by the assembly.

The assembly approved the issue of making Section 22 a part of the Bill.

Section 22 became part of the Bill.

Section 1 and Preface and Name

Sri. M. Murali: Sir, I am introducing the 106th Amendment.

106. In paragraph 1 (1) add "(block and control)" instead of "(block)".

Minister for Home and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): The amendment is not acceptable. That is not a necessary amendment. The existing one will suffice.

Amendment No. 106 introduced by Sri. M. Murali was rejected by the assembly.

The assembly agreed that section 1 and the preface and name should be part of the bill.

Section 1 and the preamble and name became part of the Bill.

Minister of Home Affairs and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri, Balakrishnan): Presenting Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, 2007, to be passed.

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Minister of Transport, Printing and Stationery (Sri. Mathew T. Thomas): Supports the resolution.

Sri. K. Babu: Sir, the activities of the mafia are getting stronger in our state. Criminal offenses in particular are on the rise as well. Such mafias are gripping. In such a situation, it was decided to bring a law for this through an ordinance during the UDF regime itself. Despite some delays by this government, the enactment of this Act is very welcome. At the same time, in practice, precautions need to be taken to ensure that it is carried out in its true spirit and not be exploited. I am not repeating an incident that happened in Malappuram district. The government should be especially careful not to misuse it and use it to deal with political opponents.

Minister for Home and Tourism (Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan): Sir, Hon'ble Member Sri. K. Babu said something very relevant here. We need effective legislation to curb the activities of mafias in our state. That is why the government decided to bring in such a special act. This government is ready to handle this matter with the confidence of the opposition as well. Moreover, the detention of human rights activists is naturally a matter of great protest. But as a result of taking a lot of precautions, it was able to gain public acceptance as a result of the provision of a number of things that were ripe for abuse. So I said earlier, this act will be abolished when it comes to the situation of abuse. Therefore, the officials who implement it in our state and the people who implement it should do so very carefully. But in the same case, if one, two or three people are to be detained in this manner

who poses a threat to peace in an area, it can be detained in this manner. The government sees the law as a measure to curb mafia activity that threatens peaceful living. At present, 60 people have been taken into custody under this Act. It is being examined by the Advisory Board. If there is a particular case, the government can intervene. Therefore, all precautions should be taken by the government to avoid such an intervention. The opposition must fully co-operate with the assembly in

enforcing this law. During the discussion of the subject committee, the Leader of the Opposition Sri. Oommen Chandy, Sri. K. M. Mani, Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali including respected opposition leaders, co-operated well. I thank all the members of the assembly who have given good suggestions. In implementing this, the government will pay special attention to do so without any misuse. It is not the policy of the government to use such things against political opponents. I urge you to pass this Bill, saying that Sri. Babu can fully believe that there will be no such situation on the part of the Government.

Mr. Speaker: The issue of approving the resolution to pass the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill, 2007

Proponents ...

Opponents ...

The resolution is accepted. The bill has just passed.

(2) Presentation of the Kerala Public Service Commission (Additional Responsibilities for Administrative Services under Devaswom Boards) Bill, 2007 and Resolution to be sent to the Subject Committee

Minister for Co-operation, Coir and Devaswom (Sri. G. Sudhakaran): Sir, I am introducing the Kerala Public Service Commission (Additional Responsibilities for Administrative Services under Devaswom Boards) Bill, 2007.

Mr. Speaker: The bill has been introduced.

Minister for Co-operation, Coir and Devaswom (Sri. G. Sudhakaran): I propose to send the Kerala Public Service Commission (Additional Responsibilities for Administrative Services under Devaswom Boards) Bill, 2007 to the Subject Committee No. X on Home Affairs.

Minister of Transport, Printing and Stationery. (Sri. Mathew T. Thomas): Supports the resolution.

Minister for Co-operation, Coir and Devaswom (Sri. G. Sudhakaran): Sir, I would like to

summarize a few things about this Bill. The Travancore-Kochi Devaswom Hindu Religious Endowment Act, which has been in force in Kerala for the last 57 and 58 years, is based on a covenant signed between the Central Government and the royal person when Travancore was under the Kochi monarchy before Kerala Piravi. The government did not come up with a decision to amend the Covenant in the same amendment that was introduced earlier this year with the aim of making the Devaswom administration more efficient and clean. But for the first time in history, it included enabling provisions to leave administrative appointments to the PSC. In order to implement this provision, appointments to

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the Travancore-Kochi Devaswom Boards can be made only if we have discussed and passed the present law and made rules based on it. During the last board, appointments could not be made due to serious corruption and were blocked by the court and the mass agitation. The government had advised that it was better not to go ahead with the appointments. No appointments have been made there for a year and a half. Appointments can be made there only after this law is passed. Examining the current system with 58 years of experience, 7 fundamental flaws can be seen in the current recruitment system. The High Court itself has repeatedly pointed out very serious corruption. The influx of ineligible people and the exclusion of those who deserved it was going on in a big way. Thirdly, there were no constitutional obligation reservation principles in the appointments, and the appointees conspired with the devaswom rulers who wanted to drain the devaswom funds and a large section of the employees themselves leaked the devaswom funds. As a result, there is a great deal of confusion among the devotees and a perception that there is corruption in the devaswom boards. The Malabar Devaswom is under the direct control of the government. There, all appointments to the administrative side are made by the PSC itself. The most notable thing is that there are no allegations of corruption in the appointments here. And the equal rights that candidates are entitled to under the Constitution for which appointments have been made here with almost complete protection of reservation rights. I am happy to say that this historic

legislation was passed in this assembly on the basis of important, constitutional, administrative and practical social issues at the level of social justice. In the Travancore Devaswom Board, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are being grossly neglected. Fifty-eight years on, no steps have been taken to implement the reservation as enshrined in the Constitution. Percentage of SC / ST section in Travancore Devaswom Board - It is not a matter of people performing poojas inside the temple. There seems to be no one there —

just 48 in the Establishment category in 1025, or 4.68 per cent in this independent India, given to them for fifty-eight years in democratic Kerala. It is said that a solution should be found but it has not been possible. It is a matter of collective pride for all of us that our assembly has an opportunity to correct the most serious violation of the Constitution. The SC / ST section in the Cochin Devaswom Board has only 3.63 per cent of the permanent staff. The SC / ST section has 20.15 per in the Malabar HR & CE which is directly controlled by the Government. The government will pay attention to the fair and try to protect it according to the constitution. All this is being proclaimed by those who argue that the government will intervene when the government intervenes, concealing the most serious denial of social justice and concealing the hidden agenda that only appointments based on four-color culture can take place on the Devaswom Board. All this should be taken seriously, regardless of the ruling-opposition differences. To be taken into account. Shouldn't hundreds of Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes get this for fifty-eight years? All of that is denied. How can it all be given today with retrospective effect? The government has the utmost respect for all community organizations. All of them, in the general interest of the society, make up the vast majority of the people in Kerala society, the vast majority of Hindus is Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Communities. About 75-80 per cent of the people are members of Hindu, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe backward communities. It is not because of their incompetence or the ability of those who enjoy it that they have endured all this for so long. There is a legislature here, there is a constitution. If not today, they hope it goes well tomorrow. It is a humble attempt to fix it. Conducted here. To the Government of the time. 20.15 per cent of the appointments in the Malabar Devas were given to the Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes and more than 30 per cent to the backward communities. This is because any government can ensure social justice

and constitutional protection because they are controlled by the government. Not saying anything more about corruption. Here is just a figure of corruption in a judgment pronounced by the Kerala High Court on 2-1-07. The Travancore Devaswom Board spent Rs.85-90 lakh on the purchase of vehicles alone. They also bought Lancer, Ford Icon and Tata-Indic cars there. The Devaswom rulers have arranged facilities there that even the ministers do not have. The law passed by this Assembly after the coming of this Government does not require permanent residences. A duty-bound like syndicate members at the university, was made and sent by the rule that cars can be taken on duty. It is not possible to root out these problems quickly as there are a lot of efforts going on in the Devaswom Board to get rid of that rule. It's very deep. It will take even more hard work. Legislation and amendments will still be needed. But things like this have not happened since this board came into being. A Division Bench comprising Hon'ble High Court Justice Sri. Bali, Justice Sri. Ramachandran and Justice Sri. Swaminathan said that Devaswom fund which should never be taken was taken by violating Section 25 and pointed out that Rs.60 crore was taken for illegal repairs and Rs.25 lakh was misappropriated in the purchase of jaggery to make

sweets to offer to Sastha and to the devotees. At Sabarimala, food is given to the devotees. As well as food at the guest house. It is said that there was a great deal of corruption in such matters. Similarly, it is said that three Devaswom board members spent Rs.30 lakh to beautify houses. Similarly, Rs.9 lakh was bought from each of the teacher for appointments. The High Court verdict says that the direct corruption of Rs.141 crore and the bribery in the appointments is an unpredictable corruption. I am not explaining it. Here are the judgments of the esteemed High Court. Only one thing can be said. During the reign of the king, on 12-4-1922, the then Maharaja declared the Devaswom Proclamation in order to bring the Devaswom under the control of the government. Thus the temples under the rule of the king were taken over by the government. But even though the temple has been taken over by democratic governments, the government is only making its own boards and we are only bringing the court ruling, the opinion of the devotees and the opinion of the MLAs on the restrictions and manners they have to follow and subjecting them to the necessary restrictions on its basis. According to the court order, a fee of Rs90 lakh was paid for conducting an

examination alone. The esteemed court has strongly objected to the examination conducted by Rutronics to take clerks for a fee of Rs.90 lakh. Based on experience, there is no doubt that those who use the money given by those who are appointed to the Devaswom Board in the midst of so much corruption will take from what God get. In addition, appointments must be made through the Public Service Commission in accordance with all constitutional norms, compliance with PSC rules, compliance with community reservation, social justice and all interests. As the Minister of Devaswom, I would like to reiterate what I have said inside and outside the assembly. As with the left-right side, the current board is showing some decency. Prior to that, all three boards were fully involved in the vigilance case. The board set up by the Left Front government and right-wing means UDF. It's not just because you're sitting on the right side, it's generally an ideological problem. Let's discuss ideology elsewhere - once the boards are set up, the government has no control whether boards are set up by the UDF government or by the Left Front. The entire board is involved in vigilance cases because no one has control. Even board headed by Sri. Raman Nair and the board chaired by the esteemed and corruption-free Sri. Babu Sar. He was accused of corruption without showing corruption - he was involved in a corruption case because of his colleagues. Sri. V. G. K. Menon's board and three other boards are involved in the vigilance case. Why is this happening? In this great assembly, the opposition boycotted to find a solution to the problem of corruption, no matter who the revolutionaries or Gandhians were, because they understood how they were part of it. Earlier, the amendment bill was passed. The additional function of PSC is to enable it. Here's how to pass the special bill that puts them in charge ...

Sri. K. Babu: I am asking for a news item in the newspaper. I hope you will answer that correctly. A statement from the Hon'ble NSS General Secretary has been published in Manorama newspaper today. In it, Sri. Narayana Panicker alleged that a non-believer

minister was committing anti-government activities while the state had an obligation to protect religious beliefs. Awaiting your reply on this.

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Sri. G. Sudhakaran: In any case, there is no need to reply to this introductory presentation on the occasion of leaving to PSC. The NSS and community organizations like this keep saying every single thing.

Sri. K. P. Mohanan: It is not up to Panikkar to decide who is a believer in God. My opinion is that everyone is a believer in God.

Sri. K. Babu: I read a statement by the Hon'ble NSS General Secretary. This is not my opinion. I want to know the opinion of the Minister in this matter.

Sri. G. Sudhakaran: I have no problem with any minister sitting here commenting. But now is not the time to discuss Sir Narayana Panicker. I did not have to reply to what Sri. Vellapally Nadesan and Sri. Narayana Panicker said. They are both community organization leaders. They have to say a lot according to the impulses they already have. But one thing is that the interests of millions of believers are protected without distinction between the LDF and the UDF. And one thing to say about the Constitution is the legislature. The other is ultimately the esteemed court. Here we have the right to say what is constitutional. Under the existing law, the esteemed High Court can say whether what we say is right or wrong. The answer is that not a single administrative stand on devaswoms in the Kerala Legislative Assembly has been questioned or rejected by the esteemed High Court or the Supreme Court till date. I won't say more about that. If you are trying to please him, I do not disagree. I have nothing to object to.

Sri. K. Babu: You said that the High Court has not questioned any law taken here. Then when the verdict was announced in the law of self-sufficiency, you carried out a lot of struggles and agitations against it. Doesn't that mean the court is right?

Sri. G. Sudhakaran: Can we say that the court is not good? We have all already sat by the oath of office with respect to the Constitution. I did not say that the court is not good. No court has ruled that Devaswom did anything unconstitutional in law. We have differences of opinion on the law of self-sufficiency. That is not something that needs to be discussed

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now. Former Cochin Devaswom Board President, Sri. Vijayaraghavan was accused of corruption. Vigilance said he was not a public man and therefore could not be prosecuted. The file of those who have been left out of him comes to me when I take on this task. The president is not responsible for any corruption involving the president. The Devaswom

Board President is elected by the Government and the Legislature. Government nominees are also on the board. There are those who take the assembly. One of them will be the president. But Vigilance writes that he is not a public man. The case came after he was acquitted. I sent it back. Again they wrote that he was not a public man and therefore could not take the case. For the third time, I have written what I need to write properly. I sent it to the Law Department. The Law Department said he was Public Man; That omission is a serious mistake. So the file war went on for a year. I have not left. Still not going to leave that problem. The law department said it would file a case. No matter which government rules, there are a lot of nexus, not just government policies. The files were transferred without conducting an investigation into the criminal offenses and vigilance offenses. When I took action to find the files that protected all the corruption without giving information to Sri. Venugopal as a popper, Devaswom Principal Secretary Sri. Bharat Bhushan made a public statement against me. The Cabinet decided to ask him for reply. In the file of Sri. Vijayaraghavan, he says that he is not a public man. If you look at every single thing he did when he was Devaswom secretary, you can see that he was complicit in all the corruption. I say in the legislature. Let's check the files. The file was signed by Sri. Bharat Bhushan. Vigilance and secretariat officials say he is not a public man. Signing under it. But there are no ministers in the Left cabinet to sign under it. Do not assume as insulting IAS. It is about those who have shown corruption and those who have joined it. There is no dispute about anyone else. It goes without saying that when we as public servants take charge, we look at it judiciously and say who has been appointed. The Hon'ble Sri. K. Babu once asked in this Assembly whether it was right to exclude the President. Didn't you understand that even if Sri. Babu complains, it will be dealt with? Do you not understand now that there is no animosity towards Sri. Babu? I do not want to say anything more at this point. This is a piece of legislation of historical significance. All necessary and important issues were

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raised. I conclude this introductory speech by requesting that there should be a recommendation to send this to the Subject Committee as soon as possible.

Sri. P. M. A. Salam; Sir, presenting the Kerala Public Service Commission (Additional Responsibilities for Administrative Services under the Devaswom Boards) Bill, 2007 has been amended to require circulating public opinion till 29-9-2007.

Justice, truth, love and mercy are the foundation of faith in God. But this bill is a powerful step against a situation where all these divine qualities are being blown away and exploited in the name of God. Therefore, there is no doubt that this bill is one of the most important in temple administration law. Hypocrites have been widely accused of looting temple revenue and corruption and nepotism in hiring staff. Serious allegations of corruption were made in the appointments under the Travancore Devaswom. Veterans have pointed out that even in the Sabarimala temple, there is service, recommendation and corruption in the appointment of Melshanthi. Kerala has also seen stinking stories related to

the question papers of the recruitment examinations. We saw community leaders blaming each other and fighting. The esteemed Kerala High Court itself has commented on this issue several times. Devaswom board members were in a position where no one had the authority to intervene effectively if they were corrupt. Temple properties are public property. The government has a responsibility to protect it from destruction. The Left Democratic Front government has come up with this bill to fulfill this task. It is imperative of this period that the law should leave to the PSC the appointment of officers and staff of the Administrative Service without interfering in matters relating to the rituals and poojas of the temple such as Shanthi, kazhakam and Vadhyam. This is a bill that will bring relief to the Hindus, devotees and true devotees of the temple. I am grateful to the Left Democratic Front government and especially to its Devaswom Minister for bringing this bill to protect their interests and rights. The temples were built for innumerable devotees. It is not anyone's private property or private entities or industrial entities. The fact is

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that there are no principles or criteria in appointments made under the Devaswom Board. It is an open secret that appointments are influenced by physical factors. Kerala society as a whole believes that this injustice must end. There is a situation in Kerala today where those who are qualified and capable are being rejected. This situation needs to be changed. No one can see any fault in making appointments through PSC under the present law which requires appointments to be made from Hindus themselves. Appointments will be made in a manner that does not lead to corruption. This government has come up with such a legislation realizing that some reasonable restrictions need to be imposed on the activities of the Devaswom Board as it seems irresponsible to anyone. It is understood that Devotees and temple believers are taking this matter seriously. The places of worship are theirs. The governance needs to be cleansed there. No one can object to that. Therefore, those who criticize this bill are not those who want the temple to be protected and justice to be done. Such people are deliberately campaigning to create misconceptions to protect vested interests.

Sri. K. Babu: You are talking well about this law, now there is some news about increasing the membership of this Devaswom Board to seven. It says that the CPI (M) is tightening its grip on the Devaswom board. The current member of the Devaswom Board is a member of the RSP and a member of the CPI. When the board presidents and members meet and the two members isolate the president. That is what often happens on the Travancore Devaswom Board. Now, that is exactly what happened in recent days. I'm not going into that. It is being amended in such a way as to impose a restriction on it completely. Will this not affect the functioning of Devaswom Boards? What is your opinion?

Sri. P. M. A. Salam: The law is being introduced to make the administration of Devaswom Boards more efficient and to prevent corruption. The Left Democratic Front government is moving to make it more efficient.

Sri. Raju Abraham: When Sri. Raman Nair and his cohorts left, how many members did the UDF decide to add then? Can respected Babu tell?

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Sri. K. Babu: The members at present are not appointed by us. Now we have not appointed Sri. Narayanan Ex MLA and the RSP representative. Aren't we responsible for any problems that have arisen on the Devaswom Board in recent days? Problems on the Devaswom Board persist even when there are only leftists?

Sri. P. M. A. Salam: It is a pity that the esteemed member did not realize that the LDF does not have an arrangement that suspects the constituent parties without trusting them. Those who criticize this bill are not in fact those who want the temple administration to be cleansed and justice to be done. Campaigns are being carried out to deliberately create such misconceptions to protect vested interests. Part of that is the news that is now being created here.

Sri. M. Murali: What Sri. Babu asked is very relevant. The RSP even boycotted the discussion, which left the appointment to the PSC, after yesterday's decision was reported in today's newspaper. None of the members of the RSP, including the Hon'ble Minister. There are two or three CPI (M) members but they are sitting quietly. Did the Honorable Member notice that?

Sri. P. M. A. Salam: Everyone has the right to interpret things according to their dreams. Understand that any attempt to discredit the Left Democratic Front in the name of any newspaper report will not succeed. The Hon'ble Minister has come up with a very strong bill and law to make the Devaswom Board free from corruption and to develop those institutions in line with the beliefs of God. So I have to say that any attempt to create speculations and fabricate false news from the imaginary world and shatter will not really succeed and you should understand that your moves are against believers in God. Esteemed minister had earlier spoken about the corruption in the Devaswom board in his speech. He described the corrupt practices of the board formed during his tenure. I do not want to go into it yet. Earlier, the Devaswom Board headed by Sri. Raman Nair was dismissed. Even when they left, they were corrupt. It was dissolved on January 30 and the order was issued, but even on January 31 there were attempts to make decisions to illegally appoint 17 drivers. There is so much corruption in this arena. As we usually say, if we lease a backyard, when it is vacant, the coconut will be cut down and destroyed, like that when they were convinced that they would have to step down,

they tried to destroy the movement itself. The amount increased from 18 per cent to 55 per cent for 39 public works shows that crores of rupees were embezzled in those works. Similarly, the decision taken to appoint 17 drivers. In fact, it was decisions like this that prompted the esteemed minister and this government to come up with a bill in this regard. Huge numbers were bought from those who offered to hire those 17 drivers. The board, which was dissolved on January 30, made an effort to appoint these 17 on the morning of the 31st, courtesy of the Commissioner. It is an attempt to rid an institution of the rampant corruption, irregularities and nepotism in such appointments and steer it in the right direction. As mentioned here, social justice has come into play. The social justice envisioned by the Constitution is not just a matter of beauty. It still has a long way to go before it can become a reality. This bill is the biggest milestone in such a journey. As mentioned here, reservation in appointments has not been made. The Minister here stated the percentage of reservation in Devaswom appointments for Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes. But the fact that not even one per cent of them have been appointed is a clear example of how much social justice has been subverted in this field. At the same time, when more than 20 per cent backward classes are represented in such government-controlled institutions in the Malabar region, We also need to think about how useful it will be and how it will benefit the future journey and integrity of these organizations if appointments are left to the PSC. The bill, which was introduced to protect the interests of the

believers in God and the common people who are advocating for social justice, is a sacred act. Therefore, during the holy month of Ramadan, I conclude by congratulating the Venerable Devaswom Minister for performing a pious deed.

Sri. V. Sivankutty: Sir, the Kerala Public Service Commission (Additional Public Works under Devaswom Boards) Bill, 2007 is being amended to be referred to a Select Committee for consideration. The law passed by the Assembly in 2007 amending the Travancore-Cochin Hindu Institutions Act, 1950 has been supported and welcomed by the religious community in Kerala and across Kerala. It can be seen that the people of Kerala have rejected the very protest raised by the established stakeholders against that amendment. Believers in Kerala, based on their experience, refused to take part in any of the protests and passed the Devaswom Amendment Bill passed by the Assembly in 2001. The bill seeks to end corruption and nepotism in Devaswom boards. The three Devaswom Boards and their presidents are facing a vigilance inquiry today. There is often a situation where the authorities are reluctant to take strong action against allegations of corruption leveled against religious institutions. In this assembly itself, some people can be seen getting angry even when discussing any religion or religious institution. But today, the beloved minister in charge of Devaswom, Com. Sudhakaran and the Left Democratic Front government were prepared to take bold steps to amend the Devaswom Act in view of the issues raised against the Devaswom. Appointments to the Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi Devaswom Boards have always been the subject of public criticism and widespread allegations of corruption, as

they have been vested in the Board itself. The main point of the Covenant dated 22nd August 1949 was that the administration of the temples under the Kochi and Travancore Devaswom Board should not be tarnished. If you look at the work of the Devaswom Board for the last 55 years, you can see that there is corruption in the appointment of officials. That is against the Covenant system itself. The three-member board came to power on the basis of an ordinance brought by the Travancore-Cochin Cabinet, which passed the HRA Act in 1950. According to it, appointments are being made in Kochi and

Travancore temples today. Section 29-A of the Amendment Act, 2007 stipulates that the Public Service Commission shall be responsible for the direct appointment of staff to the Administrative Service under the Board. By leaving the Administrative Establishments appointments to the PSC, the Hon'ble Minister has given a shocking account of the employment given to the Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes in the Devaswom to ensure social justice, adhere to the principles of reservation and avoid corruption. The figures make it seem as if this is happening in Kerala. The Justice Paripoornan Commission is investigating the matter as directed by the esteemed High Court. The Justice Paripoornan Commission is mainly looking into corruption, mismanagement in the Devaswom Boards and irregularities in the appointment of various posts. It mainly examines the appointments made in the Travancore-Kochi Devaswom Boards. The findings of the esteemed High Court and the Supreme Court and the subsequent Commission of Inquiry show that anyone who wants to ensure social justice and corruption-free governance in Kerala today cannot avoid the law passed by the Assembly in 2007. Raman Nair was the 13th President of the Devaswom Board. The first president was Mannath Padmanabhan. The esteemed Supreme Court has taken the position that the President and his cohorts, who lost their seats as a result of a law passed by the Assembly in 2007, are once again clinging to those positions. Sri. K Babu pointed out here that the government is interfering in autonomy. The government cannot sit idly by while corruption, misuse of funds and mismanagement take place on the Devaswom Board. In which part of this Bill is the right to self-determination violated? He said that there should be a member belonging to the Scheduled Castes to ensure social justice. Can it be denied? He said there should be a female member. That is the amendment that has come. Temple Advisory Committees should welcome the work being done for the growth of temples. But for some temple advisory committees, the Devaswom Board and government decisions are not an issue. In many places there are committees to protect certain vested interests. It was decided to reorganize such temple committees. Which of these autonomous traits is challenged? Which party in a democracy can accept that the Minister in charge of these institutions should not

interfere in all the affairs of the institutions under him? It is a democratic intervention by asking the government to report on the activities of the Devaswom Board every two to three months. So what's the difficulty in reporting? I understand that the Justice Paripoornan Commission will also look into changes in the basic rules that have existed in the Devaswom Boards in Kerala since 1950.

Sri. V. N. Vasavan: Sir, the priests in the temples do not know the rituals. On the contrary, have you noticed a reference by the Justice Paripoornan Commission that the entire appointment was cash-based?

Sri. V. Sivankutty: I about to say that. If appointments are made on the basis of money only, in violation of all norms, etiquette and rules, then naturally they will not be aware of such matters. Consideration should be given to bringing in a comprehensive legislation relating to the Travancore-Kochi Devaswom Board on the basis of the report of the Justice Paripoornan Commission.

Sri. K. Babu: This law is brought to protect the faith of the believers. But in Guruvayur, there was a rumor that the price of kalabham was four times higher. Shouldn't the government be instructed to reduce all this to help the believers?

Sri. V. Sivankutty: The Central Government is responsible for controlling and regulating the sale of all goods in Kerala. Isn't it natural that the price of all these things goes up and down according to the price of the goods in each place? It should not be taken as such a serious matter. The highest level of corruption is in the appointment of temple staff. There is no doubt that the Kerala community as a whole will welcome this law which has been brought to end the corruption in that appointment and to maintain the principle of reservation. The Travancore Devaswom Board has 1363 employees from LD Clark to Establishment Administrative Service. 983 are employed in the Administrative Service and 380 in the Maintenance Division. The 1363 will include LD Clark, Overseer, Subgroup Officer, Driver and Peon. The 3501 temple staff includes Shanti, Thanthri, Watcher, Thali, Kazhakam, Nadaswaram, Panchavadyam and Puramthali. The Kochi Devaswom Board has 320 Establishment staff working in 401

temples. There are 1200 temple employees. There are 1339 temples in Malabar. As you mentioned there are 129 employees in the Administrative Service. Administrative staff in the Malabar Devaswom Board is still recruited through PSC. But there are 5528 temple workers there. In this context, it should be pointed out that the appointments of temple employees should be seriously considered in leaving the Kerala Public Service Commission. Today, there is no standard for hiring temple staff. The highest level of corruption is in recruitment. The board members decide who they like without conducting a test or interview. They are hired as part-time employees and in the future they become full-time employees. Temples do not employ adequate staff. They are the ones who create the posts

to make the appointment. It is, therefore, requested that a commission be appointed to inquire into the number of employees required in each category and to take action to prepare it. We do not know how many posts there are in Travancore, Kochi and Malabar temples now. We only know the number of employees working there. No institution has decided on an official figure as to how many posts should be in these temples and in what category it should be. The posts are created at the discretion of the Board from time to time. Therefore, a decision should be made after conducting an investigation and study regarding the posts.

Another major scandal is the takeover of privately owned temples by the Devaswom Board. From time to time the boards will decide which temples in the private sector should be taken over. What is lurking there is not only financial corruption, but also the fact that the Devaswom Board is facing a huge financial burden. On the other hand, when each temple is taken over, the private management appoints five or ten employees a week before the board decides to take over, and with the board taking over the private temple, the staff there also become staff on the Devaswom Board. You may have noticed that the official appointment is hidden there as well. Then of course there is no standard on the Devaswom Boards today regarding the acquisition of such private temples. From time to time the board members and the board will decide whether or not to take over the temple. It takes over the way they feel. Therefore, it is requested that there should be norms regarding the acquisition of these

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temples. Similarly, the school and college now under the Devaswom Board are entitled to the benefits and rights of private management. However, the Public Service Commission can delegate the power to appoint people to last grade posts. Devaswom "We would be shocked to hear the secret of those who have paid for the appointment of last grade staff in board schools and colleges. We would be surprised if such things happen in this democratic Kerala. Therefore, the Devaswom Board is requesting that the appointment of last grade staff in schools and colleges should also come under the purview of the Public Service Commission. As I mentioned earlier, the Devaswom Board, which came into existence under the 1950 Act, functioned until 1985 in accordance with the Recruitment Act as defined in the Act. There was no standard then. The application is received. No interviews. Until 1985, if you call the employees who got jobs on the Devaswom boards ... you should call, there was no interview. Write a request letter on a white paper and buy it. Qualification is not looking. An appointment will be made at the Devaswom soon. That changed after 1985. In 1985, a public activist filed a petition in the esteemed High Court. The petition came before a bench of Justice Sreedharan. At that time, the Honorable Justice Sreedharan was responsible for examining the affairs of the deities and pronouncing the verdict. In 1985, Justice Sreedharan issued a landmark order. Like this bill, it was the most important order.

That order says that appointments to the Devaswom Board must be made public. Until 1985, there were no advertisements in any newspaper for official appointments. The judgment of the Honorable Justice Sreedharan came on the basis of a gazette notification. It is in that judgment says that you have to advertise, accept the application, do the interview, prepare the rank list and publish it. That was after 1985. In Kerala, the law came into force in Kochi, as well as in the Travancore Devaswom Board, after 1985. On the basis of this, we need to look at the fact that there was a situation where there was no recruitment policy for this deity itself. You have mentioned here about an institution in the Travancore Devaswom Board itself. Does this institution have the capacity to inspect and process millions of applications? Recently, about 75,000 applications were invited for the controversial appointment of Clark. The Devaswom Board does not have the capacity to

process about 75,000 applications and conduct the examination in a proper manner. So what happens is they hand over to any institution and have to depend on one institution. Corruption has been rampant since the institution was handed over. For these two boards, it has long been referred to as an institution with no legal authority to appoint, dismiss, promote, transfer, depute or question anyone. It is most welcome that through these two pieces of legislation you have taken steps to intervene and put an end to the practice of denying undemocratic social justice. You already know. Maybe you look after and study the affairs of the Devaswom Board very well ... In the Travancore Devaswom Board, mahout became clerk, the women who worked in the field now work as computer operator and the Kazhakam Special Group Officer. You know that such strange procedures exist only in these Devaswom Boards in our own country. As I mentioned earlier, about 74,000 people wrote the test for Clark's appointment. Strangely enough, 507 people won. 507 students got 43% marks. The file is before the Justice Paripoornan Commission and the esteemed High Court and the Minister. Of the 74,000 candidates who appeared for the exam, 507 scored exactly 43 per cent. Travancore Devaswom Board President Sri. Raman Nair and his team were ready to hand over the responsibility of conducting the clerk examination of these 74,000 candidates to an institution in my constituency called Rutronics in Sasthamangalam. Rutronics is an organization similar to the Women's Co-operative Society under the Khadi Board. There are very few employees who have passed SSLC. Such an institution has been entrusted with the task of conducting the examination of such a large number of 74,000 persons and determining the rank list on its basis. The appointment of LD Clark was put on hold with the intervention of the Honorable Minister and the Court. A friend who spoke earlier about this in here mentioned a number of allegations of corruption. One week before your 2007 amendment to the law and lost power, there was a lot of discussion about the law in the press and inside and outside the assembly; The Devaswom Board Act is about to come. Everyone knows that. You have to understand the atrocities they committed a week before that law was passed. they made 10 guards as clerks. We need to check if there

is any qualification. Appointed 20 drivers. That's not the drivers mentioned earlier here. Should be hired if there is a vacancy for drivers. But no vehicle. The last

assigned drivers will be told to stand with the mahouts. 8 watchers were made clerks. A week before the bill came, 3 watchers were made typists. The Travancore Devaswom Board has been making such unheard of appointments. The locals themselves say that they pay Rs.16 lakh for the appointment of an AE and Rs.2.5 lakh for a watchman. There are agents for all of this. For Kazhagam it is 1.5 lakh rupees. The shanti has to pay Rs 1.5 lakh. One and a half lakh is enough for thakil and nadaswaram. Similarly, in the case of major temples in Sabarimala, Kerala, major temples under the Travancore Devaswom Board and under the Kochi Devaswom Board as AOs and Sub Group Officers, relocation can be done only on payment of more than this amount. What sincerity are those who give money like this willing to show to the Devaswom Board? How much sincerity he is willing to show to the pious people. No UDF friends talk about such things? In this context, I support the bill that you have brought to leave the appointment of Subordinate Establishment staff to the Travancore-Kochi Devaswom Board to the Public Service Commission. As I mentioned earlier, it is hoped that in the distant future the legislation of other Establishment employees will be brought to the notice of the Public Service Commission along with the temple staff.

[Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair]

Sri. Abdurahman Randathani: Sir, I am moving my amendment. The discussion that is going on here right now is a discussion about believers. Those who do not have believes will need more caution. This Bill deals with the leaving appointments of Devaswom Boards to the Kerala Public Service Commission. Even though it is very well-intentioned to hear this, when you look through the bill, you can see some of its ill-intentions by doing an in-depth study. Not everything is in good faith. It is written in sub-section (2) of section (3) of the bill that the government can make rules which make it clear what should not be consulted with the PSC. With this provision, the very purpose of this bill is being questioned. Or the bill should have made it clear in which cases such rules could be made. It is not said. This means that the PSC will have no power and the government can make the necessary appointments at the required

time on its will. At the same time, Section (3) subsection (3) states that in case of any disagreement between the Public Service Commission and the Devaswom Board, the Devaswom Board shall refer the matter to the Government and the decision of the Government thereon shall be final. Through the provisions of this Bill, the Government is not only abusing an institution constitutionally constituted like the PSC for the narrow

political purpose of government. If the new board formed by the government and the government join, then what is the role of PSC there? The bill empowers the government to retain the power to delegate its jurisdiction from the board to the PSC. So a lot of corrections are needed in the clauses. Section 3 (1) stipulates that appointments can be made only from Hindu employees. There is no doubt that this is a good thing. This is because the temple is frequented by devotees and believers. That is why it is so important that rulers and officials be believers. But they do not have to be believers because Hindu candidates are considered for appointment there. For example, it is a well-known fact that there are people among us who are not ready to go to the temple and take off their shirts and reach in front of the shrine. Moreover, if it is not necessary for those who are very religiously involved in the activities of the Devaswom to be perfectly religious, one can only imagine where the temple and its spirituality would go.

Sri. M. Prakashan Master: I do not know what you know about Hinduism. Hinduism is a very broad religion. Did you know that believers and non-believers come under the purview of Hinduism? Did you know that there are people among Hindus who are totally against idolatry when it comes to worship?

Sri. Abdurrahman Randathai: I am referring here to people who do not believe in matters related to the believers. Unbelievers are those who have absolutely no belief in anything in this universe. But those who do not believe in idols will have another belief. I mean people who think they have to oppose religion, and people who believe that is the ABC of their ideology.

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Sri. N. Aniruddhan: It is not correct to assume that belief is only temple worship. Kapilan, Kanadan and Charvakan in the early days of Hinduism were full of believers and unbelievers - all such sages were atheists. Legend has it that Kanada Maharshi, the inventor of nuclear theory, was beaten to death by goons of the Pandava army. Likewise, do not confuse god worship with temple worship. Sri. Randathani can hold only what is known.

Sri. Abdurrahman Randathani: Sir, there is a very clear view here of what belief means. Belief and atheism are two different things. Atheism cannot be confused with religion. Religious belief is different. Atheism is something else.

Sri. C. P. Muhammad: Sri. N. Aniruddhan quoted Kanadan and Charvaka. They were all atheists. But they did not go out to become masters of any temple in that social system or to rule the temple. Atheistic people can live like that. Those who believe in idolatry can live like that. But did you know that it is an extra sermon for atheists to go to an idolatrous temple?

Sri. Abdurrahman Randathani: Sir, it should be included in Section 3 (1) (b) of this Bill that the candidates should be full believers when applying for the job related to the Devaswom Board. In addition, UPSC and PSC are constitutionally constituted institutions. It

was pointed out here that appointments in these areas should be reserved for persons belonging to that religious faith in the same manner as envisaged by the Constitution. As in present day Malabar, there are very few other backward classes associated with the temple in the Travancore region. Not only should such a situation never happen, but the Travancore-Cochin Hindu Institutions Act came into force in 1950. After the enactment of the Act, naturally for acquisition of the temples under kings, an agreement was made between princes and the government. That's things like the Covenant mentioned earlier. There was a decision to be made in such matters. It was very clear that there were three members in that agreement. The privy purse is terminated after the agreement is made. With the repeal, such laws became directly part of the Constitution. It is important to make a careful decision when enacting such

a law. Moreover, it was earlier decided to change the number of members from three to nine instead of what is now seen in the newspapers. The headline was "CPI (M) grips Devaswom boards". This in itself means that the number of members will increase to seven. It is said that the seven are shared for many. It is said that a great deal of tension is going on in its name. So in fact, even if it is seven, it should be able to move things forward in a way that there is no political interference in all these matters. Here is a discussion about the Travancore-Kochi Devaswom Board. I am inquiring today, Travancore-Kochi-Guruvayur, why Malabar does not have a Devaswom Board? It is something that has been in demand for many years. Malabar needs a Devaswom Board. It is a need that has been rising for many years. There is a bill for that. The Malabar Devaswom Board should be formed. Because you know, there are thousands of temples in Malabar. Of the thousands of temples in Malabar, the most prominent were the temples of the Zamorin family. Today you have taken over all the temples of that Zamorin family with good income. All the well-to-do temples have been taken over and other temples are in a state of disrepair today. The condition of those temples with income is very bad. Because Kadampuzha Bhagawati Temple is one of the largest temples in South India. But the Kadampuzha Bhagawati temple has not been able to provide even the basic facilities as per the income received. It's right next to my house. Infrastructure should be provided at the place where thousands of pilgrims come daily. There should be accommodation for the devotees. Facilitate daily activities. The condition of many temples in Malabar is similar. Thousands flock to Vavubali in connection with the Thirunavaya temple. If you go there in those days you know the hardships there. The hardships of the pilgrims and devotees who reach there are immense. We need to be able to solve all those problems, apart from just making members here, nominating a lot of people politically and forming a board, one thing to think about a lot is that there are a lot of temples in Malabar where no one take care of. Another section says that only those in the administrative field are recruited through this PSC. Whether or not appointments should be made through PSC in other categories is a matter for discussion.

Sri. M. Murali: Sri. Shivankutty was also the leader of an organization of employees of the Travancore Devaswom Board. Is it? Otherwise the position will be vacant. In any case, one thing is clear from his speech that this law that now leaves the appointment of administrative officers and employees to the PSC was brought since the strong opinion from the opposition when Devaswom amendment law was taken. But did the member notice that Sri. Sivankutty's speech was an indication that in the not too distant future, a new law will be enacted to release all temple employees from the priest to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Do not bother Sri. Randathani. Because there should be no problem between Randathani and the temple.

Sri. Abdurahman Randathani: The Kadampuzha Bhagawati temple is within walking distance of my house.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Will tell exactly about the church committee. Don't bother just talking about the temple.

Sri. Babu M. Palissery: I agree with what the esteemed chair said. Respected Abdurahman Randathani, you are saying things you do not know. Keep it up. Now you have said about the provision of certain facilities in some temples and the lack of facilities, there are some such beliefs as well. You do not know it. Especially in Hindu beliefs. Going to Sabarimala now is not about getting on a plane. "Stones and thorns mean a bed mattress. That is, one of its beliefs is that it should go that way. You are unlikely to know that. Similarly, in Hinduism, the garuda has weights and skewers. There are so many things that are difficult. It is all about belief. No other system can be created instead. So what facilities are needed and what is not everywhere is related to belief. Then you seem to be misinterpreting it because you do not know it.

Sri. Abdurrahman Randathani: I say this knowingly. Then some have an idea. Many other people do not know such things. It is wrong to say that such a believer does not know about another religion.... (noise) There is no need for research to know what (noise) things man has to do every day. It has human values. I do not believe that those in this assembly are

agents of any caste or creed. They have to legislate. It is wrong to underestimate the need for legislators to take such an active role in the legislature. That mistake must be corrected first. Because it is not for discussion of any one category. This is to take all sections of the people of Kerala to the side of good.

Sri. K. P. Mohanan: Respected Member is a good Islam. Now are the holy days of Ramadan. Fasting in this Ramadan does not mean abstaining from eating alone. We must refrain from insulting or lying to others. Therefore, the duty of true Islam is for the esteemed member to refrain from insulting others.

Sri. Abdurrahman Randathani: Do not despise the places of worship of other religions. The Prophet taught that it is tantamount to insulting your Lord. Therefore, the Kadampuzha temple should not be despised. Guruvayur temple should not be despised. The Sabarimala temple should not be despised. The sanctity of all these temples must remain. It must rise to the status quo in society without being despised. So I believe it is beneficial to participate in the discussion at this time.

Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy (Sri. A. K. Balan): Earlier here, Sri. Abdurahman Randathani spoke on the Malabar Devaswom Bill. It was a very important need. But none of the Devaswom ministers who wanted to come here in connection with the Malabar Devaswom Bill could bring that law. And could not be completed. Whether it was Sri. K. G. Adiyodi, Sri. P. R. Kurup, Sri. Nanuvettan, Sri. Neelalohitadas or Sri. G. Karthikeyan, nothing could be completed. In connection with this bill, many ministers were unable to complete their terms and had to resign. Even so, has the Hon'ble Member noticed that the Hon'ble Minister of Devaswom has announced here that he will pass this Act in this Assembly?

Sri. A. P. Anil Kumar: Honorable Member Sri. Abdurahman Randathani, In the context of our Kerala, religious harmony can only be maintained when we can speak authoritatively about other communities, not just about our religion. You speak very

well. But the esteemed member, who was also a member of a Communist Party, Sri. Babu M. Palissery said, "How do you ask about Hinduism?" As a communist believer, can you say that you are a believer because you speak from a creed?

Sri. Simon Brito Rodriguez: Can I or Sri. Abdurahman Randathani enter in Thirunavaya? I'm not saying I haven't entered. But what if? We will be dropped off there. Then how do we understand facilities and things there? You can go to Sabarimala if you want. But I never went to Sabarimala. But on the way to some other temples, the party comrades said, "Don't go there, they are waiting, we will be hurt." So about a place that doesn't go that way. If you want to go to Thirunavaya Manappuram, you have to go to Navankunnu Temple. Or from the other side, swim here. In such temples, How can one comment on such matters when Sri. Abdurahman Randatani or I (I am not a believer) cannot go?

Sri. Abdurahman Randathani: He spoke of Thirunavaya. He spoke of the Vavubali and the Kadampuzha. What I am saying here is not about the prayer that goes into it. There may be different opinions about the prayer that goes into it. But beyond that, the millions of

worshippers who come to the temple come through the roads of the area. Thirunavaya is included in my constituency. I also established good relations with Kadampuzha. We have a very close relationship with a lot of people who work in the temple administration. We are even invited as guests to the dedication ceremonies of many temples. We does not go as far as the Sri.ne but goes near it. We all have good relationships. We talk to them and find out what their problems are and the information they provide. Other than that ...

Sri. P. Viswan: Sri. Abdurahman Randatani is having a brilliant discussion. He said these things very deeply because he did not want to go unnoticed. Well done. It is igniting the secular feeling of the Kerala mind. But I'm a little different. Everyone knows Kabirdas? He said that the mind is God.

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“Tera Sai Tujhme, Jom Puhupan Mem Was,
Kasturi Ka Mrig Jom Phir Phir Dude Ghas.”

It is said that Tumhare Bhagwan Tumhare Antar He, Ye Na Jankar Manush Idhar Udhar Dudahai; Firtahe Bhagwan Ko Khojkar. Anyway his was speech well.

Sri. Abdurahman Randathani: Glad to say well. We know the last moments of Kabir Das and experiences after Kabir Das' death. It is the story of a Sufi saint who came through when his physical body was claimed by two sects. Put on a towel and pray to God. Hindus were told to pray to Ram and Muslims to Rahim. After the prayer, the corpse turned into flowers. The fact that half the flowers were taken by Muslims and half by Hindus also goes back to the last days of Kabirdas' story. I mean, with the severity of this kind of faith, we need to be able to get into this situation — other religions discussing the Devaswom Board and the Hindu Brotherhood discussing the Waqf Board — they are not religious interference, but the way to facilitate the people here to increase comfort and so on. To it

Sri. M. Ummer: Have you heard of Muhammad Faizi, a graduate and postgraduate student of Sanskrit in Malappuram district, and an introvert who teaches Arabic?

Sri. Abdurrahman Randathani: There are intricacies in teaching Arabic. There was a Muslim woman as the head of the Sanskrit department in Sanskrit colleges, including Kalady University. Although Sanskrit is a language, its customs and rituals are related to Hindu customs. Sri. T. N. Pratapan take fasting. It is done as part of one's relationship with each religion.

Sri. V. Sasikumar: There is no obstacle in saying this subject comprehensively. Why is it not possible to accept that our esteemed minister has the right to go to the temple and return to conduct administrative matters according to his method, as Sri. T. N. Pratap says he is fasting? How can narrow politics and a very broad mindedness be matched only here?

Sri. Abdurahman Randathani: If you ask what is this specialty, it is said that Muslims

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can fast in solidarity with both fasts as part of their faith. they does it. That is a belief. At the same time, it is dangerous for non-religious people to enter places where non-religious people are not allowed to enter. In the way. It is not right to judge both with the same perspective.

Sri. A. Pradeep Kumar: Is the fast performed by Sri. T. N. Pratap a fast full of untouchable hypocrisy of faith?

Sri. Abdurahman Randathani: I say, "It is as if the blood on the bottom of a milking udder is a mosquito's curiosity. But we see that he is in solidarity with it. It had nothing to do with his faith. Nothing more can be said than that he expresses solidarity with us. At the same time ...

Sri. A. P. Anil Kumar: There are many examples of inter-religious solidarity in Kerala. When the gate of the tower of the Thali temple in Malappuram district caught fire, the first to enter it was the venerable Panakkad Muhammadali Shihab. As Sri. Babu M. Palissery asked, he could have asked what was the matter here. But have you ever felt that in a state like Kerala, this kind of friendship, unity and solidarity strengthens secularism?

Sri. Abdurahman Randathani: of course. Leading newspapers in Kerala have written front pages on this subject. Newspapers like Malayala Manorama wrote an introductory speech titled 'Let Malappuram be a model for Kerala'. Because it was Panakkad Shihab Thangal who reached the temple when the gate was burnt.

Sri. K. V. Abdul Khader: Sri. G. Sudhakaran visited the Guruvayur temple as part of his official duties as a Devaswom Minister. Can such a thing be justified by the opposition of secularists, the Congress and the secular movement? Is there faith here? The problem is not whether or not. This is the problem with the security of the temple and the security of the Devaswom. Temple treasures were stolen even during the reigns of the faithful. It does not matter if one is a believer or an unbeliever. The rule of someone who is secular is how to nurture the temple. Or, does taking it to a narrow level fit the correct argument being made by the esteemed Abdurahman Randathani?

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Sri. Abdurahman Randathani: I have said this very clearly. There is never a difference of opinion as to who is coming to power in Kerala. But the greatest characteristic of a ruler is that he has the opportunity to preserve the beliefs and ideals of the believers, while preserving certain values. It can be done from the administrative side.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: What I don't understand is that there is no rule anywhere that we should give in to all the members of this assembly when we present a subject. It makes no sense. There is no need for the member to stand up and comment immediately, looking at all four sides, except when the member makes important points. Conclude.

Minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs, Sports, Youth Welfare and Ports (Mr. M. Vijayakumar): we will only give in if the Chair allow. not over selves.

Sri. K. K. Jayachandran: When Sri. Abdurahman Randatani preached, he said that it is best and most appropriate for secularists to discuss the problems of other religions with regard to faith and to try to find a solution to all of them. Welcome to it. Likewise, to improve the functioning of temples and shrines and to oppose the wrong tendencies going on there, whether one is faithful or not, what is wrong with acting in that form? Isn't that right Devaswom Minister is going through here?

Sri. Abdurahman Randathani: Of course, our problems can be solved through discussions in the legislatures on the basis of making devaswom governance effective. Of the temple staff, only those in the administrative field are appointed. Among the temples associated with the temples at Travancore, Kochi and Guruvayur, there are thousands of temples and dilapidated, low-income temples that need to be renovated in Malabar. Such people often receive the benefits previously mentioned in connection with the protection of religious dharmas, and now there is a great delay in getting their wages to the people who have been appointed to the daily wages of the Hindu Dharma Institution Administration. Many employees in Malabar have not been paid for years. Then if the Malabar Devaswom Board is

formed in such a way that it can intervene effectively there, it can be made more efficient. I conclude by asking that the government take action on that as well.

Minister for Co-operation, Coir and Devaswom (Sri. G. Sudhakaran): Sir, I have to remind you again that no government had tried in the Kerala Legislative Assembly for this legislation. Neither the Left Democratic Front government nor the governments during the first Communist government in Kerala had not given much thought to such matters. There was no situation for that then. It was only recently that I came to know that Comrade EMS, who was the Chief Minister was in charge of the Devaswom Department in the first Government in 1957. Although there were all the top Congress leaders, PSP leaders and Muslim League leaders in Kerala at that time, none of them raised the issue of what qualifies EMS to become a Devaswom Minister. None of them raised the issue at that time as it was unconstitutional and a denial of the responsibilities assigned to the legislature to make devaswom laws and in effect questioning secularism and unknowingly laying the foundation for Hindu communalism. Although many other criticisms have been raised in principle about the Communist Party and Marxism-Leninism, this issue has not been raised.

Now it has been raised in recent times. This is because in our country where religious forces, especially the Hindu communal forces, have seized power at the Central and are trying to amend the Constitution in order to retain power, issues related to religions in general and Hinduism in particular are our fundamental right, and a fundamentalist argument that no one else should interfere in it has been aimed at establishing political power here. They are trying even after getting out of power. Sri. Athani, a member of this assembly who represent Muslim League, who politically claims to represent the Muslim community, the largest religious minority in India, underscores that misconception....

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Not just Athani. There is a Rand.

Sri. G. Sudhakaran: Randathani. This means that if one stalk is lost, there will be another stalk. That's fine. Good name. Then I say in principle. I have told this to Sri. G. Karthikeyan and Sri. K. C. Joseph outside the assembly. They have not taken a stand on the

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issue since then. Let it be so. The problem you need to understand is that the words that are said will be in the assembly record. It would be good for each of you to examine yourself as to whether each of you in this secular India speaks in accordance with the political policy and agenda of each of your parties or fronts. If these were all secular movements at one time, they could still be secular while operating on the basis of one religion. Let no one forget that these will stabbed back. That's me outside the assembly.....

[Mr. Speaker in chair]

One of my favorite members is Sri. G. Karthikeyan. I have no dislike for either Sri. Joseph or Randathani. I was reminding. The problem you need to understand is that, you are said here that it is time of Ramadan fasting. I will not say anything more about that. Randathani know more than I do. What is the Islamic Tradition? Do you not know that there is no idolatry in the Islamic tradition? Are you a suitable member of Islam who says about the greatness of idolatry and that I did not worship idols? Is it? You tell me. It is un-Islamic to say that everyone must worship an idol, except to say that those who believe in idolatry should believe in it. It is not enough to be constitutionally in a caste. Is morally un-Islamic. It would be better to correct Sri. Randathani. You are telling the minister in the legislature about worshiping the idol. Who? A representative of a great religion that thinks it is wrong to worship idols for any reason. You must edit. You are speaking against the dignity of your religion.

Mr. Speaker: Minister, Minister ...

Sri. C. T. Ahmed Ali: Sir, is it in order to say something in this assembly that the Hon'ble Member did not say? That part should be removed from the assembly record. Is it in order to say what the esteemed member did not say?

Mr. Speaker: The chair will examine[‡]. The chair will inspect and necessary action will be taken.

Sri. G. Sudhakaran: I am only saying this to make you think. Not to provoke. I said you were making an argument against yourself. Can this be justified later? Can you justify it on the outside? You should also discuss this with the State Committee of the Muslim League. Can you justify it?

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Mr. Speaker: Let's examine it and take the necessary action.

Sri. G. Sudhakaran: The spokesperson of a great modern religion without idolatry is saying that I should practice idolatry. Asked if it was right. I am ready for discussion.

Sri. Abdurrahman Randathani: What am I referring to here? As I mentioned here, you should not despise the places of worship of other religions, which is tantamount to blaspheming your own God. That is what the Prophet taught. Moreover, Islam is not a religion that all other believers are considered bad. Do not forget that I was a follower of the Prophet who made it possible for the Christians from Nejrán to pray in the mosque of Madinah when they were told that they were going back because they did not have the facility to pray.

Sri. G. Sudhakaran: All right. I won't say more about that, let's discuss it. I believe in Marxism-Leninism... (noise).

Mr. Speaker: Didn't I say that I will check and take action?

Sri. G. Sudhakaran: There is nothing that should not be seen in the document. Let it decide there, leave it at that. It is up to the speaker to decide. I'm proud to say the problem here is ... (noise)

Sri. C. P. Muhammad: That only Hindus should be told about your temples ... (Noise) ... Let me tell you, let me finish. Don't fire into the gun. let's me say the whole thing.

Sri. G. Sudhakaran: I do not give up. . . . does not give up. Sir, this is Kerala. Keralites know all of us. Each of us is not on the basis of a certificate that someone says ... (noise) ... The problem I have raised here, I have now ideologically said what Sri. Randathani said. I'm proud. Not only me but a lot of people here are proud. We are Marxist-Leninists. Not just nationalists. Are internationalists. All religions are the same for us. We do not particularly believe in any religion. Respects all religions. It is the form of communists all over the world. Is there any point in coming here and questioning it all? A movement with a tradition of ten or one fifty years....Got a chance in the middle of the bill leaving PSC. So let's discuss another, Sri. Randathani. That's a good thing. Let's discuss another.

[‡] Retained in assembly records according to order of the Speaker No. 3340/E. C. /07/Leg. Date 15-2-08)

Then these things are very clear. You have to understand. I am an energetic member of this assembly, and so are you. But when we speak, we have a party, we have a united front, and we have to see if each issue speaks according to the agenda of that party. Ideological issues were raised. Not just a common problem. Then he said it was necessary. Agreed if yours is the case. I was skeptical. So it's just that I asked. I still have my doubts even if you say don't. I do not refer to any of the correct statements made by the venerable Sri. Sivankutty here. The best few things are said here. A lot has been said here for repairing the devoswam. Inside these temples there is a lot of work such as Shanthi, kazhakkaran and cleaning. That's some 3,000 posts. Most are those posts. He also asked whether he intended to leave those posts to PSC or not. It does not intend to leave it to PSC. Because if it is left to the PSC, the government is of the opinion that it will not be right in the present situation. Because that is a place where most corruption and things have happened. Even so, we can consult with the Devaswom Board in a non-corrupt manner and discuss any common system. The appointment of teachers in the schools of the Devaswom Board can be left to the PSC for management. If the management relinquishes that right, it can be given to the PSC. Since it all involves constitutional issues, we can then think collectively about what mechanisms can be put in place to reduce corruption. It can be said by quoting certain sections and subsections of the law mentioned by Sri. Abdurahman Randathani. Not leaving everything to the PSC. If there is a dispute between the Devaswom Board and the PSC, the government should intervene. That is the way it is in every law. Who should settle if there is a dispute between them? None of that needs to be discussed. That is the way it is in every law. It is the job of the government.

Who appointed PSC? The PSC was appointed by the Constitution. According to the Constitution, the Central PSC is appointed by the Center and the State PSC by the State. Doesn't the government appoint a PSC member? Until the day before he became a PSC member, he may be an official of any party and when he became a PSC member, he had to act accordingly. It is true that there has been no objection to PSC members in general. That is not the case with

the Devaswom Board. Here too the members are appointed by the government. The person is changing though. That change is now in a position to finally get them to jail. So all of this is in ordinary legislation, prepared by the administration, and the law department should really scout, because it should not be questioned in court. And so on. Yet it can sometimes be questioned. I'm not saying no. Then please do not look down on any of them. That's the decent thing to do, and it should end there. Its rules are made by the government itself.

Thus the Rules must be made and submitted to the Legislature even if approval of the Legislature is not necessary. You can raise questions on it at any time. Here are some other things we need to understand most importantly. That is, in the matter of faith, this is what comes into the assembly no matter who speaks. Everyone has said that this is a good thing when it comes out of the assembly. It is also said in public meetings. But there is no problem in pointing out if there are any concerns. The believers community of Kerala is now discussing the Hindu believers community. I mean, this government has done nothing to harm the believers community. Intends to do harm, cannot do, should not do to any faith community. It is not a bounty given to them, it is done on the basis that the government has an obligation to protect. Here I ask why the former legislatures have not thought of leaving it to PSC for so long. Because this is not a topic of discussion then. Respected courts are enlightening us. Can you say no to this? Today's important news in Malayala Manorama is that the CPI (M) is holding on. I am not talking about the unique position of Malayala Manorama among newspaper readers. I'm not saying it's right or wrong. I have nothing to say about it with 14, 15 lakh copies. It has a unique position. We all read it in the morning; Read it in the morning in order to resist. Some of the things it says have to be opposed. Not opposed to everything. They are also standing up to oppose what we are all saying. But I do not agree with the CPI (M)'s grip on the news. I do not know anything else said in the news. Or where is the CPI (M) holding on? Not a single Communist Party member can become a Devaswom board member. Not a single member of the CPI (M) or a live member can be a member of the Devaswom Board. Because you have to swear there. We will not and cannot make that vow.

Only those who can will be sent there. Because we have as many people as we like. Only 3.5 lakh of us are not able to do this. About one crore of the remaining votes are in favor. So who voted for us? Who will vote for the CPI (M), which is seen as the most popular party for the Left Democratic Front in general and beyond? They are 95% Hindus, Muslims and Christians in the country. Such a movement is accountable to the believers in this country. Is accountable to the Constitution. That responsibility is what we do. Not to mention the other way around. The CPI (M) is not holding anything here. The increase in the number of members in an Amendment Act, which is being considered by the Cabinet for approval, to be introduced in this assembly with the approval of the Hon'ble Government of India was mentioned here. None of you saw it. This was decided in the Assembly itself. Check the record about increasing the number. The general opinion in the Assembly is that it should be increased from 7 to 9. The government has decided to increase it anyway. The university has 21 syndicate members for 200 colleges. There is no one to look after the crores of revenue from 100 temples. Is 3 people enough to see it? - Is 3 people that was put during the king's time enough? All the rules have changed. Only this law is left. Even in it, the opposition has been raising dissenting views without realizing it. And no matter how many people say that the Devaswom are conquering, they will not leave. However, I would like to

reiterate that ... (Noise) ... A division bench of the Hon'ble High Court comprising Justice Bali on January 2, 2007, where justice Paripoornan commission was appointed, in an inquiry into the corruption in Devaswom, said in part, that "The management of Devaswoms along with their endowments vested in the Government control by the Devaswom proclamation of His Highness, The Maharaja of Travancore dated 12-4-1922. The proclamation was made owing to the mismanagement with a view to their better management and the maintenance of the temples." The proclamation dated 12-4-1922 was made by the Maharaja, who was disgusted with the unbearable corruption in the temples of Travancore during the period of independence and irresponsibility of anyone, and placed all those temples directly under the control of the state. And again gave it up. None of us take it. This is not the old situation in today's democracy. Now the legislature responsible for it should discuss and do some things. No one is touching the autonomy there. This suspicion is still being raised either to

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realize this but to see a vicious sadistic pleasure in being left as independent as the boards of the past and to prosecute colleagues we send in vigilante case. It should not be. We need to save those who send us there. Legislation needs to be enacted to save them.

Sri. K. Babu: The CPI (M) has demanded that the Hon'ble Minister take the oath of office (M) that not a single person should be a member of the Devaswom Board. I have no opinion that you are hiding the facts. You are misunderstood. This is because Sri. K. K. Mohanan, who was nominated as a member of the Cochin Devaswom Board, is a member of the Tripunithura Area Committee. He was the secretary of the Thripunithura Town Local Committee. He was the Municipal Chairman of Tripunithura and was an important member of the CPI (M). Your Alappuzha District Secretary of Devaswom was a board member. So do you think any of them are not CPI (M) members?

Sri. G. Sudhakaran: There was no oath when Comrade Chandanandan was a member. It should be known. Oath is something we have just brought into the law. It was not brought by Sri. Karunakaran. Sri. Karunakaran said that only Hindus who go to temples should vote. Ministers and MLAs. We will not accept that. That is what is being raised here. It is a good thing that even after Sri. Karunakaran left the Congress, you did not give up his argument. That is an ideological problem. Because many parties stand together on an ideology. We have a common umbrella in our Left Ideology. As the saying goes the basic difference of ideology. There is no such thing as an oath then. Sri. Mohanan, when there was sworn in now, he would have stood apart from it all. May have been on vacation. No doubt. That's all there is to it. Know that CPI (M) members have no chance taking any oath other than a solemn oath or similar pledge. Please do not try to refute it.

Sri. K. C. Joseph: It was said that these CPI (M) members should take a firm oath. Did you know that two CPI (M) MLAs were sworn in in the name of God in this assembly?

Sri. G. Sudhakaran: Agreed. They took an oath under that name. Our party openly said that it was not right. That problem is over. No one said it was wrong to leave it PSC. We need to know. All this must be understood. The government of your time did not try to do that. I am not

saying why. I am not blaming Sri. Venugopal. I read a paragraph of the esteemed High Court judgment here. There are a lot. I am reading the sample. "For the appointment of Administrative officers at Sabarimala and Pampa, an amount of Rs.20 lakhs and Rs.15 lakhs were received as bribes by the President and Board members. The High Court verdict. 'Like-wise the Executive Officer at Sabarimala has also paid Rs.30 lakhs. "Then If little Empranthiri is eaten as little steak then all that is needed is that he bought it here."The above amounts were paid by them because they thought that like last year by the end of the season after their appointment they could acquire at least Rs.75 lakhs to Rs..1 crore cash: "Not just given. "Though through various illegal means and also by presenting fabricated bills and vouchers by sub- mitting bogus figures regarding the expenses incurred for running of the mess etc. This year to get appointment as Melsanthi at Sabarimala it is suspected that a sum of Rs.30 lakhs has been paid as bribe to the members. A close friend of the present Melsanthi has withdrawn Rs.30 lakhs from his account, The Dhanalakshmi Bank Ltd., Guruvayoor, NRI Branch and the amount was handed over to the Board members at Pampa. " There is another observation. "Recently the board has taken action to make appointments of class teachers. For each post, the contribution is Rs.9 lakhs.The Board members have made arrangements with candidates seeking appointments, as if those persons given Rs.9 lakhs. Thus they would come out successful in the so called selection process. Then when you all got into a dispute with us in frustration, you gave a lot of support. Bench comprising Honorable Justice Bali says that, We cannot as so shut our eyes to the reality that complaints about corruption and misappropriations of public funds; one after another in an unending manner, are reason to further inquiry to the matter and discover the truth. Having said all this, in this country, the Marxist is in power, so all this must be allowed. Even the court says it should not be allowed. The problem is found to be someone who does not publicly ideologically acknowledge that he is a believer in God.Why didn't the believer Sri. Venugopal do this? Why was this not done when Sri. Karunakaran was the Chief Minister? Had not several ministers dealt with the Devaswom department in connection with the NSS? Why didn't Sri. Ramachandran Nair and others do the same? Why did they lose their position before the deadline? Whether they were gone because of corruption charges. Don't stone us with it. Not a single stone will fall on our body. As Sri. Abdurahman Randatani said, when Kabirdas passed away, his body turned into flowers due to his spiritual ability and people divided it.Similarly, the stones thrown at us by any racist or

communalist were turned into flowers by the pious people who stopped it, offered their congratulations. Only this can be done during this time. It may have happened during the time of Kabirdas. Here I am saying one thing. Needless to say, those in charge of such a secular nation, when in charge, should do as others do. Leave in personal faith. All we have to do is see if we are violating the Constitution or if we are despising anyone's customs. I came to Guruvayur according to the opinion of the Guruvayur Devaswom Committee. Shouldn't they decide? Aren't they the ones to do it? All the shanthis there were coming with me. If I had stayed there I would have been a thief. In India, humiliation would fall on me. You can go there when you are interested. That is not a topic of discussion. Who knows what is inside each one. How can you say that. Let's hope for the best. That's all I have to say. The CPI (M) is not coming to capture anything. But I'm proud. The Congress is a movement of many secularists. There is no opinion that everyone is a racist. A few will be. That's natural in a big party. That has been its nature since time immemorial. But even when that party was in power, none of this could be investigated. When the Chief Minister of the CPI (M), Sri. V. S. Achuthanandan, was here when a front comprising the CPI (M) was in power, the department entrusted me with the task of disciplining me to wipe out such corruption. As a result it may or may not work. In some parties ministers want but can't. Because the parties will stop you. It is the problem of the political bow. I am very proud. The Left Democratic Front in general and the CPI (M) in particular are partisan in saying that our Secretary of State should enact strong legislation against such dirty practices and that it is being decided in the LDF and implemented by the government. Everyone does that. I was talking about my department. So we do not need those doubts.

Now let's talk about renewing members. Need fewer members. Only then can this be done. There is no one to look after the temple. This Assembly has decided to increase the number of members. How much required is the right of the administrative department. The administration will give it to the cabinet. The Cabinet will decide. Told about making 7 members here. Sri. Abdurahman Randathani spoke about the Malabar Devaswom Board. This is something in the manifesto of the Left Democratic Front. You said a good thing

here. It is in our manifesto. I have repeatedly said this inside and outside the assembly. Says again. The formation of the Malabar Devaswom Board before the end of 2007 is under active consideration. This is up to the law department. It is being discussed with the law minister that it can be brought into the legislature within two months. That is our decision. There is a High Court judgment. Since it also needs the opposition, it should be unanimously discussed and passed then. Don't go down to the ground here that day and cause trouble. That should be postponed for at least a day. No matter what the problem, I'm saying not to do it this day. My esteemed colleague Sri. A. K. Balan said that many people have seen it before and in no time they all changed. That's right. I looked at its list. None of the

Devaswom ministers who introduced it have been able to pass it. The government was not able. Some died shortly afterwards. The position of some is gone. When investigated in Malabar, there is a superstition that the performer will die. I gladly welcome death. If the presenter dies, I have no difficulty in dying for the temple workers who are not even paid a hundred rupees. Not only for placing ten people in the board but also for the best governance for the lakhs of devotees to be seen, while thousands of people are paid up to Pune in the Devaswom Board, the salary there is not even 100 rupees but 35 rupees. Not even that. It's not a financial paradise to save them, but it's a paradise for them. Let me tell you the real secret of why this bill did not pass. This bill is brought to the end of any government. If it is brought six months before the end of the government term, it cannot be passed. That is what does not pass. No one else is going to die. Any government has brought it to the end of its term. I looked at that too. Then it goes to subject committee and then goes back and forth finally get no time. So superstitions and immorality practices are not part of faith. There is a big debate going on about faith. Didn't you hear what our Matha Amritanandamayi said last? It was alleged that they spoke on behalf of the government. The government has no particular religion as they say. Yet we have touched the hearts of believers. It is said that there is a government here that can see the heart of Matha Amritanandamayi. Whether we are religious or not, this seems to be a strange coincidence. There are many venues for believers and non-believers alike. There are a lot of thought

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platforms. When they stand firm in their faith we can admire each other, connect and get along even when we stand on our own. That is how this country is moving forward. It was modeled by your political leader and our Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

Sri. K. Babu: I remembered one thing when I mentioned the case of Hon'ble Minister Mata Amritanandamayi. The revered Sri. T. K. Hamsa has made a reference to Matha Amritanandamayi in this ssembly itself. It happened in this assembly...

Sri. G. Sudhakaran: I was in that assembly. That's right. Our views on Matha Amritanandamayi are clear. When it comes to something good, it is said to be good. We are not their followers or the ones who go and live in their monastery. We have no difference of opinion on where someone stays. When I talked about the greatness of Islam in the budget debate, I said that modernity is in that religion because it is the last born religion, and that it is a religion without idolatry. And then when I said that Hinduism has a lot of gods, there are people who left the assembly for the Hindu communalists back then. Should it have gone that way then? Am I right? I am saying to let Sri. Abdurahman Randathani know. I defended it. So that is not to say that having more gods is bad. Faith in God. Even if there is no idolatry ... In the case of Islam, even if Muslims go in a car, if it is time for prayer, nothing is needed, they will put a towel on head and pray in an empty corner of any building. Its concept is that God is everywhere. Believers believe that God is all in stone and wood. Then you not need to search anyone's heart, you not need to search in politics. It is the culture of

Chaturvarnyam to say that a devotee of God performs this kind of pooja. That is the culture that destroyed the country. We need to understand that the reason why India, which was at the forefront of the world's scientific and technological advancement and agriculture, was pushed behind the Europeans was because of the ignorance and neglect of the workers by the four-color system. It was in that gap that Europeans advanced in science and technology. We are now trying to move forward. The fundamental question that arises here today is whether it is right to criticize

communists for accepting the bourgeois ideology of bourgeois nationalists, including Nehru, on such matters. What has happened today to the leaders of bourgeois democracy is disastrous. The greatness of bourgeois democracy at the time of your demise, by raising its flag, we are now fulfilling the duty you left behind to protect the Indian population, believers and non-believers in general, and the people of Kerala in general. Your political or ideological incompetence proves that we are capable of doing that. The Honorable Speaker should be prepared to leave this to the Subject Committee to discuss and pass it in this assembly. I concludes by saying that then only appointment can be made quickly and that there may be any delay.

Mr. Speaker: Is the 1 (a) amendment introduced by Sri. P. M. A. Salam being pressed?

Sri. P. M. A. Salam: Sir, I am not pressing.

The amendment was withdrawn with the approval of the assembly.

Mr. Speaker: Is the 2 (b) amendment introduced by Sri. V. Sivankutty being pressed?

Sri. V. Sivankutty: Sir, I am not pressing.

The amendment was withdrawn with the approval of the assembly.

Mr. Speaker: The issue of sending the Bill, 2007 Public Service Commission (Additional Responsibilities for Administrative Services under Devaswom Boards) Bill to the Subject Committee on Internal Affairs No. X.

Those who agree ...

Those who disagree ...

The resolution was approved by the assembly. The bill is sent to the subject committee for consideration.

(3) 1 (b) Kerala Women's Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2007 as reported by the Subject Committee

Minister for Health and Social Welfare (Mrs. P. K. Sreemathy Teacher): Sir, I propose to consider the Kerala Women's Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2007 as reported by the Subject Committee.

Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy (Sri. A. K. Balan): Sir, I support the resolution.

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Minister of Health and Social Welfare (Mrs. P. K. Sreemathy Teacher); Sir, the National Commission for Women, the Women's Commission in Kerala and the Women's Commission in other states came into being as a result of the long struggles of women's movements for equality. One of the long-standing needs of Indian women is a system to address the growing problems of women who have been marginalized and socio-economically marginalized in various stages of life. Despite literacy, there was a huge gender gap in Indian villages. India is a country with millions of sisters who are the victims of dowry abuse, suicide and murder, which can be termed as the greatest tragedy facing the female community in India. There are many who are attacked for the sole reason of being a woman. In view of all this, a system has been in place for a long time to raise the voice of the need for a system for women to be able to provide security for women and bring their perpetrators to justice. But at all our national and state levels, the Women's Commission came into prominence after it came into existence, and even though the Commission, chaired by Smt. Sugatha Kumari, functioned well, it was not able to bring about that system as we intended. Since then, in the case of the Women's Commission chaired by Justice Sri. Devi, the work of the subsequent Government Commission has been frozen. In the case of the subsequent three-member commission, when women wanted to be able to present themselves before the system set up to deal with the growing persecution, social problems, murder and gang rape cases in our state, but the three-member commission, which was chaired by Smt. M. Kamalam after the dissolution of the Justice Sri. Devi Commission, is in a state of complete inactivity in the absence of a conducive environment for it. I do not see it as their fault that they have not been able to say a single good word in their time about the work of the Commission. On the contrary, the reality is that the government of the day did not provide them with the conditions they needed to function. That is why it has been decided that if the work of the Women's Commission goes on like this, there should be a commission that works effectively to recommend and take action on the status of women and the unjust and

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discriminatory measures taken against them, to investigate and find the necessary solution. The work of the Commission cannot be reduced to three members if it is to proceed as it

should. The number of members should be increased. That is why I have introduced this amendment. The Kerala Women's Commission, which is needed to uplift the social status of all types of women in our state and to find solutions to their problems, has brought in very positive amendments to enable them to function effectively as an institution. This amendment should be passed as a ruling-opposition amendment. In this context, it is requested that the necessary assistance be provided for passing this law.

Sri. A. P. Anil Kumar: Sir, I am dissenting from the Women's Commission Bill as presented by the Hon'ble Minister here and reported by the Subject Committee. When the Hon'ble Minister spoke here, she talk like presenting a new bill before us, albeit in very small words. It is already very clear from the description of the reasons why the Women's Commission is getting a lot of petitions and a lot of petitions are pending. One reason is the lack of sufficient members in the Commission. Another important point to be made is the addition of the Secretary by member in addition to the Director. These two things are the important things within this bill; In presenting two things in this way, the difficulties faced by the women community in Kerala and India in presenting the new bill are mentioned here. We are implementing such a law to solve those difficulties and problems. Actually one thing is clear here. One of the things that is often mentioned here when the bill comes up for discussion is to change the three members to six. That is the important thing. In fact, the Left Front and the CPM are the ones who stand against the increase in the number of ministers in Kerala, no matter what the past looks like. The CPM who ask why you need more members, today said that three members was not enough in the case of the Women's Commission. As far as the Women's Commission is concerned, I am not in a position to say that these three members will be the first to address the issues faced by women in Kerala or any other woman. The additional three members will benefit from this. There is no doubt that these three women will benefit from this. On the contrary, it does not seem to

have any benefit. Because we don't need an increase in members here to solve the real problem. Justice Sri.devi, who has been the new chairperson of the Women's Commission since the new government came to power, says the basic problem with the Women's Commission is its shortcomings; It is said that there is no shortage of members. On the contrary, it lacks much infrastructure and is not supported by this government. It is said that such things need to be solved. It's not about increasing the number of members, it's about how much benefit will get. No matter what the increase in the number of members. None of us is of the view that women in Kerala would benefit from the increasing of three to six or six to twelve if the government did not provide the necessary staff and financial support for the necessary procedures to address such issues. So what is already being done is to make it three to six, of course. As I mentioned earlier, I am not saying that this will not benefit no women in Kerala. These three extra women will benefit from this. Moreover, there is no doubt that this amendment will not solve the problems faced by women in Kerala, which are actually mentioned by the Minister here, by turning the Women's Commission back into

a platform for giving membership to whatever party you can politically. One thing is for sure. As long as we try to turn such a commission into a venue for political appointments, we will not even be able to get close to its intended objectives. Here we often know the figures after the establishment of the Women's Commission. The Honorable Minister also knows. Violence against women, violence and crime are on the rise every year. Such things are happening even when we say that we are the most active in the activities of the Women's Commission. So we basically have to figure out what its problems are. Efforts should be made by the government to identify and address those issues. If it is to be on the part of the government, it must be able to see such venues as non-political. Attempts to politicize such venues were made as soon as the government came. Once politicized, the plight of women here cannot be solved. As I mentioned earlier, all political appointments can be made according to the interests of the party. We know, not to mention

India, that women in Kerala have changed a lot today. Kerala is a state where more women have entered the mainstream of society than any other region in India. That is what we have achieved through ten to fifty years of work. The situation where women entered the arena earlier as part of social renaissance activities. It is a journey from such a background that women in Kerala today have been able to penetrate into all walks of life more than any other state in India. Women today have reached all walks of life as a result of decades of struggle. We talk about gender equality. We now realize that women and men do not have equal equality. We have the Women's Commission because we know that. If women had the same freedom as men, there would be no need for such a commission today. The formation of such a commission was prompted by the realization that women today are isolated, abused and subjected to crime, while at the same time speaking of gender equality. We can say that on the one hand it has made great strides. From Anganwadi Teacher to President of India, women in Kerala and India have been able to grow. As well as in space, we can proudly say that there are even women pilots who fly flights. But we cannot really say so in the context of female society. It can be seen as isolated. Taken as a whole, there is no doubt that women are in a difficult situation today.

Sri. Sajupol: Hon'ble Anil Kumar said that such venues should not be politicized. During the last cabinet of which Sri. Anil was also a member, the number of PSC members was increased and the number of ombudsmen was reduced. Do you think there was no politicization for appointments in many of the other boards, corporations, devaswom boards, women's commissions and so on? Can Sri. Anil Kumar also explain that another thing is that not even small number of woman was not able to bring to this Assembly because much work was done for women during the UDF regime?

Sri. A. P. Anil Kumar: Does the esteemed member know that the Indian National Congress has nominated a woman like Indira Gandhi for the post of Prime Minister of India?

Did you know that Sonia Gandhi, the current chairperson of the UPA, is leading the Indian National

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Congress three centuries later? Similarly, you know that it was the Indian National Congress that brought a woman to the presidency of India for the first time in Indian history; I am not replying to Sajupol when he ask such a question to the Congress which has that tradition. Congress with such a great tradition, background and heritage...The Indian National Congress does not have to look at the Kerala Legislative Assembly to express the interests of women. As far as the Congress is concerned, it has spread all over India with a great tradition. As I mentioned earlier, there are so many things to be proud of about women contributing to the political movement from the 19th century to the 20th and 21st centuries. Therefore, Sri. Saju, do not measure things by the assembly here. In this election alone, the Congress fielded 12 women candidates in 140 constituencies. Of which 12 were women. The Congress contested only 90 of the 140 seats. The Congress is a movement that has given 10 per cent of its seats to women. Therefore, you should not take the membership of the Legislative Assembly as a platform for the attitude of the Congress towards women. So I do not intend to say more about it. I do not have time to talk anymore. In the Amendment Bill, it is very clear that the amendment you have made impartially makes three or six, and there is nothing but politics in it. It is not to nurture or strengthen the Women's Commission, but to nurture and strengthen the Women's Commission things it need must be done. Employees should be provided for it. If it has a counseling wing it should be strengthened. Similarly if it has a legal cell it should be strengthened. Then the women of Kerala will not be able to make any gains in any of these matters just by changing the three members to six members without doing anything like that. What I am saying is that despite the great achievements in all fields and the many talents that women have to point out, we still have before us the fact that in Kerala society today, Kerala women, who can be called the most cultured society in India, are still subjected to the most hardships, sufferings and atrocities. Violence against women is on the rise today, whether it is a case of torture or any other type of case. Then we have to have a system to stop it. The commission says the case should be taken up in all matter. Do we have other systems for that?

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There are family courts, as well as courts that are part of the judiciary. At the same time, the Women's Commission has a greater responsibility. That is to say, the Women's Commission should make efforts to reconcile the divisions in family relationships, not to separate them. I can say that with pride. The minister said that nothing has been done for the last 5 years. If you look at the cases related to this, there are number of pictures of families united during

the last 5 years of UDF rule with the intervention of the Women's Commission. There will be limitations, I don't have to say more about the limitations. The new chairperson, Justice Sridevi, has said that the Women's Commission is in the midst of many shortcomings. There is no doubt that in the last 5 years, the UDF government has been able to do its utmost in the midst of those shortcomings. Not to mention one by one, a lot of things have been done. But not complete. In fact, we know the difficulties and problems that women face today, of dowry, as well as many other things that are experienced in society today. The Women's Commission should place the utmost importance on the path to reconciliation, not separation. That importance has been given last time. It is only when we fail in all areas that we have to make the effort to go to such levels, to sever ties, to put forward the rights that entitle relationships to be segregated, and the kind of benefits that they deserve. So there is no doubt that the responsibilities of the Women's Commission are enormous. But if the responsibilities of the Women's Commission are to be fully implemented, the government must financially support their activities. Not here. I will not say more here as we have already talked about vigilance committees. We have not been able to bring the activities of the vigilance committees to a practical level other than what is being said on paper today. So, no matter how many years the Women's Commission has been working to solve the problems and difficulties faced by women in Kerala today, we will not be able to function properly if we are not able to function properly with the awareness and vigilance committees under the Commission. This is because if we want to achieve our goal in the way we want with the work of the Commission, instead of increasing the number of members, the Women's Commission should have the necessary support and quality. The

number of members need not to be increased. As the number of members increases, so does the financial liability? These members should be entitled to the same benefits as other members. Wouldn't it be a situation where even the Women's Commission loses the energy to move forward when what was given to three people is given back to six people where they are struggling financially? Recognizing this, the government, if it had done so with the intention of strengthening the Women's Commission, ensuring the interests of women and the protection of women and ending encroachment on them, would have brought in such an obsolete ordinance, dissolving the existing Commission in the name of that Ordinance, and now replacing it with a six-member Commission would not have occurred. So the interest of the government is not to protect the interests of women here. My request is that whoever comes to such forums may or may not have had political affiliations in the past, but they should be able to protect the interests of all women when they become chairpersons or members of the Women's Commission once they reach such forums. It is the responsibility of the members and chairperson of the Women's Commission of Kerala not to protect the political interests of the Government or the Minister or the Chief Minister of the Government. Instead of addressing the tears of the poor women of Kerala, it is not at all

desirable for our commission members to go and respond to the grievances of the ministers and chief ministers of Kerala. Such members ...

Mrs. E. S. Bijimol: There has been an incident where the Women's Commission was dissolved during the last government. It is said that the commission was dissolved due to allegations leveled against ministers in the cabinet at the time. What do you have to say about that?

Sri. A. P. Anilkumar: I do not know. I do not understand what the Honorable Member is saying here. We know about Kerala, the public sector criticism, about such things

Mrs. K. K. Latika: Does the esteemed member know that when a girls who had 80% burns was molested by an employee of the hospital, the Women's commission including the chairperson spoke in favor of them?

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Sri. A. P. Anilkumar: Such is the case, We had discussed here what Honorable Member mentioned here. We know the circumstances under which the last commission was dissolved. If so, how many commissions will have to be dissolved now? We know the allegations against the ministers of this government who passed a year and three months. Will it be dismissed accordingly? The former chairperson, Smt. M. Kamal, has repeatedly said that the former chairperson did not say such a thing in relation to medical colleges. So that kind of accusation is the biggest proof that you are looking at any activity through a political mirror. After saying that the commission was dissolved due to allegations against the ministers, has there been no allegation against the ministers since the coming of this government? Has there been a situation in this government where a minister has resigned over allegations? As I mentioned earlier, I do not take the time to talk about politics. But what I am saying is that the members who are appointed in this, should be able to do justice to the section to which those members belong. The commission is set up to address women's issues here. So without seeing political divisions in the face of women's issues, those who are struggling should be given something fair. Besides, even the most discussed topics in Kerala ..., I will not go into that. But when it comes to such issues, it is not the Kerala Women's Commission that should be behind it. They can look at things objectively and tell if there is right or wrong. But it goes without saying that the remarks made by the members and chairperson of this Women's Commission, even on some of the most hotly debated issues, are not in line with the high office of the Commission. Because that is something that has been discussed on both sides. I'm not going to pull it off again. But I said this only to indicate that the people who come to such a position, and the people who are still being recruited, should be people who can rise to such a level. I'm not going into more things. The Women's Commission was set up here and Smt. Sugathakumari Teacher was appointed as the Chairperson of the first Commission. We know that each political party had more participation within the committee at that time. There were representatives of both the CPM and the CPI. Later, as time went on, it became less and less common. In such

matters we must be able to show a willingness to include people from the ruling party as well

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as the opposition. In the past, the UDF The government has shown this. Then, in the same way, if it has changed in the meantime, it must be able to bring in members, keep people from all walks of life who are well-versed in politics, and transform them into people who can maintain high positions. What is needed is an approach to carry it that way. I am ending

Smt. K. S. Saleekha: You yourself admit that the Women's Commission was not politically motivated. Did you know that it was politically motivated during the last UDF regime? Are you saying this by recognizing the fact that there were only three UDF members in the commission?

Sri. A. P. Anil Kumar: As the esteemed member knows, when this commission came, Smt. Devi as well as three Left members were on the first committee where Smt. Sugathakumari Teacher was the Chairperson. The reduction in the number of members, not only in the Women's Commission, has reduced the number of commissions as the new government could not afford the financial burden of the then Left Democratic Front government. In many respects the number has been reduced. As well as reduced here. In it, a broader perspective, as I mentioned earlier, with the number of members ..., 100 members can solve all the problems of women in Kerala? It can never be. Then the number of members does not matter. But naturally, the problems of those 100 women, and those who come in, can be solved if needed.

Sri. K. V. Kunhiraman: Sir, the number of members is an important issue for the Women's Commission. There is a need to increase the number of members to strengthen the system so that decisions can be taken after hearing complaints in all the fourteen districts of Kerala. That is what is part of this amendment. So what the UDF government did during its tenure was to narrow it down to its narrow party political interests and create it by including people who were totally part of the UDF. They could not carry out that responsibility effectively. As a result, no one came to the Women's Commission. Complainants disappeared. The disappearance of the complainants was not due to lack of problem in the country but due to lack of faith in the Commission. But now it has changed dramatically, within a year. Do we need to accept that change is well-intentioned?

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Sri. A. P. Anilkumar: Let me ask you, we shortened it and you inflated it like a balloon. When we were short, it became narrow politics. When you expand it, will you

include all people beyond the confines of narrow politics? You say something. Will not include. No one will. I am not referring to Justice Sri.devi. I mentioned some recent statements. I have already mentioned that this decision to increase the number of members from three to six and I already been mentioned, giving the power to appoint a Secretary in addition to the Director in the matter of placing a Director here. Naturally, if this amendment is to benefit the women of Kerala, it does not matter whether the three members are six or sixty. On the contrary, in order to strengthen the Women's Commission, the government must be prepared to give it the necessary backing if its activities are to be very energetic. The required staff should be provided. There is also a counseling system. The counseling system is said to have a total of two or three people involved. Counseling is often done by commission members themselves. We can do a lot in this counseling field. The legal cell can be further strengthened. It is not enough for the vigilance committees to be formed by mere words, the government should do what those vigilance committees can do. If it is said that vigilance committees should be formed by sending a circular, there will be no vigilance committees. The vigilance committees should take the necessary steps to get the fuel they need to implement. The only thing that can be done is to strengthen the Women's Commission by strengthening such things. On the contrary, the Commission will be used to protect the political interests of the people and to make political appointments not to address the grievances of the women in Kerala or to take any action against the crimes and atrocities committed against the women of Kerala. I record my disagreement by saying that the action should be on the part of the government to strengthen the commission.

[Deputy Speaker in the Chair]

Sri. M. Murali: Sir, after this government came to power, to remove members appointed and members of the commission during the UDF government and to appoint

successors, this bill is before the assembly as a replacement for the ordinance. I do not hesitate to say that there should be a consensus on both sides to end the increase, decrease and appointment of members of the Women's Commission when governments change from time to time. This is because our sisters and women, who constitute about 55 per cent of the population of Kerala, have not seen any change in the hardships and problems they face in the last 15 months since this government came to power. In the absence of such a change, the persecution will not continue on the basis of the color of the government's flag or who rules it. There is a need to realize that the insecurity that women experience is not something that is born of a single situation. If the Women's Commission is to be transformed into a mechanism for women to receive justice, it must be a continuous process. My humble opinion is that there should be a will on both sides to ensure that at least our Women's Commission does not become a system that can be changed by the will of the government when elections come through time to time. Our delight is that the Hon'ble Minister should have brought here a comprehensive change in the basic law of the

Women's Commission, in addition to bringing in legislation for the replacement of this Ordinance. Increasing or decreasing the number of members of the Commission is not a matter of controversy. It reduced the number of members as part of the measures taken in the wake of the financial crisis of the previous government. Now the unofficial members are four. The Secretary is also a member. So six members are coming. In order to hold periodic sittings in all the fourteen districts and to receive complaints and resolve those grievances, the membership should be increased if necessary. But the work of the Women's Commission over the last 12 years proves that the increase in its membership alone cannot make the work of the Women's Commission an experience for poor women. We all took a look at the reports of the Women's Commission that came before this assembly, examining it at the subject committee level and then presenting this decent. All the periodicals reports of the Women's Commission say that complaints have been considered, complaints have been examined, some have been given notice, some have come, some have been rejected, some have not. The Commission has given the power of the Civil Court in the Basic Law but the Women's Commission has no mechanism to bring in those who do not come. Perhaps the victims of persecution and violence in the early days were rewarded with despair if

they came in with their grievances and complaints that there was a refuge, that there was a center of thought, that there was a solution, that there was a position of authority. Smt. Sreemathy Theacher, who is also the leader of the women's organization, is someone who is really convinced of that. Since the Women's Commission has become an under-empowered body, except that perhaps both parties have been able to sit down at a table and discuss and resolve certain issues, this Women's Commission should be able to make what it wants and put into practice what it wants when it drafts the Constitution. Don't forget that 90% of the applicants experience is that those who came through the doors of the Women's Commission could not find a solution to their problems, thinking that 'seeking refuge with the Women's Commission would be a solution to problems'. Sri. A. P. Anilkumar spoke about the approach taken by those who came to the chair of the Women's Commission from time to time with political considerations. I'm not going into that. All of that is probably relative. But thousands of applications are still pending here. That situation arose just a year after the first of these 12 years.

Smt. E. S. Bijimole: When the bill of the Women's Commission was introduced here, I agreed with an important issue in it. You did not disagree with the statement that the number was increased. I am very pleased with the fact that you are convinced that all the grievances related to the sitting of the members of the Women's Commission cannot be resolved by three persons. At the same time, he spoke about the need to give more powers to women commission members in relation to their work and other support. It will also be useful if you could clarify your opinion about allocating more money for its operation.

Sri. M. Murali: That is a position taken in the subject committee. When the number of applications increases, the Commission should increase its members if necessary to sit in 14 districts to dispose of the applications and take further action on them. We did not disagree on that. During the last government, not only the Women's Commission but also many other such systems imposed some restrictions as part of cost cutting. I see this subject as academic. It is not only seen as critical.

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As Smt. Bijimol points out here, since there is a sub-inspector and two constables, can thousands of complaints be investigated? Sending notice does not come. I pointed out that those who do not come cannot be brought. The basic law states the power of the civil court. But it can't be done. If they do not respond to the second notice, nothing can be done. Now it seems that four of them have been given. What can those four do? Then there should be the financial support needed for its operation. Steps should be taken to provide the staff and inquiry mechanism to take the work of the Commission forward smoothly. It does not have to be brought by law. It is up to the government to take administrative action. I would like to point out here without question the intent that this government, unfortunately, has not taken any action to address that shortcoming in the 15 months since its inception. The inquiry system should be strengthened by amending the basic law and making changes in the rules. Even if the power of the civil court is given, that power cannot be exercised. There is no authority for punishment. Then things should be given, including the power to punish. We said that in the subject committee. It is not enough to transfer the full power of the civil court. The necessary arrangements should be made to the Commission. An examination of the twelve-year periodical report reveals that. The complaint comes in and is being considered. It is not enough for the Commission to conduct mere observation. I do not say punishment because there is no power now. The government should think of an amendment to give it the power to make decisions that will enforce the punishment. Now increasing the number of members, appointing a secretary as member and a director along should not be decided. I would like to point out that the Government should have actually taken steps to strengthen the Commission on the basis of 12 years of experience. There is no mechanism to implement the decisions of the Commission here. The reality is that there is nothing going on in the Commission other than the fact that it can be printed and given to MLAs and given news in the papers. Therefore, I would like to point out that the provisions for enforcing the decisions of the Commission should be amended in this original law if the Government is sincere.

Smt. E. S. Bijimol: He said that more powers should be given already. That is the important point. Actually such issues need to be considered. There are already limitations. I am

aware that the Women's Commission has been able to make a lot of good decisions as a person who has been associated with the Mahila organization at various stages of its work. Even so, powers should be given to strengthen it. What do you think about it?

Sri. M. Murali: You can see by looking at the periodical report and the annual report. A few cases are being resolved through negotiation. Some issues are resolved when the commission members call the parties and discuss. But there are very few problems that are solved. If a person challenge, the commission will be helpless. That is 12 years of experience. If opposite person says "I will not give in here, I will go my own way," then commission will be weakened. That is the experience of evaluating the work of the Commission over the last 12 years. Problems will be resolved when both parties are ready for negotiation. Some things are going to be negotiated. The issue is being resolved in good faith by both parties. Enforcement does not take place once someone raises an objection. The decision of the Commission will be scorned. That is the experience.

Sri. K. Raju: Doesn't the Commission need a team to investigate the complaint before the Commission? Senior police officials have been appointed to look into the complaint to the Human Rights Commission. Should it be here?

Sri. M. Murali: I have already said that. Only two constables and a sub-inspector are to investigate the 100 complaints received. Once they get a complaint then it is not time bound; That is a flaw in the original law. There is no statutory provision in the Basic Law requiring the Commission to dispose of a complaint within a specified period of time. I recall that in the discussion of a bill which was past one of my amendments, Sri. A. K. Balan finally mercilessly rejected it. That shortcoming must be addressed through an amendment. The original law must stipulates that an initiative must be taken on a complaint within 90 days of its filing as a statutory obligation. A solution in that case should not be allowed more than six months. There is also the disadvantage that those provisions are not present in the original law. Then it cannot take action in a timely manner. This is because the Commission cannot take action in a timely manner. The Commission has no mechanism for investigation

and no follow-up. As I have finally pointed out here, once a decision is reached there is no mechanism to enforce it. Once the decision has been made, there should be a mechanism to enforce it. Experience has shown that the removal of members from the Commission without any mechanism to exercise all the powers of a civil court in fact is not going to benefit the poorest women in Kerala beyond the limited benefits they currently get.

Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy (Sri. A. K. Balan): There is no doubt that the Hon'ble Murali has given very effective suggestions and comments on this Bill and the SC / ST Commission Bill. But in our current legal system, the Commission does not have the power of the courts or the executive. The purpose of the Commission is to mobilize the

government and the executive. The real issue here is actually the will power of a government. Other than that the Commission can never be given the power to enforce or execute punishment. The problem is the will of the government. The problem is the initiative of the executive and the executive branch. That is where I think we should focus.

Sri. M. Murali: I want to come to the point you said. I was going to say it. No matter how much power is given to the Women's Commission by the amendment, it cannot be implemented effectively. That is why the power of the civil court has been delegated to many bodies but it has not been effective. As Sri. Raju said, I also agreed to include punishment, but I also agree that it cannot be implemented effectively. That's our decent. Once this periodical report is received and the Commission takes a decision, it will be up to the concerned departments or the government to take action under the existing law. Examining this 12-year annual report, examining the work of the Commission during the 12 years, the work of the Commission, which was formed during the Left and Right Governments, evaluates the action

taken in the light of the recommendations of the relevant departments and the Women's Commission of that period, or the observation, I would like to say that the result will be disappointment. So at least on the basis of the recommendations or conclusions of the Women's Commission, they come to this conclusion, not just conclusions, but on issues of urgent importance to individuals and society. The most important point in our descent is that the relevant departments do not even show the will to implement that conclusion from time to time. That is where it is said that it should not take more than six months (180-days) to consider the application and give notice to both the parties within six months without delay and after conducting the necessary evidence and other tests. As per an amendment I brought during the discussion of the Scheduled Castes Commission, this provision provides that within 90 days (three months) the concerned department - whether it is the Police Department or the Home Department, any other government department or any other institution - may take further action as per the final decision of the Commission other than increasing the number of members or making secretary a member will not be effective; My disagreement with the bill is documented here as it is only a skin treatment and will not be of any benefit.

Sri. M. Ummer: Sir, the esteemed Anil Kumar and Sri. M. Murali have mentioned very important things here. We hoped that when a law that came into force ten or twelve years ago was amended there would be significant amendments. Moreover, it was the men who introduced the bill and the subsequent amendments. As a new comer, I hoped that there would be a very radical change in that, with the amendment of Smt. Sreemathy Teacher, who has led many very strong struggles for women, especially in society, in the field of women's activism. But it was very disappointing. It has been ten to twelve years since this law was enacted in this country. But there has not yet been an examination as to whether

the intention of the Legislature was carried out through it. Moreover, respected Sugathakumari and later Justice Sri.devi and later Smt. Kamalam, as their chairmen, have examined their reports on the activities of the commissions and have not been able to see any amendment to the Act on the basis of any of their reports. Only thing is that the total number of members should be increased from three to six. There was no need of Smt. Sreemathy Teacher to introduce the Amendment Bill to

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make it six from three, it could have been any man. Making six from three is not an event. Moreover, this is not an amendment bill. This is an accommodation bill. It is such a minimal purpose. When I heard the Hon'ble Minister speak at the beginning, I thought that there would be many more amendments that needed to be strengthened. There was nothing. Sri. Murali pointed out the difficulties encountered when our Legislature enacted a law for ten to twelve years. It is unfortunate that such an amendment, or any such proposal, has been reduced to a bill for accommodation only for three persons without a comprehensive amendment on the basis of the report of any of the women activists, organizations or leaders or various commissions. Similarly, the original law states that it has civil court jurisdiction. We could have expanded the powers of the civil court if we wanted. Witnesses can be summoned by a civil court. What if these witnesses not come after been summoned? In some places, we place uniformed security guards. When security guards tell us to stop for a moment as we drive, they will give us a signal to let go if we continue without stopping. Similarly, if the parties do not come after sending summons, our commission can do nothing. Some amendment would be needed to bring in such people. As mentioned earlier, the number of complainants before the Commission is now low. The decrease in the number of complainants is not due to the lack of functioning of the Commission. In the past, when it came to people's planning, what was the congestion in our gram sabhas? The people had high hopes in the Gram Sabha as well. There was a perception among the people that with the addition of this Gram Sabha, all the problems of my country and my village would be solved. So there was a huge turnout in every gram sabha. I remember. I was the Grama Panchayat President at that time. There were five or six hundred people in the gram sabha of each gram panchayat. Now it's at least the deputies are struggling to meet the quorum. Ten or twenty-five people were called in and parted with tea. The reason is that now when it comes to gram sabhas, nothing can be achieved. So with regard to power, the number of complainants was low because they realized that the people and the sisters could not gain anything by this law. At the same time, if the bill had been changed to

give more powers and benefit the people, more people would have complained. We do not intend to create more complainants. But to find a solution to the problem of people coming in as complainants. Given the work of our Commission for so long, there is no need for a Commission as mentioned here. All these problems can be solved even if the Honorable Teacher convenes a meeting of the Women's Association. There is a situation where nothing big can be done beyond this. So when a law is amended

Mrs. K. K. Lathika: Have regular contact with the Women's Association. These are different from this commission?

Sri. M. Ummer: This commission can do nothing beyond that. I said they are intervening. I am saying by praising your association, not blaming. I said we should be able to do more with this law. Other than that it is not to blame. The esteemed member do not misunderstand in that regard. Similarly, when it comes to civil court law, we must be able to enforce it. We can still. When it comes to many acts, not everything has to be in court. If there is an ARC-led administration in the Co-operatives Act to give the award, we can do it. Similarly, the Consumer Protection Act, even though it is a Central Act, includes provisions to enforce the Consumer Protection Act and imprison people under Section 27. Then we need the willpower to do that. There is no doubt that this act could have been made more impeccable if there had been such a provision. Or at least we should be able to give an interim award. Now consider spouses as petitioner having no complicated legal issues and without distinction of paternity, then the Commission should be given the power to grant an interim award at least temporarily before recommending them to go to court if the Commission has made efforts to reconcile the spouses and is unable to reconcile. At least one amendment should be made by limited power

to grant temporary interim relief to children until they go to court. Besides, increasing members from three to six will go to no avail. Similarly, I would like to say that the powers of the Commission should be given more power by giving at least one provision on appeal if it is to be questioned. Nor does it say anything about the qualifications of the Chairperson and members. Now it is said here that Mrs. Sri.devi, who was a judge in the High Court to do things related to law, has a lot of experience with law, so there is no problem. But if someone else comes instead, it is very important for such people to have a minimum qualification. Similarly, in the case of the age, both the Consumer Protection Act and other Acts have clear idea about age limit. Now we have no qualms about putting a 90-year-old man on the commission. So if eighty to eighty-five year olds are hired without an age limit, they will not be able to sit or work around the country.

Mrs. E. S. Bijimole: said that qualification is necessary; The law itself stipulates a condition of what a person should be, what kind of person can be the chairperson, and what a member can be a member of. But when it comes to putting a qualification in it differently,

the nomination comes everywhere else. What does the member mean by saying that qualification is required only within the Women's Commission?

Sri. M. Ummer: I said earlier that the commission should be given more power, so when it comes to giving the civil court such powers, it should have at least a chairperson who deals with more laws and things like that. Must be someone who knows the rules and things. Now when it comes to dealing with Gunda act and other acts we even say qualification to the advisory body. People who are qualified to be High Court judges, have not only in this but many more. Now the Consumer Protection Act stipulates that the president must be qualified to be a district judge.

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Sri. K. Raju: Sir, when it is said that it have powers of Civil Court, this Commission has no powers other than to send notices, to bring the party, to make records if necessary, and beyond. If there are no other powers. Did you know that it only has an advisory nature?

Sri. M. Ummer: I said, they need other powers. I respectfully agree with the member. Similarly, the office is located only in the capital city of the state. If there is at least a headquarters in every district and one or two staff, there should be a mechanism to lodge complaints and look into it. What we often see is that when the commission comes to the district headquarters for a sitting, there is no facility at the collectorate, so there are many experiences. The Collectorate Conference Hall is engaged, so there is often a situation where the Commission does not even have a place to sit after being asked whether it will get a seat there, in the municipality or in the district panchayat. I have had that experience. So such experience occur, if the Commission has sitting today, we need to be able to make arrangements to ensure that there is a convenient place for the public to come. As well as the current staffs, they are in deputation. We know that the staff who come on deputation often come from different walks of life and work in a convenient place but the commitment does not show up to the regular staff wherever they go regarding the staff coming in on that deputation. Therefore, deputation should not be a permanent system, it should initially be required for the functioning of the Commission, and a system should be created to create permanent staff instead of deputation or through PSC. Many of the staff now are Daily Wages. Can any legal action be taken against those who misbehave to Daily Wages? Do they have any responsibilities? If they do nothing, tell them to do something harsh and they will leave next day. No action can be taken against them. So I have to say that there should be a permanent system in place to discourage people from taking on the Daily Wages. As well as police assistance. As the Hon'ble M. Murali has pointed out here, at present after DIG, CI there is SI. There are no SPs or DYSPs who come between them. After the DIG, it goes straight to CI. Including an SP and a DYSP within it will be more effective.

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There are only four constables inside it. Two female constables and two male constables, there are four in total. So, I want to say that there should be more police force. When it comes to women's empowerment, I want to say that we need to look at whether there is women's empowerment in our state today or whether there are a growing number of complaints. We need to look if we have been able to give justice to even our Chief Secretary. When a woman chief secretary came to the state, the situation which she could not even retire decently

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Did't we talk about this a lot in the morning? now let's talk about the subject.

Sri. M. Ummer: Said because it is a subject related to women. I'm talking by standing totally in it. It does not mention any man, only talking about women. So, all I want to say is that we should check it out. When I first came into this Committee, what a voice it was about persecution. Similar speeches were made by the esteemed Sreemathi teacher. when Sreemathi Teacher who fought so hard was a minister, in the Women's Development Corporation under her control, had caught and appoint as M.D the person who was an accused under section 354 in the case against women existing today in court, I'm saying that you should check if it is correct. Today, in the Kozhikode court, in a pending, torture case in the third number court... If we had kept it, the whole country would have been set on fire. Now nobody has a problem, isn't it , Cultural leaders and women's organizations have no problem with the appointment of someone like that. Same as, what a fight was here regarding the Ice cream case. It's all over, how many problems have been created in the name of a person who is not a defendant in any case .There has been no impediment in the matter about the appointment of the defendant in that case as chairman of the Sports council, Isn't that so. It may be true that the case was dropped. I have no personal grievances against him. But the people sitting on the other side are those who criticized the judge and prosecutor, who conducted the case. To caught and appointed the man who came out of it as chairman of the Sports Council, was it because there was no one else? and then there is no issue, isn't it. Then, torture is not an issue when it is doing by you.

I am only saying that it is not right there was created a riot in the committee by connecting also our supporters who are not involved in the persecution case. Therefore, I conclude by saying that this law needs to be amended to make it stronger, including changes from time to time.

Sri. P. C. Vishnunath: Sir, most of the population in Kerala are women. Most of the victims of mental and physical abuse are women. The Hon'ble Minister is bringing such an Amendment Bill at a time when there is a growing perception that women are not safe in the workplace and in public places. The "Sido" is the most important document of the United Nations for the protection of the social status and rights of women. The United Nations defines women's rights in that special document by emphasizing three things they are equality, non-discrimination, and the duty of the Government. But, when a woman named Balwari Devi was brutally raped by five upper-class men in Rajasthan in 1992 for allegedly participating in some campaigns against child marriage, the Supreme Court recognized the fact that there was no strong law in our country to prevent the harassment of women in the workplace, so because of it, Hon'ble Supreme Court has issued a very important directive to implement such a guideline in India on the basis of the Sido document. Violence is on the rise, even when there are rules and regulations, including Sido. Then Violence against women was the most important weapon of the Leader of the Opposition in the election campaign. He said he would bring all women-traffickers with handcuffs through the streets. about Violence against women and children during the last six years in reply to a question asked by Mr. K. Muhammadunni Haji in in 07-06-20, the Home Minister said that the number of incidents of violence against women and children in the last year was 1.0116 Then the persecution does not decrease. The experience of the Sandhya in Muniyara, raped by sadist people, then went to the police station to lodge a complaint and even there was also a bad attitude and harassment from there. No arrests have been made for even thirteen days. Eventually, that sister committed suicide. This is what is happening here. When we talked about giving a dissenting note, said there, dissenting presentation is for making it a comprehensive law. That is what we desire. In the case of "Vaishakha vs. state of Rajasthan" in 1997, women were largely in the workplace

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saying that being sexually harassed, Supreme Court has issued some other guidelines for such women to lodge complaints and to investigate such cases. I say that because a very relevant event happened after the coming of this government. In the case of "Vaishakha vs. state of Rajasthan, the court's ruling states that a woman who has been sexually harassed should be given the opportunity to move from one workplace to another workplace. That is the most important part of the verdict in the case "Vaishakha vs. state of Rajasthan". Smt P.E Usha, an employee of the Kozhikode University, was severely tortured and she went to Attappady after buying a deputation. At the end of the five-year deputation period, she does not want to come back to Kozhikode University. Because the man whom against she complained is there. When the application was submitted to the Kozhikode University Syndicate, this syndicate with a large majority in the left party were told her that should return to Kozhikode University. Legally, according to "Vaishakha Vs. state of Rajasthan" case, P.E Usha can continue to work in Attappadi, even, it doesn't respect that. Respected K. KLathika said that there are many women activists who are involved in such issues. But no one intervened, and not only that, when P.E Usha went on a hunger strike for justice in front of the Kozhikode University headquarters, the Left's service organizations and non-governmental organizations, including the SFI, staged a satyagraha against the protest, and then, there was a very important leader, my sister who had the same experience as P.E Usha on the bus, but my sister, who only studied up to fourth class, solved the problem on the bus without even telling me, but here the P.H.D holder Usha telling that in the mic and done fasting strike in front of the public, is it right to do such things, he spoke it. The leader's sister is a fourth-grader, but she has practical wisdom. Why not say even to brother? It doesn't matter, because the answer that the brother may be given is that it is happening worldwide as a result of globalization and liberalization. That's why she solved the problem selfly. I do not speak at length.

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Sri. K. V. Kunjiraman: Sir, is it because youth Congress activists are well aware of the efforts of globalization that when such an attempt was made against Mrs. Sobhana George, they stopped there without telling anyone?

Sri. P. C. Vishnunath: I don't know about that. and so I am not saying. I Request the honorable minister to make a comprehensive change in the original law. Even if the Women's Commissions the power of civil court, it will try to summon them there if they receives a complaint. This Commission has no jurisdiction over what can be done if summons are issued but do not appear. This has been same since law came into force.

Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy (Sri. A. K. Balan); Sir, if the summons is sent but does not come, the collector has the power to issue a warrant and summon. The Collector can implement the imprisonment. The problem is that it is not used.

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Sri. P. C. Vishnunath: The Honorable Minister said that these steps can be continued with the recommendation of the women's commission to the collector. In view of this, the women's commission should be given the power to issue summons directly to the women's commission, even if they have not been summoned, by amending the original law. Another important point is that there are many cases arising regarding cybercrimes. We often take group photos while studying in colleges. Take that photo modify it and post it naked on the internet and so many sisters commit suicide. Such incidents are happening even in professional colleges. Therefore, another important suggestion is to strengthen the powers that to be deal with cybercrime. Another thing is that it should have an office system at the district level. Ordinary, poor, oppressed women should avoid a situation where they come here. There is only one DYSP officer and one or two constables. Instead, a very strong police system under a high-ranking police officer is requested to in a system that can investigate and detect parallel cases.

. Sri. P. Jayarajan: Sir, Sri. P. C. Vishnunath is talking about decency. As far as U.D.F. is concerned, it is not about decency that has been recorded. At the beginning of the assembly session,

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Sri. P. C. Vishnunath was one of the protestors who demanded the resignation of two ministers, including 'P. K. Sri.mathi teacher . Leave the teacher alone? The reason is that Mrs. Sri.mathi Teacher, who went out for sathyagraha and participated in the discussion on the bill as part of the withdrawal of demand for the resignation of the ministers and the exclusion of Mrs. Sri.mathi teacher from it.

Sri. Abdurahman Randathani: have you noticed the groupism of some people has reached the point where the esteemed Mrs. Sri.mathi Teacher is being expelled from the discussion on the bill.

Sri. P. C. Vishnunath: Sir, I , Sri. A. P. Anilkumar and Sri. A. Murali have seen the bill as very academic in the assembly and have been proposing to strengthen it. Yes, same approach is being taken when it comes in the debate on the Bill. Of course I does not intend to move away from the academic level anyway.

Sri. K. Babu: The big controversy between Sri. E. P. J. Jayarajan and Sri. P. Jayarajan of the Marxist party in Kannur politics has been reported in every newspaper. Did you know Sri. E. P. Jayarajan is a relative of Mrs. Sri.mathi Teacher and Sri. P. Jayarajan is now the torchbearer against him?

Sri. P. C. Vishnunath: Let their party find out if there is anything behind what Sri. P. Jayarajan raised when there was no need for something unrelated to this. When U.D.F. takes a stand against corruption, it will stand firm in that position. When fighting against corruption, it is expressed on the platform with good faith. . It will continue to do so. It was thought that senior members like you would give such advice when it comes to academic speaking on the subject. I do not intend to say otherwise. I intend to say that your intention was established without me saying it. There should be a comprehensive legislation incorporating such matters. Now there is a system called album. It is full of persecution. There are Very few good people. Interview of ten or so girls and Very strong restrictions should be there for putting them in other ways. Just like the law was brought in to regulate massage parlour

There are situations where anyone can come here and do anything in this kind of costume .I conclude my words by saying that there should already be strong intervention in the work of the Women's Commission

Sri. Roshi Augustine: Sir, the Honourable Minister has introduced a very significant amendment to the Bill. Discussion related to this Bill,, especially the honourable members who recorded decent and mentioned a lot here. The bill specifically mentions only two important changes that will increase the membership and at the same time changing the secretary member to secretary. But during this period, when the amendment bill to the Women's Commission came to discussion it was clear that the existing law in Kerala was very difficult to deal with. When evaluating the activities of the Commission during its twelve years, it is not a small period. Various chairpersons came. Various committee members came. Various Governments came. But no one is heard to disagree that collective responsibility is needed for effective change in the case of this commission, which is still childish. We need to look at this law in way that exists in order to provide legal protection and protection for women in many of the issues that women are reluctant to speak and cannot be addressed. While many important issues are mentioned here, I will like to point out some of the implications of this legally when it comes to this bill. The National Women's Commission act was passed in the parliament in 1990. Although a bill was introduced by the Kerala legislative assembly in 1991, it is included in the concurrent list and can only be approved by the president as per article 254(2) of constitution. That is why the law was sent to the centre, negotiated and enacted in 1995. Our law has over riding effect than the National Women's Commission. We can never forget this. But the most important thing changed here is the change in politics. The advance sanction from the president has not been taken for the ordinance to increase the members of the commission. At this stage the law passed by the parliament on the concurrent list and the law passed by the state will not exist at the same time. For the law to enact, a bill passed by the house must be approved by the president.

When amendment to such act is coming through an ordinance, it can never be denied that to issue an ordinance it requires the prior approval of the president as per article 213 (1) of the constitution. Here, there is no prior approval of the president. The ordinance is issued in

such a context. Hence, this ordinance invalid as per the constitution. The commission appointed under this ordinance shouldn't validate on legal effects. If the ordinance is replaced without the consent of the president, it will be invalidated with retroactive effects. Therefore, if the law is enforced with the permission of the president, there is a possibility for that to be questioned by someone on court. And this government would be taken responsible for all further coming problems if this questioned bill becomes rejected as many of such incidents happened in past. Therefore, what I am recommending is to pass this law as soon as possible and further try to obtain president's permission on it. Along with that, it is good if more members are coming as mentioned here. There is no disagreement with that. But by just only that, we can't strengthen it. There was a time when there were more members and fewer members. When we evaluate looking at the last 12 years in the history of Kerala, no effective changes have been seen. The number of cases is increasing and the complaints are too increasing in number. What is said in the reference of the commission is that this matter still exists not because there are no cases, but because there is widespread concern among people whether they would get justice if they go before the commission. Therefore, I think it's necessary to change the political ideas from this case. At the same time, the law had given authority to director. And the secretary is a member secretary. While all this exists, to give more authority to officers doesn't increase the authority of commission. Moreover, to give more power to an IAS officer secretary and IPS officer director will adversely affect the performance of commission. Not only that, the officers should be excluded from the commission. My opinion is that only the power to implement the decisions of commission would be given to secretary and director. Officers are not ruling here. The authority of this commission is seen more sacred only when secretary and director are taking their stands for implementing the commission's decisions. So, in my opinion, it is unjust to include more people in this commission and make political rivalries and turn the Women's Commission into an institution that does not perform justice as seen always. The facts, that mentioned by honourable minister at the starting sounds to be very pleasant.

The people here are waiting for these like changes to be made. Here, many have spoken that fundamental law has the power of civil court. But, can we do anything by that? Just like

that, honourable members intervened and called for producing the documents. Even there is a right to produce and investigate, but, no actual action can be taken on it. The Home Minister intervened and spoke. This law also provides the power for district collector to summon after issuing a warrant, if required. But why nowhere in the history of our state can such a case be seen whereas district collector summoned after issuing warrant?. To go down to the path of politicization seems to be dangerous in large extent. The actions taken by commission should be impartial and just. Commission needs to be able for dealing with women's problems directly and know their concerns as well. Prior to this, I heard Mr. G. Sudhakaran, speaking on Devaswom bill saying that many may have different political connections before becoming PSC member; but, he is ought to take neutral stands after becoming a PSC member. Just like that, shan't the same method be adopted in the condition of those who becomes on the authority of this commission? There is no excuse whenever we say that it is necessary to be very careful and concerned as it should be legalized scientifically when opinions and differences are obviously seen for achieving the greatest reality regarding the fulfilment of justice in our country. At the same time, there is no need for an increase in infrastructure. What Justice Sri.devi said was not about the members of the commission. Rather it was about absence of staff, lack of facilities for district wise monitoring, members being unable to attend all the cases, sittings wouldn't performed at its full structure. It is a major concern that to pass the bill and increase number of members without making scientific observations to limit the number of cases whether make any benefits in this regard. Similarly, the police are a very important factor in strengthening this matter. As per the provisions of the commission, police system including only a D.I.G, a CI and a SI is sanctioned for the actions of commission. But, for that, we need a strong hierarchical system and that should be strengthened. Common people can only have faith in this commission if they are convinced that there is a situation in the society whereas commission is utilizing effectively their power to cross those before making government responsible with the right and authority to present the defendant summoned by commission whether the commission had given the police the power to use their full power.

So the first thing for commission is to convince that it is an impartial commission and instils such a confidence in women and needs enough requirements for convincing them so. What I am suggesting here is that it should be included with the changes in the context of transparent legislation for attaining the trust of people. Thus, attempts should be made to strengthen this bill seeking necessary instructions after making changes in the fundamental law if required and understanding the basic things before bringing amendment bill regarding this commission. I am concluding my words by just saying that such efforts should be made.

Mr. V.N. Vasavan: Sir, I am introducing that Kerala Women's Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2007 should be amended for circulating to get public opinion as it is reported by the subject committee. I am heartily congratulating respected Mrs. Shreemathi Teacher who was instrumental in bringing such a bill for the efficient functioning and effective intervention of women's commission. The amendment provided here not only increases the number of members, but, it is worthy pride to note that one of these members should be from S.C/S.T. Another thing I have to recommend on it is that it would be better for the well functioning of this commission to reserve one another member from minority community as it is reserved for S.C/ S.T. And I am putting forth this opinion as my suggestion. Meanwhile, I am not saying that amendment requires each woman MLA from the ruling and opposition parties. The reason behind not saying so is because it would be possible only if we import women MLAs from Andhra Pradesh or subject MLAs from opposition for gender reassignment surgery. What I said is likely what might happen if such representations are wanted in some of the commissions and syndicates. So, it is not a matter of concern. Anyway, in this matter, on coming days...

Mr. Roshi Augustine: If happens so, can there be an amendment to take two women MLAs from ruling party instead of gender reassignment surgery?

Mr. V.N. Vasavan: Not in the side of ruling party. I said that one women MLA would be taken from the opposition side. If each women MLA has to come from both ruling and opposition parties,

then I said you have to go to either Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka or Tamil Nadu or have surgery as there is no one among you at the destination. There is someone on the other side who needs it. I do not name. The reason to say that the work of the Commission should come to fruition is because the members should come more efficiently. At a time when violence against women in Kerala society as well as the general situation of marginalization of the general public is growing, the people feel that justice is in the form of a judicial body

in the form of a Judicial Commission in the working style of this impartial Commission which no one can say that any of the approaches taken by the present government in that field have been biased. Justice Sri.devi's presidency of the Commission has given the public the impression that the Commission has a judicial character in the way it operates. At the same time, as a result of the use of such commissions to accommodate certain people politically during the previous government, the Hon'ble Chairperson, M. Kamalam; A copy of the letters sent by M.Kamalam to the then Chief Minister on 15-10-2004 and to the then DGP on 26-10-04 reveals the contradictory moves between the approach they are taking today. The Honorable M. Kamalam who was the Chairperson of the Women's Commission. Kamal was very serious about the report at the time and wrote that Shari, who was in a critical stage, should be given security and sent to the doctors of the medical college to be examined and the child rescued. The Women's Congress, which includes the same M. Kamalam, has now taken a reversal or anti - debt approach to the VIPs to save the real culprits of the day. The reality is that he is coming forward with another harassment against the esteemed Mrs. Teacher by practicing. What I really need to do today is to file a case under Section 498 for harassing Mrs. Teacher on behalf of those women Congress leaders. The persecution is actually happe

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in such a form. In fact, in connection with the incident, she was discharged from

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was admitted to Caritas Hospital on the 29th.

The Kerala community saw this deceit by being stopped on the way and admitted to Mata Hospital instead of Mata Amritanandamayi Hospital. Why was she taken to the Mata hospital like this? Kottayam Medical College has 36 departments. If the medical college is a centre of excellence in the field of healthcare, then discharge from that medical college and take the child to a normal hospital where there are only six or seven departments. That we were discharged very quickly. It has taken advantage of the influence of the then government. I have a copy of that statement dated 22-9-2004 recorded before Lizzie. If these things are said, then the child was deliberately discharged from there and brought to the maternity hospital where he was admitted and underwent a laparoscopic surgery. When subjected to this, a hole is formed in the intestine. Through that hole, food particles come out and come into the peritoneum. When it got there, it got worse and became infected with Peritonitis. Despite that illness, he is not willing to investigate or give treatment for this matter. Finally comes the deadly infection of septicaemia. Kamaledathy's letter to the Hon'ble Chief Minister in her letter dated 15-10-2004 also refers to her statement before the Women's Commission during her six weeks in the hospital during this deadly infection. The Women's Commission then recommends to the Hon'ble Chief Minister that immediate steps be taken to ensure the safety of this child and at the same time provide him with advanced treatment. Asked what action was taken on it, no action was taken. And yet now these guys are coming out and saying that's not why things happened. There is a VIP. That means the child may have died from a shock that occurred when he arrived. What a ridiculous drama he tried to bring before the Kerala society in this arena. What a crime it is to be in this area again, including the Women's Commission. According to the statement given while the child was alive, he had gone to Kumily, Palani and Guruvayur. It also says something about going to a resort in Kuttanad. It belongs to a public figure. I do not insult anyone by name.

The names of some other dignitaries have also been mentioned. That's it. I do not intend to put their name on the assembly record. As the case progressed, the then UDF was involved in the investigation. This is the biggest example of how the government has made a serious mistake. While moving anticipatory bail for Latha Nair in the Kerala High Court, the court asked the police to produce a case diary. An interesting thing happened when I came up with that case diary. There is not a single page in the diary of the then Kottayam West Circle Inspector. The text on the missing page is related to the age of the child. If you are over 18, it will be written as an adult, and if you are between 16 and 18, it will be kidnapping. If it is before 16, it will be rape. When the case diary disappears, the police and the people behind it consciously say that there should be no rape or kidnapping, and the esteemed Kerala High Court says that the investigating officers are making a serious mistake in this matter.

Therefore, the Kerala High Court was the first to suggest that this should be investigated by another agency. Then the UDF raised the issue on the same day. There have been omissions on the part of the government's police. Even if the statement before the Women's Commission was duly given to the then Home Department, they have no objection or concern about not taking up the complaint. Nowadays I conveniently forget all about it and come over and say that the VIP visit is the cause of the trouble.

Sri.Raju Abraham: In this case, the age proof certificate was also handled by the then Home Department; Does it seem that Mr. Oommen Chandy lost it unknowingly? What is your opinion?

Sri. V. N. Vasavan: I do not believe that the page would have disappeared without the knowledge of the Home Department in such a controversial case if all that had been said here had been left out. And people do not believe. The content of this letter is that no member of the Women's Commission will believe it. Within this letter, Kamaledathi mentions the great people who worked in it. It does not take much time to read the whole letter. I have two letters from Kamaledathi.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: No letter needed

Sri. V. N. Vasavan: I mentioned in this issue, when the members of the Women's Commission come, I come to my amendment because the House also knows the tragic aspects of politics in it.

Sri. Ananthawattam Anandan: The incidents described cannot be reconciled with the shouts and protests of the Opposition in this House, two or three times. In there time, all these vices were shown as if the dog was barking after eating the rice and biting the person, for the past three or four days, the procedure has been going on to say that the culprits are the one who came here after taking a girl, biting her, raping her and burying her. It seems that the child died due to miscarriage by the esteemed Sreemathy Teacher. How much shameful deal is this opposition taking?

Sri. C.P. Muhammad: All this is true. But that is not what we need to ask. When you come tomorrow, you have to look at the number one seat and ask.

Sri. Ananthawattam Anandan : The issue here is not the number one seat and the number two seat. You are constantly campaigning here to blame the esteemed Sreemathy Teacher. They are protesting in the street, by saying she would resignation. What a shame you are doing. The VIP problem is that the, did the person in the number one seat say who the VIP was? No matter who is seriously in the hospital, when people go to see patients, doctors say that seeing more people like this can upset the patient's balance and should not be seen. Here it is now called VIP. Who was the VIP then? Did they rule this state? Didn't the leaders who ruled the state go there? Aren't they all VIPs. Who said the esteemed Sreemathy Teacher was VIP. Not said. Not even the child's father said. What the child's father wrote now is that I did not say that the Honorable Sreemathy Teacher is a VIP. You make up that myth. The plaintiff himself is the defendant. Here you are mentioning the plaintiff as defendant.

Sri. K. Babu: Don't tell us. Here Sri. Ananthawattam Anandan said that the child was made pregnant by the esteemed Sreemathy Teacher. I know he has such a big head. But I had no idea that such a great invention would be made.....(Noise) We do not know the capacity of the women with you? we understood it when Ananthawattam Anandan said it.

Sri. V.N Vasavan: According to the parents of the child, Shari S. Nair was taken to Kumily for more than a year and tortured in various parts of Kerala, not only inside Kerala but also in Palani.

So for a year this minor child was abused and made pregnant. It came to the active attention of Kerala when it was not even given adequate treatment. There is a Nair who led it all. Latha Nair. That Latha Nair went into hiding when the case came up. According to Latha Nair's confession, they were hiding in the Sachinmayi Ashram in Mavelikkara. It is said that Latha Nair was given protection by an ashram affiliated with KPCC dignitaries.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Sri. Vasavan, bring your speech to the Women's Commission Bill.

Sri. V.N. Vasavan: Sir, here I am referring to the statement returned by the members of the Women's Commission. That is the same thing related with the Women's Commission. It is important to note here that there is another motive behind the attempt to impeach Sreemathy Teacher through the VIP. If a woman is abused in this way in the future, neither the Democratic Women's Association nor Sreemathy Teacher can come forward to cause a riot or riot against that harassment. That is the issue. The VIP term came as part of such a move behind it. Or how even after all the defendants have testified in what appears to be daylight. Another shocking thin in it is to note that after the death of this child, a group of people who came to Kottayam Medical College for postmortem, said that the child should be cremated. I was in that scene at the time. I said, don't burn this kid's body for any reason. If it burns like that, we will use force to stop it. I and the present Kottayam District Panchayat President Sri. K.P Sugunan also jumped in front of it and actually deterred them

from the digestive process. What was its purpose? Similarly, what is the purpose of purchasing a discharge from a hospital? Behind this, as each step was moved like this, who caught Latha Nair and produced her in the Adimali court. Sri. Roshi Augustine knows. There was no one else. An advocate of the Kerala Congress and a member of the Mani group is presenting the party in the Adimali court. Still all those things in there, those who made their innermost secrets and line-up facilities come back into Sreemathy Teacher. In connection with this another interesting incident, we invited Sreemathy Teacher to a strike in Kottayam.

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It was when she came to inaugurate it that she realized the plight of this child. Such a problem can no longer occur, let's visit, and so on and so forth. On the way, the leaders of the local Democratic Women's Association, as well as the nursing superintendents and staff, were all there to see the child with Sreemathy Teacher. After that, the Honorable present Home Minister, the then Deputy Leader Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan came. Similarly, Sri. V.SAchuthanandan came. After that, when there was an expression about this VIP, all the journalists gave it in a bad way. Two days later Comrade Pinarayi Vijayan reached there. I'm also with him, when he go to visit the hospital; After visiting the patient, Comrade Pinarayi Vijayan called the father and mother of the child, the doctors and all the other staff and asked a question in the presence of the entire media. Seen such a controversy in the newspapers. The child is said to have been upset when a VIP arrived. Then Dr. Shankar replied back then that I had never said that in the form of a VIP. On the contrary, it is difficult for a child to face when he sees big people. I just meant that it is natural for a child to come like this. That's what I said. That is the same statement that the doctor still gave before the DYSP, as the court said. He is a doctor at a private hospital. We have nothing to do with it. Meanwhile, Thampan in the old Thankamani case is now the manager of the hospital. As I mentioned in that scene, even though all the newspapers on the same day described the incident on a real level, it was all covered up again by the application of VIP.

Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy (Sri. A.K Balan): Is the name of the Sreemathy teacher, there anywhere in the document that Sri. V.N Vasavan has highlighted? According to Shari, is there any of these VIPs in the ruling party today. The second issue related to Sreemathy Teacher was raised on August 15, 2007 by Jaihind TV. Shari gave birth to the child on August 15, 2004. Is there any connection between August 15 and this?

Sri. V.N. Vasavan: In connection with what you have mentioned in this, the name of Sreemathy Teacher is not mentioned in the statement of the child, in the statement of the child's parents, in the statement given to Lizzy, who was then a member of the Women's Commission, or in the statement given to other members of the Commission.

...(Noise)... You asked three things. The first thing is that nowhere in this statement is the name of Sreemathy teacher mentioned anywhere by the child or the child's parents. This women's commission is not recorded in front of members, the police or anywhere else. Second, have any of the VIPs in the ruling party been named? The name of the person who was in the ruling party then and the one who is in opposition today has been mentioned. I don't say that name in the congregation out of my dignity. Doesn't that come in congregation records. Let it be decided by the investigating officers. There's a man's name inside. But I'm not right. Such a thing has been mentioned within this. The third thing you asked was that an attempt has been made here for several days to create a screenplay for Jaihind Channel. In order to make an exclusive news for the Jaihind channel, which is the channel of the Congress, a drama took place there. For this, Raju is being made the convener of the Action Council. The man who comes as convener of the Action Council, he went early and asked a representative of a channel there what it would take if I wanted to hold a news conference in this regard. Then the representative of the channel said you have to do something. Go there and form an action council and declare yourself a convener. There has never been such an action council. No one gathered. But after declaring that Sri. Raju was the convener of the action council, he gave a news saying that he was the convener and went to the Ettumanoor court and filed a case. Even before that, he said he wanted to go to Thiruvananthapuram in the form of doing whatever he wanted with a few more people and give an interview for this channel. But no channel was interviewed by Shreemathy teacher, who said VIP. Not only that, made it clear in front of the channel that we had not said so. However, he twisted it and wrote a letter to bring it here and try to implicate Shreemathy Teacher again. That is where I said that the case against a woman-the leader of one of the most influential women's associations in Kerala, who is a social activist, who has come forward to persecute such a woman as a heroine, should be first prosecuted under Rule 498, in the name of women Congress leaders, for allegedly harassing her. They are conspiring to make news in a way that actually tortures them. Now tell Sri. K. Babu.

Sri.K.Babu: Everyone knows that we are not the ones who raised the VIP issue in Kerala. It is our esteemed Chief Minister who, in the chair of the Leader of the Opposition in this Assembly, has raised the issue of VIPs the most and has written a book on the subject. That was the subject of a lot of campaigning in the last election. Who said that if he came to power, he would catch the VIP in 24 hours? The Chief Minister himself. None of us. Who is now harassing Sreemathy teacher by taking a letter and holding it in hand? Are we? A complaint, including Sreemathy teacher's name hereFridayLet me finish by saying. ..(Noise) Aren't I talking now. What I am asking is a topic came up in the urgent resolution here last Friday. In that regard also, the Chief Minister replied was whole this case.No matter how patient we may be, there is no problem of your Chief Minister leaving you on this issue. That is the important issue. Why blame us for that? We have also led a strike in the Collectorate under the leadership of the Women's Congress. We have not left, have we. And if you ask me if it is right to participate in the discussion, should I use the opportunity in the Legislative Assembly. Sri.Jayarajan is trying to settle his quarrel with Sri. E. P. Jayarajan to Sreemathy teacher. We have no such intention.

Minister for Scheduled Caste Welfare and Energy (Sri. A.K.Balan): Women Congress workers are holding a strike on the V.I.P issue. In Shari's statement, are you forcing us to tell the name of the VIP..... are you forcing to tell?

Sri.V.N.Vasavan: I have not heard any question on what you said.

Sri. K.K.Jayachandran: The Opposition is mainly pointing out the shortcomings in the functioning of the Women's Commission and the exercise of its powers. But when you listen to all of their speeches, if you look at the crucial role of the Congress and their leaders in the cases from Suryanelli to Kilirur, you can see that there is no connection between their speech and their action at the same time. Don't you realize that this is a step towards controlling the bad things they do?(Noise)

Sri.V.N.Vasavan: I will tell you all the parties in the Suryanelli case. There is a V.I.P.pointed out by Sri. K. Babu in this regard, it is true. He is now in opposition. That is the problem. I'm not saying who it is. It's bad that the person's name is on the record.

The Chief Minister told it very clear that 'I said what the doctor said then'. The doctor's statement has now come in front of the police. I mentioned that the child is upset when such prominent people come. That is how the doctor testified. So even if the doctor says you are trying to mentally torture the esteemed health minister without even giving him the consideration of being a woman again. Action should be taken on behalf of the Women's Congress for the crime of such torture. I say take the case. Here is the case of Dharmmarajan you mentioned... The Suryanelli case occurred during which government. You know it was during the U.D.F rule in Kerala. At that time not enough action was taken in the case. After that, when Comrade Nayanar came to power as the Chief Minister of the LDF, a senior police officer named Sri. Sibi Mathew was appointed as the Special Officer. It was during that investigation that your D.C.C secretary, Jacob Stephen, was assaulted and thrown into a stone cave. You explained something else. Dharmmarajan is the accused in it. Its accused was protected by high-ranking leaders of the U.D.F. Similarly .If you look at the general picture of torture cases, whether it is the Kilirur case, the Suryanelli case or the Pandalam case, whether Susheel Sharma went on top of it and burned a girl named Naina Sahni like a tandoori chicken, you are the frontrunner in terms of being a victim of such torture. No doubt about it. At the same time what is seen here in this scene is in order to bring the criminals in front of the law(Noise) The Women's Commission has taken a two types approach in this regard, mainly in the statement of the girl related to the V.I.P issue. That's what I pointed out here. That's what was mentioned in the statement earlier. Not only did we not get the treatment we needed in medical college, but there is a lot of skepticism about this-That's the child's statement. Similarly, the places where the child was taken were mentioned here. The investigation by the police officers is not correct. The real culprits cannot be caught. Why even after it was given to the Women's Commission as part of the statement given by that child.....

Sri.K.C.Joseph: This is a letter given to the Chief Minister by Surendra Kumar on 21-8-2007. According to the letter, only P. K. Shreemathy teacher saw her daughter inside. After their visit my daughter became restless and she had shortness of breath and chest pain. What we said is what this letter says..... (Noise)

Sri. Ananthlawattam Anandan: It has not been said that the VIP is Mrs. P. K. Shreemathy.

Sri.K.C.Joseph: Respected Ananthavattam Anandan, this is a copy of the letter. This letter says that Ms. Teacher and Josephine went to the medical college, the teacher was the only one who went in and saw Shari. What does it mean to say that my daughter was upset after that? We did not mention this in the discussion of the Women's Commission Bill for common decency. I don't know why you're dragging Mrs.Sri.mathi teacher into the commission discussion.

Sri. P.Jayarajan: What Mr.Vasavan read was part of the statement given by the parents before the then Chairperson Smt. M.Kamalam before the Women's Commission The child died in November 2004.It doesn't matter if you hide the fact that the petition was a play for Jaihind TV 3 years after his death. At the same time, you are taking a statement given three years after Shari died in the hospital? The person named Latha Nair took this child in and out of Kerala for a year and tortured her. That Latha Nair was sheltered. This is the judgment written by Justice Basant of the Kerala High Court when he considered the case of the anticipatory bail of that Latha Nair; I'll read part of it. In the court's judgment, he says that the case of the tortured child was handled in your administration and what shameful measures were taken at that time to protect its VIPs. "Suffice to say that the perusal of the case diary leads the Court to gather the impression that there has been no efficient and expeditious investigation".....One of the most shocking things was that, a minor girl had been molested for more than a year, and the high court judgement states that the case diary proves that no specific investigation was made into those responsible. Does Mr.K.C. Joseph not know that the high court's observation is more important than the complaint, which was written under the influence of someone three years after the incident?

Sri.V.N.Vasavan: In this case mainly ... (noise)

Mr.Deputy Speaker: How long do I tell you to come to the point. It's something I've been saying since before.

Sri.K.Babu: Point of Order My point here is that Mr.P. Jayarajan said that it was a play for Jaihind TV. The Chief Minister does not have to be complicit in the drama being prepared for Jaihind TV. What happened here was, C.N.Surendra Kumar lodged a complaint with the Chief Minister and the Chief Minister showed it to the media. Surendra Kumar lodged a

complaint with the Chief Minister and the Chief Minister showed it to the media. We said at the outset,

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It was the esteemed CM who actually tried to portray Mrs. Teacher as a VIP and a criminal in the issue. It being the actual fact, is it in order to say that the play is prepared for Jaihind TV?

Mr.Deputy Speaker: It is not on this subject that Mr. Vasavan's amendment. You talked for 34 minutes, can't allow any more time. This bill will be different. The Women's Commission Bill will not be amended. You must conclude.

Sri.Ananthavattom Anandan: Mrs.P.K.Sri.mathi Teacher visits hospital when this girl is laying in her deathbed after being showcased in front of many people for years. Who was responsible for the death? Aren't those responsible people sitting on the other side? (...noise

Mr.Deputy Speaker: You must conclude. ... (... noise ...)

Sri.V.N.Vasavan: What I said was, why the LDF government intended the Women's Commission to be an effective commission or why the bill was brought. All the positions taken by the Women's Commission on such issues in the past were not in favour of the victims. Rather, it was in favour of the defendants. The then Commission for Women's Mission to Rescue Victims was not fulfilled. Today, contradictory things are being said. That's what I mentioned. - It is because the future members should not be like this that a justice joined it and increase the number of members and suggested that a representative from the minority community should come as well. This commission should function effectively in this way. At the same time, I am of the opinion that action should be taken against those who have come forward to persecute Mrs. P.K. Sri.mathi Teacher in this field.

Mrs.J.Arundhati: Sir, the Kerala Commission for Women (Amendment) Bill, 2007, as reported by the Subject Committee, again introduces an amendment to be sent to the same subject committee for consideration. For women in Kerala, we see the Women's Commission Bill as a magnacarta. It is the same as the newspapers of the day when the Government of 1987-91 passed it. But just as our opposition members who issued

rejections to several bills were passed during this assembly, they have come forward to respond very strongly to this bill also. Sri. K. M. Mani himself is very much

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have been very critical. It has been pointed out that it is unconstitutional as well as the financial memorandum is not given in it. The Women's Commission has proven that it can work very efficiently. It was during the UDF regime that its chairpersons were first appointed. Mrs.Sugatakumari teacher, then Justice Sri.devi and then Mrs. M. Kamala have all sat in the post of chairperson. In the early days it was better serviced than the National Commission for Women. . But with the advent of the UDF rule, they tried to make it very distorted. With the appointment of the leader of a political party in the position of chairperson, its very nature changed. Similarly, its membership was cut down. So as a result of the reduction of the membership to 3, it is very clear that this three-member commission, as a state with many problems, as a state with many issues of sexual harassment, will certainly not be able to deal with issues that arise in all 14 districts. Therefore, this Bill sent by this Legislature to the Subject Committee should decide the necessary amendments. The amendment to appoint a Secretary to the Government as Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Government by increasing the membership of this Commission is hereby referred to in Section 2, Amendment 6, and so on. As part of the arrival of a Chief Executive Officer, the commission's work can certainly be expanded and transparency can be further ensured for establishment, as well as account, redressal of grievances, etc. Similarly, I am very happy that the department for including another Scheduled Caste woman as a member of the Commission has been included in it. Now it is said that necessary vigilance committees should come to avoid women's harassment cases. But in previous cases of sexual harassment, women Actions taken by the Commission - even in the case of the woman who died in the Kozhikode fire. But the work done by the Women's Commission in the earlier cases of women's harassment- whether it was about the woman who died of burns in Kozhikode, or even on issues like the one mentioned by the MLA V. N. Vasavan, — the Women's Commission has not been able to function as efficiently as it has in recent times. Does anyone here have a dispute that that as part of the expansion of this membership today, the women's commission's work in all the 14 districts is not certainly possible with 3 members? There is no dispute. But there is an unnecessary controversy that is recorded here. If its hearing is to be held in all 14 districts, one member has may have to take the responsibility of multiple districts.

It has been said several times that the government should be careful that Chairperson's like Justice. Sri.devi should be appointed for the efficient working of this. Based on this Sri.mati. P.K.Sreemathy Teacher, who is also in charge of this, brought here an Amendment Bill like this. Some opinions to be told about this are, to reduce the violence against women, plans to form Vigilance Committees at Panchayat level should not only be said, we should be able to establish it. Along with District Committees should also be there. It would be good if the proposal to invite the Legislative Assembly members in these committees is included in this amendment. To make notices of similar cases occurring in our area and considering the opinions of M.L.A.s, we can make the working of the district level Vigilance committees more efficient. I would like to say, if proposals would be included in the Amendment to make the commission an authority to provided legal advice and find solutions regarding problems like this rather than a platform just to refer the cases. I would conclude, welcoming this bill which would bring an amendment required to find solutions on time to the cases involving violence against women occurring in the state.

Minister for Health & Social Welfare (Sri.mati.P.K.Sreemathy): Sir, for the opposition party the respected Sri. Anil Kumar, Sri. M. Murali, Sri. M.Ummar, Sri. P.C.Vishnunath, Sri. Roshy Augustine, Sri. V.N.Vasavan Sri.mati. J.Arundathy spoke about the Kerala Women's Commission Law Amendment. All the respected member who spoke from both the sides gave some new proposals as well as expressed their comments regarding the Amendment Bill. Many nice proposals have come from both the sides which I welcome wholeheartedly. We will examine, how to bring about some comprehensive amendments in the basic law so that the proposals put forth by the respected members can be implemented in the future only with the aim to strengthen this system prevailing in the state.

[On the presidential chair, Mr. Speaker]

Amendments like this are not brought quickly. Rather why was it decided to convert the three membered Kerala Women's Commission to a six membered committee also including a member secretary? All the respected members are aware. Before this government came into power and also six to seven months after this government came

into power, the Kerala Women's Commission was working under the leadership of respected Sri.mati. M.Kameladathi, who was the chairperson. Examining the latest reports from them, we can see that there has been no active function or intervention as it used to be before and I don't know is it because of some physical issues or other reasons. The activity that preceded it is quite dormant. I would not blame her from my side that she did not anything. Rather there was a criticism from the members of both the Governing party and the Opposition party, regarding the dormancy state of Kerala Women's Commission even a year before this government came into power. They functioned for five-

six months after this government came into power. But there was a limitation that it functioned only with three members. There is also a doubt that did they have some sort of reluctance in functioning. There had also been some problems of health issues. Taking this into account, the initial decision taken was to first increase the member strength with a view to change the present condition of the Women's Commission. Some factual errors regarding this have been mentioned by the respected member. That factual errors are, after passing by the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1995, the first Commission with Sri.mati. Sugathakumari as the chairperson came into existence on 14-6-96 during the governance of U.D.F. The members of that commission were people like Sri.mati. Nafeesath Beevi and Sri.mati. Nurbeena Rasheed. But later, the L.D.F. government came into power instantly after the election. The L.D.F. government had decided not to dissolve the commission chaired by Sri.mati. Sugathakumari. The L.D.F. government had no political intentions regarding this. Needless to say who is Sri.mati Nafeesath Beevi, to the members? She was the important office bearer and an active member of K.P.C.C. and was the member of the commission chaired by Sri.mati. Sugathakumari along with Nurbeena Rasheed during the five years when Comrade. E.K.Nayanar was Chief Minister. She is an activist of Indian Union Muslim League. They were not dismissed. The L.D.F. government did not see any political intentions in this. Especially in the case of Women's Commission, with a view beyond party politics, that commission chaired by Sri.mati. Sugathakumari functioned as the Women's Commission. Their term had expired. Whom did the L.D.F. government appoint as Women's Commission after their term was over? The retired judge of High Court. Justice. Sreedevi. A mature intellect in the field of law. A person with the expertise as judge for many years and experience as a

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justice in family court. It was decided as a seven-member committee along with this respected justice as the chairperson. But today, there are only six members altogether including the member secretary. Then there were seven members. The L.D.F. government did a good act before. There were no S.C/S.T members in the U.D.F. government's first commission. Didn't the L.D.F. government included a member from a scheduled caste in the commission by an amendment? We always say that we consider the individuals belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. But the members in the opposition did not think about it then. The L.D.F. government took a decision in that. Why didn't the U.D.F. do this provision when the system was modified? But to be unfortunate, in the commission chaired by Justice. Sreedevi, retired High Court judge, a proficient leader was there in that commission. Did the U.D.F. government give a chance to function for a year at least? Respected Murali, please give attention to one thing. You are a M.L.A. who speaks about everything impartially. Sri. Murali please say one thing. During the term of your government, the Women's Commission chaired by a person like Justice. Sreedevi was dissolved and who was the new chairperson? I have no animosity towards Kamaledathi. I respect her a lot. I have no resentment in appointing her. She is the active activist and important leader of K.P.C.C. since several years. Was such a person be appointed as the Chairperson of Women's Commission who is the office bearer of Congress? Please say. You don't have any reply. We do not have discord in appointing Sri.mati. Sugathakumari as the

chairperson. The government also did not change it. But, disbanding the commission chaired by Justice. Sri.devi and not the individual Sri.mati. M.Kamalam was appointed instead of her. But a leader, heading the ruling party of one of the most prominent political party in Kerala was brought as the Chairperson. Does it match with impartial politics you say about? Please say. There would be no answer. It is not possible to give an answer. That is the fact.

Prof.K.V.Thomas: It is sad that a person like you is saying this. Because, after your government came into power, in various committees which had to be seen impartially, you have appointed people with your politics.

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Nothing is said about Justice Sri.devi. Because I know them. Kamala sister is a similarly decent person. There is no doubt about that.

Smt. P. K. Sri.mathi Teacher: I said that first. I know Smt. Kamala sister very well. She is the possessor of a decent personality that is highly respected by all.

Sri. M. Murali: Kamala sister has a very large political background. When it comes to leadership of the Women's Commission, it is time for them to step down from their official responsibilities. But if you look at one of their activities, I mean, it's a continuous process. Those who think and act beyond politics must come. Probably a factor as to why they're doing so poorly. My assessment is that their performance was never prejudiced.

Smt. P. K. Sri.mathi Teacher: It turned out to be a bad assessment, Murali. It should be remembered that even as the chairperson of the Women's Commission, there was a picture of Kamala sister at the Satyagraha pandal. She was there even in the Satyagraha pandal of Congress. She was present at all events and political activities.

Sri. K. C. Joseph: Wasn't Smt. Sri.devi, the General Secretary of the Women's Federation, a member of the same commission that appointed Justice Sri.devi? Is Smt. Sri.devi impartial?

Sri. K. V Abdul Kadar: Hon'ble Mr. K. C. Joseph, who is on the Film Censor Board when it comes to Smt. T. Devi's politics in the Women's Commission? Even people who have never seen the film have become people of Congress. I will understand when Sri. Vishnunath comes. Because, he is a person who knows about cinema. There are people on the Film Censor Board, including Mr. Palodu Ravi.

Smt. P. K. Sri.mathi Teacher: Let me get to my subject. This is not about the members of the Women's Commission. The Women's Commission is made up of women who work in the social, political, cultural and public spheres. But when a Chairperson is appointed, what is the purpose of appointing a person who is an active member of the Congress and its leader, who is leading it in the administration, and not Smt. Kamalam? There are a number of reasons why it was decided to reduce to three members.

You just wanted to not have to work. They themselves have spoken directly many times about the hardships they have experienced. How do the three members go to all the districts to sit? What system is needed of that? There was nothing. The L.D.F government was reduced from seven members to six members, including the Member Secretary. There is no politics in the well-intentioned decision that a six- member women's commission should function. Respected members made some suggestions. I also have some suggestions. But the Women's Commission, which has been in place in the state since last March, has taken some steps to make it more effective as soon as possible. What we did this time was to have a woman from the S.C/ S.T category. They need an endorsement. Respected Vasavan said that he wanted someone from the minority. In each case, they have seized it, despite obstacles we can scarcely imagine. It is from the beginning. There is no way forward by squandering the minority. The U.D.F has always had a minority representation. But in your time S.C/S.T was forgotten. So do not forget. We corrected that forgetfulness. One of the many suggestions is to ensure gender equality. Gender equality cannot be guaranteed overnight. It's a little difficult. The women community in Kerala had hoped that the existing problems could be solved by bringing them before the Women's Commission. That hope was dashed in the final stages of the last Women's Commission. The credibility was questioned. As to why the Kerala's Women's Commission is working here, it was completely inactive in the last phase. That's why we decided to strengthen it. It is on the basis that this amendment was brought. The responsibility of the Women's Commission is huge. Respected Murali was right. I am one who critically acknowledges that they are still not able to fulfil the responsibilities adequately. That is not enough. They need a little more status. They still use the vehicle they used from the beginning. The government has decided to give new vehicles to Justice and members. It should have a comfortable office as well. Told about the cops as well. It's not easy to decide, but it's worth making some changes, until the change, these three members are not enough. Instead, the increase in number should be converted into increase in quality. A competent commission has now been set up. You all have noticed this February order. Regarding the Vigilance Committee, a decision has not been taken and implemented for the last 5 years.

But after the commission came into existence, an order of the Social Welfare Department came into force on June 23, 2007. Now it has come to some places. The Local Self Government Department and the Social Welfare Department have agreed to form a District level Committee and a Municipal/ Corporation/ Panchayat Level Committee under the chairmanship of the district/ Panchayat President under the Local Self Government Institutions and have issued an order with a very good guideline. The Vigilance Committee will reach the lower level within two months. The Hon'ble Local Self Government Department has said one more thing to the Minister. It has been decided that all the Vigilance Committees should be functioning at the Panchayat level, Municipal level, Corporation level, District level and then at the State level with a small amount of money included in the women's component plan when placing projects.

Sri. M. Murali: the Government should also be prepared to set up a Higher Level Committee, including the Home Secretary, to ensure that action is taken on the part of the Government in these matters upon receipt of the Periodical Report or Annual Report, as in the case of the Awareness Committees.

Smt. P. K. Sri.mathi Teacher: The Hon'ble Home Minister has held discussion with the Minister of Social Welfare officials. A committee has been set up to study and recommend how the recommendations based on the reports received over the years can be implemented with a view to comprehensively revising the policy on women policy itself. Once the report of that committee is received, certain decisions and actions can be taken. Then we can think about things related to comprehensive amendments. The Women's Commission has responded to the allegations. There is no constitutional crisis. Voted here and passed. Moreover, the amendment comes from within the central law. The extra cost of not even a penny is not in contact with the Member Secretary. All this was said when the Honourable K. M. Mani spoke while introducing an amendment. Again Mr. Roshi Augustine did not need to take it up. Now came the Domestic Violence Act. Protection officers came. The government wants to have protection officers at the block level as a system that our sisters can quickly rely on. The Department of Social Welfare has its officers. As much as possible, women should be included.

We are thinking about it. Service providers have been decided. The intention is to create a conducive environment in which The Womens's Commission can work more effectively , when all this comes together. Here are some suggestions put forward by Sri.M.Ummer,

Sri.Roshi Augustine, Sri.P.C.Vishnunath, Sri.V.N.Vasavan and Smt.J.Arundhathi. I am taking all those suggestions at face

6 p.m] value. But none of these amendments can be accepted as such in this case. We can discuss that again later. There is public opinion that it should be strengthened. I am very happy with it. Let us think about what solution can be found to the problems faced by our sisters in Kerala, by strengthening the Women's Commission. So, I have to request that this amendment be approved.

Mr.Speaker :Sri.V.N.Vasavan : Are you pressing your 1(A) amendment ?

Sri.V.N.Vasavan : Not pressing

The Amendment has been withdrawn with the consent of the House.

Mr.Speaker :Smt.J.Arundhathi : Are you pressing your 2(B) amendment ?

Smt.J.Arundhathi : Not pressing.

The Amendment has been withdrawn with the consent of the House.

Mr.Speaker : Regarding the issue of approving the resolution to consider the Kerala Women's Commission (Amendment)Bill 2007,reported by the Subject Committee :

Supporting :

Opposing :

The resolution is approved by the House and the bill is taken into consideration.

Section –Wise Consideration

Section - 2

(The Amendment has not been introduced).

The House agreed that Section-2 should be part of the bill.

Section -2 became part of the bill.

Section - 3

Sri.K.Babu : Sir, I move the following amendments :

112. In Section 5(1) of the Principal Act proposed to be amended by clause 3(1) a for the words

“who is committed for the cause of women” substitute the words “who is eminent and committed for the cause of women “

118. In Section 5(1) of the Principal Act proposed to be amended by clause 3(1)b for the words

“for other members “ substitute the words “ for other eminent members “.

(No other amendments were introduced)

Minister for Health & Social Welfare (Smt.P.K.Sreemathi Teacher) : Amendments are not acceptable.

Amendments No.112 and 118 introduced by Sri.K.Babu were rejected.

The House agreed that Section-3 should be part of the bill.

Section-3 became part of the bill.

Section – 4

Sri.C.P.Muhammed : Sir, I move the following amendments:

127. In Section(1) of the Principal Act proposed to be amended by clause 4(i) after the words

“ Every member “ the words and punctuation marks “ other than the Secretary” shall be Inserted.

Minister for Health & Social Welfare (Smt.P.K.Sreemathi Teacher) : Amendment is not acceptable.

Amendment No.127 introduced by Sri.C.P.Muhammed was rejected.

The House agreed that Section-4 should be part of the bill.

Section-4 became part of the bill.

Section – 5

Sri.M.Prakashan Master : Sir, I move the following amendment :

128. In Section -7 of the Principal Act proposed to be amended by clause 5 the word instead of

“four” substitute the following :- “three excluding the member Secretary “shall be inserted.

Minister for Health & Social Welfare (Smt.P.K.Sreemathi Teacher) : Amendment is not acceptable.

Amendment No.128 introduced by Sri.Prakashan Master has been withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The House agreed that Section-5 should be part of the bill.

Section-5 became part of the bill.

Section – 6

The House agreed that Section-6 should be part of the bill.

Section -6 became part of the bill.

Section – 7

The Minister for Health & Social Welfare (Smt.P.K.Sreemathi Teacher): Sir, Amendment No.129, for which Sri.K.C.Venugopal had given notice, is presented as an oral amendment.

129. “ In Section 12(1) of the Principal Act proposed to be amended clause 7(i) inserted the words

“exercising” in between the words “besides” and “the functions”.

(No other amendments were presented)

The House approved the Oral Amendment introduced by the Hon’ble Minister.

The House agreed that the amended Section-7 should be part of the bill.

Section -7 became part of the bill.

Sections 8- 12

The House agreed to the provision that Sections 8 to 12 should be part of the bill.

Section 8 to 12 became part of the bill.

Section-1, The Preamble & Name

The House agreed that Section-1, the Preamble and Name should be part of the bill.

Section-1,The Preliminary and Name became part of the bill.

Minister of Health and Social Welfare (Mrs. P.K. Sri.mathi Teacher):

Sir, The resolution to pass the Kerala Women's Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2007 is being presented.

Minister of Food, Civil Supplies and Animal Husbandry (Sri.C.Divakaran): Sir, I support the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, Kerala Women's Commission, 2007 (Resolution on Passage of the Amendment)

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The resolution is approved by the House.

The bill has been passed unanimously.

VII Select Committee Related to Fishermen Debt Relief Commission Bill, 2007

Minister of Law, Parliamentary Affairs, Sports and Youth Welfare (Sri.M.Vijayakumar): Sir, on the Select Committee on the Fishermen's Debt Relief Commission Bill 2007 constituted here with your permission, it is proposed to include two more members, Prof.K.V Thomas and Sri. K. V. Kunzhiraman.

Mr. Speaker: approved both names

The assembly is now adjourned and will reconvene at 8:30 am tomorrow.

(The assembly adjourned at 6.05 pm to meet again at tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 8:30 p.m.)

Appendix I

[See unstarred Question No. 10 (1884) dated 17-9-07]

Financial assistance to those who fail the S.S.L.C. exam

Duration of tuition course -4 months

(For those who are writing the exam in September)

Item	Amount
Lump sum grant	Rs.300 per course
Tuition fees	Rs.500 for language subjects only
	For other subjects only - Rs.750
Stipend	Rs.250 per month for the duration of the course

2. Duration of tuition course -10 months

Item	Amount
Lump sum grant	Rs.300 per course
Tuition fees	Rs.600 for language subjects for 10 months
	For other subjects only - Rs.900

Stipend :120 per month for the duration of the course (10 months)

3. Financial Assistance for Those Who Fail in Higher Secondary Examination

(Course Duration -10 Months)

Item	Amount
Lump sum grant	Rs.500 per course
Stipend	Rs.200 per month
Tuition fees	Rs.750 / - for Science and Commerce subject with Computer Science and Rs. 600 / - for other subjects and language for one subject period.

APPENDIX II

(See unstarred Question No. 32 (1906) dated 27-9-07)

(1)	(2)	Generation in MU during		
		(3)	(4)	(5)
<i>thelast three years</i>		2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	Kallada	78.11	64.11	76.16
2	Peppara	5.80	3.84	7.48
3	Madupetty	4.75	6.87	5.68
4	Poringalkuthu LBE	107.89	105.38	107.81
5	Malampuzha	2.95	0.68	2.0613
6	Lower Meenmutty	-	-	5.6221
7	Urumi	1.52	12.85	14.52
8	Chembukkadavu	5.93	10.59	12.17
9	Malankara	-	20.58	32.22
10	Maniyar(Pvt.)	34.69	41.66	43.02
11	Kuthungal(Pvt.)	36.11	46.13	47.52
Total		277.75	312.69	352.20



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The Legislative Assembly gathered a meeting on Thursday, the 11th December 2014 at 8.30am presided over by the Respected Deputy Speaker Sri. N. Shaktan at the Legislative Assembly Hall.

I. QUESTION AND ANSWERS

(The number of the question in the list allowed for this conference session is provided in the bracket)

i. Answers given verbally

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order.....Order.....Question Number*241

Ashwas Public Amenities Kerala Limited

1(*241) Sri. Joseph Vazhackan :

Sri. Ludy Luiz:

Sri. T. A. George: Will the Minister of Public Works Department please answer the questions given below:

- A. Did the Public Works Department form a company named Ashvas Public Amenities Kerala Limited: Please elaborate?
- B. Please explain what are the aims and objectives of this;

- C. Elaborate what all are the things included in the functioning of these amenities' centers in Cities, Town centers and Foot-paths.
- D. Please clarify the details of the facilities available in these centers and explain.

Minister of Public Works Department(Sri. V. K. Ebrahimkunju):Sir,

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- A. There is a company named Ashvas Public Amenities Kerala Limited formed under the Public Works Department.
- B. The first and foremost objective of this is to construct centers along the road with neat and clean toilet facilities which would benefit travelers, mainly ladies and tourists. By implementing the concept of toilets working 24hours equipped with most modern facilities would change the existing understanding of people about public toilets. Through these activities we aim at promoting health care, ensure availability of toilet facilities, bring about a positive change in the attitude of consumers, to bring necessary awareness among the public, to provide training in cleaning activities and to find solution to related environmental issues.

(C&D)The concept of Ashvas Public Amenities Centre includes facilities other than toilets like Snack's shop, Memento shops, resting rooms, Bank A. T. M. , Locker, necessary information for travelers, gardens along with necessary facilities ideal at each place with a fixed user fees working self-sufficiently. By using the revenue collected from additional commercial institutions would help in maintaining them in a world-class manner.

Sri. Joseph Vazhackan: The major problem of everyone who reach the God's own county will be solved by the formation and working of this company for which I would heartly congratulate the Minister.

The company named Ashvas Public Amenities Kerala Limited through its formation and working, is trying to find solution to the complaint by everyone who visit Kerala mainly ladies, that there are poor facilities to use toilets. We intend to build these centers along the sides of P. W. D. National Highways, other major State Highways and major district roads.

Has the Government made any suggestions to acquire Revenue outlandish lands at places where P. W. D. lands are not available? Are there any chances for that? Are the operations for this being directly done by the company or given as tenders? Could you please explain the facts like its use fee?

Sri. V. K. Ibrahimkunju: We intend to start the construction works on the oxpo lands on our roads. We have initially started it in that manner. We plan to begin the initial construction activities on oxpo lands formed while increasing the width of the road or while building new roads is called which literally means bull's horns. As stated earlier by the respected member we also plan to start construction by acquiring Revenue outlandish land by obtaining permissive sanction. We have invited expression of interest for its execution. Three companies have showed interest. But the companies have not been selected. The user fee has been determined as five rupees. To provide modern facilities and sanitary equipment's is an expensive thing but we intend to provide it at minimal cost to the users.

Sri. Ludy Luiz: How many centers are we planning to open under the Ashvas Public Amenities Kerala Limited in the first phase? Are steps being taken to provide special facilities to Ladies and Elderly people at these amenities centers?

Sri. V. K. Ebrahimkunju:Of course, we plan to implement measures for providing special facilities to Ladies and Elderly people. The construction at three places, Perumbavur, Aroor and Tirur, where offers have been made from the Asset Developmental Fund of the M. L. A.s, will begin soon. The M. L. A.s have offered 50lakh rupees at Aroor, 100lakh rupees at Tirur and 32lakh at Perumbavur. The order has been already issued for this. The clearance from the revenue department has also been obtained. Many places have also been identified.

Sri. T. A. George: Sir, what are the terms and conditions regarding the construction of the amenities centers as a part of Ashvas Public Amenities Kerala Limited; What are the procedures included to monitor its working after the construction?

Sri. V. K. Ebrahimkunju: The monitoring and maintenance of these centers is of utmost importance. We would appoint people specially trained for this. We plan to start these on the sides of roads under the Public Works Department. At important locations where places is not available as mentioned earlier by Sri. Joseph Vazhackan, we plan to start these at outlandish lands and Government land by obtaining permissive sanctions.

Sri. Purushan Kadalundy: Sir, we are at the forefront in maintaining the comfort stations clean. We have supplied automatically functioning E-toilets using M.L. A. fund. It is supplied by Keltron. A private company is producing it. We are not able to supply these timely. We are not able to know if the supplied ones are working. To change this, the P. W. D. which has many Civil Engineers, Electronics Engineers & Mechanical Engineers or any other similar organizations, are able to build and supply Janata model toilets to villages?

Sri. V. K. Ebrahimkunju: Sir, you have said a very important fact. We have thought about it and the Electronics wing of the Public Works Department has built a model of it. It has been experienced as a success model. We can develop it only if the M. L. A.s support it. We can take measures to establish E-toilets using Asset Development Fund and M. L. A. Fund, at the places they recommend.

Sri.N A Nellikkunju: Sir, Many roads in the municipalities of our panchayats have been lying impassable for months. No repairs are being made. These roads are the most important roads than that of the public works department. But they do not have the financial capacity to carry out road repairs in the panchayat of the Municipality. Even the roads in front of our public works office are not transportable. Since it is the roads of the Municipality or Panchayat, the department cannot do anything. Therefore, will funds be sanctioned from the Public Work Department for the maintenance of important roads of the Municipalities in the Panchayats?

Sri.V K IBRAHIM KUNJU : Public works fund can be used only for maintenance of roads under Public works Department. Non-Plan funds and special fund are allocated to the Public works Department at various stages. No such funds are allotted to the Public works Department due to financial difficulties. Existing Panchayat roads and Municipality roads have to be maintained by themselves.

Sri.K V Abdul Khadar: Sir Pubic toilets are going to be constructed under the Aswas Public Amenities Kerala Ltd. With the availability of water it is a good thing that it is coming. There is a PWD rest house in Kerala. In many places it is not maintained properly. Will such a scheme be formulated for the renovation of public works rest houses in important cities of Kerala?.

Sri.V K IBRAHIM KUNJU :Sir, your suggestion is very much welcomed. Rest house in cities especially in the cities of Thiruvananthapuram, Eranakulam and Kozhikode, have been transformed into one of the highest quality. Similarly special attention is being paid to it in cities. it is true that in many small towns where urban life has taken place, rest houses in rural areas cannot pay much attention. We will introduce a special drive for special attention.

Sri.C.F.Thomas: Sir, the main problem is the location to start an Amenity center on the road side. Has the PWD division been directed to find suitable space in all areas; can the project start as early as possible in timely manner.

Sri.V K IBRAHIM KUNJU :Sir, the esteemed member says it is the very important matter. The first thing done was finding place. Location found. A letter was sent to the esteemed MLAs. The company may be specially asked to send a letter to the esteemed MLAs to showing the locations still found. In areas where there is no PWD space steps will be taken to start this at the place suggested by the esteemed MLAs.

Sri.B Sathyan: Sir, as the Aswas Public Amenities Kerala Ltd, the construction of waiting centers have handed over to the agency 'Pratheeksha' by the Public Works Department. Road side waiting areas on road side of NH roads and MC roads, mainly near to schools and hospitals, could have been done with permission of the public Works Department, if they had been taken up with the peoples representatives and local bodies through a resolution in the past. The Public Works Department has entrusted 'Pratheeksha' as an exclusive agency to implement this. It has an office started in Kawdiyar. But there is no system in place to make the work. Last financial year and this financial year as per the law, there is a situation where waiting centers cannot be built on MC road, NH road and other transport areas without any difficulty, will this matter be considered or will it be ordered to work?

Sri.V K Ibrahim Kunju : Sir, here the question you asked about 'Pratheeksha' bus shelters. Construction of 'Pratheeksha' bus shelters has already started. If the respected MLAs want to start waiting centers anywhere, specifically the proposal will be discussed with the Managing Director of this company and a decision will be taken. Can be specifically suggested if there is any area.

Sri. C P Muhammad : Sir, the biggest problem for road passengers in Kerala is the lack of good food and toilets. The lack of such facilities in a civilized society is disgraceful. In gulf countries petrol pumps and shopping malls, toilets and telephone booths are doing well. So would Aswas Public Amenities Ltd. design good food, telephone booths and small malls to buy essentials, not just toilets? The necessary action will be taken for that?

Sri.V K IBRAHIM KUNJU :Sir, your suggestion is welcomed, it is planned in the same way. To say that Aswas Public amenities is not just about toilets .Among them are small Malls, shopping centers, ATM and the Govt. goal is to have all the facilities a traveler needs in modern times. It is planned to start in places like Perumbavoor, Aroor and Thiroor. As there is more space than required, a garden has been envisaged in Aroor using the Asset Development Fund of the MLAs. The project aims to provide as much modern amenities as possible for children to play in specialized centers with more space than needed. This is intended because of the facilities available in Aroor. Aswas Public Amenities is a fully equipped project.

Sri.K Kunjiraman(Thrikkarippoor): Sir, in Kerala where there are lot of unemployed people, the govt. can get a good income and solve unemployment by constructing buildings at the expense of the department in each Panchayat, municipality and Corporation as part of public amenities and appointing people to look after it. will the govt. take such steps?

Sri.V K IBRAHIM KUNJU :Sir, your suggestion is welcome, in order to complete this in the modern society, specially trained people are required in this regard. It has been decided to invite the Expression of Interest of the right people to do all this well, your suggestion will be considered.

Sri.M Ummar: Sir, when you start Ashwas Public Amenities Kerala Ltd, You and the Govt. will have a clear understanding and vision about it. He said some others were going to be started with the MLAs asset development fund, if so, who will do the maintenance? The toilets at the bus stands are nice to start but they are getting closed due to lack of proper maintenance. I requested you to take steps to ensure that it is maintained properly, when it comes as a result of new ideas.

Sri.V K IBRAHIM KUNJU :Sir, as the respected MLA pointed out, the most important issue is not to start these but to maintain them. That's why this company invites the expression of interest of experienced people who specialized in it. Three Companies have expressed their interest in this matter. It is intended to select companies that are highly skilled and well executed. As mentioned by the Hon'ble member, the Govt. is ready to consider any regional interest also in this matter.

Sri.C K Nanu: Sir, what the venerable M. Ummar said is a very important point. When it has completed with MLAs Asset Development fund., it will run properly even after the tenure of MLAs if the MLAs select a section of people at the municipal level and pay them the required salaries to keep them running well, to repair and keep clean,. Will you think about it?

Sri.V K IBRAHIM KUNJU :Sir, there is no problem in democratizing it, this is something that needs to be done professionally. The problem in our country is not the lack of toilets but the problem is not well maintained. The company was formed for the purpose of being run professionally. The respected member suggestion will also be considered and proceed.

Sri.M V Sreyams Kumar : Sir, Kerala is becoming a geriatric society. The elder peoples do not have convenient public amenities. The toilets here are not geriatric friendly. As our longevity increases, increase the number of older people .If public utilities are not built in the use of elderly people, there will be a big problem. will action be taken for that?

Sri.V K IBRAHIM KUNJU :Sir, of course, the Amenities Centre is built to provide more facilities for the elderly people and toilets that they can use. Some foreign countries have facilities that can be used by the elderly people. You asked this question because you saw it. I understand that the Honorable Member intended for them to be able to get up and sit in a wheel chair. Steps will be taken to set up such facilities at the Amenities Centre.

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Shri. V. Sivankutty: Sir, these are the things to be implemented under Ministry of Urban Development. No problem though. Let it happen anyway. So many boards have been formed like the pratheeksa, the Road Fund Board . If the Hon'ble Chief Minister or you can intervenes and informs the MLAs regarding the number of boards, that would be great. During the financial crisis, the corporation like monorail, corporations under kudumbasree, K.S.U.D.P are real white elephants which consumes crores of rupees. Within the department itself, there are officers with skills and abilities. Then what is the use of all these corporations, and an MD and a Chairman there. Consultancy is like an ultimate fraud. Road Fund Board has invested 500 crore in Thiruvananthapuram City to develop 42km of roads. Those who have such a big project, do not have the wisdom to do anything . So Everything is welcomed. Would you be willing to take a collaborative approach with the corporation and municipality by avoiding the payment of additional salary.

Shri. V. k Ibrahim kunju: Sir, of course as you suggested the company is working by avoiding expenditures especially the facilities to reduce initial expenditures as much as possible. For example we have taken steps to reduce rent and salaries. As you suggested the corporations and municipality are planning to work collectively. Your suggestions are welcomed.

Shri. P. C. Vishnunath: Sir, every year Millions of devotees from Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are coming to attend shabarimala pilgrimage in my legislative assembly chengannur. In the chennangur town itself. There is a PWD land near MC Road near to PWD rest house there. If an amenities center is started, it will be helpful to lakhs of pilgrims passing through M.C road. It will also be a great relief for those traveling through M.C road. Will action be taken to start a center of Ashwas Aminities Kerala Limited? Not because my constituency, I am asking it, as it is a very important point.

Sri. V.K. Ibrahim Kunju : Sir, your suggestion is welcome. At the site of the Public Works Department, Government is ready to construct such a center of Ashwas Aminitis Kerala Limited. There are two things right now. One, the assets of the MLA Asset Development Fund or MLA Funds must be made available. Or another way is in mind. CSR (Corporate Social Responsibilities) of large corporates are also to be considered. The government has approached the NTPC. If NTPC helps, such an institution is planned to bring in Kayamkulam. Asset development fund of MLAs or MLA Funds are needed or if the MLAs take the initiative, the government will definitely monitor at CSR (Corporate Social Responsibilities) and funds can be made available to build. The Public Works Department is ready to set up an amenities center in that area. It is requested that the initiative be taken by you.

Shri. Mullakkara Ratnakaran: Sir, PWD properties have become abundant on the road side, when the state highways, National highways have been developed. The Ithikkara river flows most through the Chadayamangalam constituency. About 80 cents of the property on the banks of the Ithikkarayar is owned by PWD. That came when the road was developed. Now it's under threat of encroachment. There are threats of encroachment in many places. During the Sabarimala season Millions of pilgrims pass through it. If bathing facilities and other facilities are provided, PWD will receive lacks of rupees revenue. There will not be any problem of water availability as it is near ithikkara river. If handed over to someone, rent can be collected. Or it can be run directly by the PWD. All this facilities can be made. Or if handed over to the panchayat, The panchayat will use the property in that manner. Property in Chadayamangalam is particularly noteworthy. By pointing out such properties depending on the situation, P.W.D. can receive lakhs revenue more over to be utilized by people. Will action be taken to terminate encroachment activities.

Mr. V. K Ibrahim Kunju: Sir, the company can be asked to take special action on the matter suggested by the Hon'ble Mullakkara Ratnakaran. Moreover, it doesn't need to be handed over to the panchayat. As there is such a scheme, it can be developed by the company of the Public Works Department itself. Make the most of this facility. As mentioned earlier, I would like to remind you that you may be prepared to use the asset development fund of a respected MLA.

Mr. C. Moinkutty: Sir, the Hon'ble Minister mentioned here about Ashwas Public Amenities Kerala Limited. Is there any intention to implement this scheme in such a way as to benefit the disabled and the unemployed by minimizing the user fee?

Mr. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju: Sir, Many respected members have already mentioned what you said. It is now intended to select skilled companies with specialized training. This can also be considered.

Mr. A. K. Balan: Sir, with the MLA funds, I had built a very good waiting shed and comfort station at the bus stand in Vadakancherry at a cost of Rs 45 lakh. It's bussy there. The panchayat has set a user fee of one rupee. Now the panchayat is doing the maintenance there. The best waiting shed and e-toilet, have six rooms. Arrangements were made for the implementation of this scheme for aided schools and government schools. But now there is a technical barrier. . After the formation of Ashwas Public Amenities Kerala Limited, BDO's doesn't give sanction to to do work on PWD Road using this fund, Therefore, It would be a little more comforting, if the Hon'ble Minister would take a decision that this does not apply to small bus stand-cum-comfort stations using MLA fund. Will the esteemed minister pay any attention in that direction?

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Mr. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju: Sir, this is a decision taken by the government at the time of formation of these companies. As you suggested., a comfort station is essential when building small bus stands with money from the M.L.A. fund. Permission to attach and construct it also will be given in P.W. D.

Mr.P. A. Madhavan: Sir, Ashwas Public Amenities, as the name suggests, is now a major initiative for the relief of long-distance travelers and pilgrims. An important question, if the exit land owned by P. W. D. is pointing out beside the main roads like Trissur-Guruvayoor road where lakhs of people comes from other states and abroad to Visit places like Guruvayoor, If the amount is sanctioned from the M.L.A fund or or the asset development fund, will instruction be given in order of priority?

Mr. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju: Sir, of course, this is a must on the Guruvayur route and also in Guruvayur. In Guruvayoor there are lost of institutions under Municipality and also in private sector. If the M.L.A makes such a proposal, it will be given top priority.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The question that has now come up in the House and the answer to it is a good example for us. All the members briefly asked the questions. The Hon'ble Minister also gave a concise answer. 16 asked the sub-question and 3 the main question. This is a record in this Assembly. If everyone follows this example, many members will have the opportunity to ask questions. Special thanks to the Chair.

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Actions to do Roads in B.M & BC

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Mr. Mons Joseph:

Mr. T. U.S. Kuruvilla:

Mr. Thomas Unniyadan: Will the Minister of Public Works kindly answer the following questions?

(A) To do all major roads in the State B.M&B.C Can you elaborate on the steps being taken to do so;

(B) Will steps be taken to complete maximum tarring of major state and district roads in view of traffic congestion?

(C) Will steps be taken to provide clean toilet facilities at all major junctions on State and District Roads?

Minister of Public Works (Shri VK Ibrahim Kunju): Sir,

(A) All major roads in the State are constructing in B. M. & B. C . Out of the the total length of the N.H roads in the state is 1568 kms, except for the section of N.H 220 from Kollam High School Junction to Kollakkadavu (00 km to 53 km), the surface has been improved by B.M. & B.C. works. Over the last three years, B.M&B. C works have been completed in 2600 kms of road including state roads and districts roads. 1454 kms of roads also have maintained under the K.S.T.P. scheme using B.M & B.C. Under the K.S.T.P project 6 roads of 363 kms in 9 packages are developing under the K.S.T.P project. In addition to this , all the roads included in the Urban Road Development Plan are being implemented through the Kerala Road Fund Board are in B.M & B.C .

(B) Tarring of major State and District roads with maximum width as per availability of land in view of traffic congestion.

(C) A company called Aswas Public Amenities has been set up to provide clean toilet facilities at all major junctions on state- district roads. In addition to the toilet facilities, the snack bar, memento shop, restrooms, bank ATM locker, passenger information, gardening and other facilities are also envisaged to be adequately operational with a fixed user fee.

Shri Mons Joseph : Sir, I especially appreciate the Government's commitment to build important roads in Kerala to BM and BC standards. There is no doubt that the best roads that can be travelled in our state are roads done at BM & BC level. While appreciating the special interest and government position taken by the Respected Minister ... it has been done during the last Government as well. The need of the hour is for us to extensively implement rubberized roads in Kerala to ensure long lasting quality roads. The important thing is that it is a blessing for rubber farmers. At the same time, rubberized bitumen needs to be produced for quality long-lasting roads. During the tenure of the Respected Minister Shri PJ Joseph, the first implementation of rubberized roads in Kerala was initiated. A special plant for this purpose was set up at Kochi. We went on for a while. But now we can't enable it. Has the Government examined this issue: Will the Government take the decision to make rubberized roads in Kerala a reality in such a way that rubberized bitumen can be produced and come forward to implement it; Will the government give priority to the production of rubberized bitumen?

Shri VK Ibrahimkunjil: Sir Hon'ble Mons Joseph has mentioned here a very important point. The government has summoned Cochin refinery officials specifically for the fall in rubber prices. It is the policy of the government to make maximum use of rubberized bitumen for road construction works. Natural rubber modified bitumen (NRMB) is used when bitumen concreting in KSTP project and National Highway works. Bitumen concrete is also used in BM & BC works undertaken by the Public Works Department (Roads and Bridges) Division. However, petroleum companies have limited access to large quantities of MRMB in Kerala. The company has reported that their capacity is low. The government has asked for an increase in capacity.

Mr. Mons Joseph: Sir, the reply you have pointed out is welcomed. Even though rubberized bitumen is being produced in Kerala at present, the quantity we have to use is less. Therefore, Kerala has to take the initiative in an effort to implement this across India. It will be a great help to the rubber farmer. If the decision to use rubberized bitumen in every state of India can be incorporated in the policy of the Government of India, Kerala will reap the greatest benefits. Will the government take the initiative? At the same time, tar shortage is now an issue. Has the government noticed a situation where tar is not available in these nearby areas while the contractors are waiting for the tar after remitting money for it ? . The availability of tar means that road construction activities need to be implemented taking advantage of the season. So will the government take the necessary steps to ensure the availability of tar? ...

Shri. V.K. Ibrahimkundu: Sir, what you have suggested is very important. The Government may take steps to send a separate letter to the Central Surface Transport Department containing this regard. At the same time, the Cochin Refinery supplies tar to us. They may also be instructed to produce more rubberized bitumen. The important thing is that some payment is due to the Cochin Refinery. By paying it immediately we will take steps to make the rubberized bitumen available.

Mr. T U Kuruvila: Sir, I appreciate you for using bm & bc extensively. At the same time you may take steps to get five year performance guarantee to these roads. Now the roads are constructing not in good quality. So is it possible to run a five-year bank guarantee or a performance guarantee; as well as the government may take steps to build clean toilets at major junctions on state and district highways in the metro cities as per the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Development Plan? ..

Mr. VK Ibrahimkundu: Sir, what you said is very important. That is why the government has set up a five-year guarantee on the 55 km long Mannarakulanji Pampa Sabarimala Road, which was inaugurated yesterday in the constituency of Hon'ble Raju Abraham. But now bm & bc roads have three years guarantee. One important thing about it is that the competition for the contract will decrease as the guarantee period increases. There is also a situation where contractors are reluctant in this regard. You can check whether the guarantee period can be increased considering this fact also.

Mr. Thomas Unniyadan: Sir, the condition of the roads in our state is changing drastically due to climate change. Many roads are deteriorating very quickly. The construction of better and long lasting roads that which you have mentioned now is very much welcomed. Tarring using rubberized bitumen as mentioned by Mr. Mons Joseph here is very much welcomed.

The general impression is that we need to be a little faster in what we do in the road construction using rubberised bitumen. There are two reasons for it. Through this we can find a solution to the problems facing by the farmers in the rubber sector and for the construction of quality roads. I reiterate the need to take action to resolve it expeditiously and at the same time you are moving the road construction system very fast in bm & bc. Steps are being taken to construct non-PWD roads also in BM&BC. How many kilometers of roads are under the jurisdiction of the PWD Department in our State; How many kilometers of roads have been made by BM & BC?

Shri. V.K. Ibrahimkunju: Sir, as mentioned by you, the roads using rubberized bitumen have more beauty, durability and riding quality. We intend to do such work maximum. But as the esteemed Mons Joseph said earlier, there are technical issues involved, such as the non-availability. Of course it is worth paying special attention to. The Public Works Department has 3,1812 kms of roads for roads and bridges and 1,568 km of National Highways for roads in Kerala. Bm & bc 5050 km of roads have been completed in our Roads and Bridges. This 5050 km includes 1,454 km of roads acquired through KSTP. The remaining 1,515 km except 53 km will be covered by BM&BC under the National Highways Section.

Shri V Chenthamarakshan: Sir, in NH-47 work on Walayar-Vadakkancherry road progressing in good condition. At the same time, other roads in Palakkad district, including that my constituency, are in a dilapidated condition due to the heavy traffic in connection with this road work.

At the same time, my constituency shares border with Tamil Nadu. When vehicles coming to Kerala from Tamil Nadu enter the roads of Kerala, the world-famous story teller Shri. V Samba Sivan's story is "like a copper pot falling into a pond in the Devalokam".

When entering into my constituency the roads are in very pathetic condition. So, will you please take necessary steps to do these roads which shares border with Tamil Nadu in BM & B C.

Shri VK Ibrahimkunju: Sir, what you said here is very important. But you have hope in the construction of NH 47 in very well. In two years, a road with better riding quality will be available than the road in Tamil Nadu. But another important issue is that as the work is going on in this road, in some roads, including that in the constituency of Sri. M. Chandran, are experiencing heavy traffic. Some of the centres have taken steps to repair those roads with the help of this construction company with the intervention of the Public Works Department. In any case, the government is paying special attention to this matter. Special care should be taken in this regard.

Mr. VarkalaKahar: Sir, I have two things to present here, one is the width of the roads. Both sides of the road are in the hands of many people today and the accidents caused by it are incalculable. Many accidents are caused by this. At the same time 20mm chipping carpeting will not be seen in the next rain. 4 or 5 times the amount

If BM & BC roads are built, they will last for at least 5 years. The problem there too is the attempt to quote the amount below and get the quotation. There must be a condition for that. Let me say one more thing, plastic roads have been tried and tested successfully. That way plastic waste can be eliminated and quality roads can be built. Local bodies and P.W.D. was successful in places where it was tested. It will not cost much to build. To take survey measures and recover lost lands, B.M & B.C will steps be taken to expand and at the same time make plastic roads practical?

Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju : Sir, as the Hon'ble member has pointed out, we have used useless plastic cuts on experimental basis while doing chipping carpeting of 30 kms of road. That was a huge success. The Government will take steps to use more plastic waste. The Kerala Highway Research Institute has made a positive comment in this regard. Currently 80 Percentage roads has taken the B.M & B.C position that it should be done. There is a situation where nothing can be done about making a bill quote. Because it is in competitive tender. If failure to give work to the lowest tender or is erroneous as per CVC guidelines. And it will have cases and problems. That is the real problem. We need to think about how we can deal with it socially. If the P.W.D can do anything in this regard, it can do so the co-operation of the esteemed MLAs.

Sri. K. Ajith : Sir, Kumarakom in Vaikom constituency is an international tourist destination. The KSTP has conducted a survey and prepared an estimate to do B.M & B.C level road for 7Kilometers road to Kumarakom. Considering the importance of this, The Hon'ble Chief Minister and Kottayam M.P is also noted. There are many accidents here.

The road leading to the International Tourist Centre will be rehabilitated on the initiative of the Hon'ble Minister and will benefit the public and tourism. Will action be taken to pass the estimate for the same?

Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju: Sir, it will be conducted by the auspices of KSTP. The esteemed Minister of Tourism himself says that it is a very important road for Tourism. It can be done with special interest.

Sri. Dominic Presentation: Sir, The roads which made through B.M & B.C, are exists. The main reason for this is that the road is not waterlogged. But many highways and state highways do not have drainage systems. Therefore, if done through B.M & B.C also, sometimes its edge breaks and then the road goes bad. Will the Government take steps to create drainage along with the B.M & B.C roads as well?

Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju: Sir, Hon'ble member Sri. Dominic Presentation pointed out a very important matter. The reason for collapse of roads in Kerala is the lack of drainage. So that, the B.M & B.C is doing the new tarring are with concreted drainage where the places are available. Unfortunately, we do not have land available in many places.

Sri. K. Suresh Kurup: Sir, as you know from Kottayam to Ettumanoor old M.C Road is the one of the best ways to avoid congestion and traffic jam. Half of the old M.C Road's work has begun upgrade to B.M & B.C level. Will action be taken to build the remaining part of it in such a manner immediately?

Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju: Sir, you have taken a keen interest in old M.C Road and so have taken steps to do B.M & B.C in some areas. Of course the rest will be done by B.M & B.C.

Chief Whip (Mr. P. C. George): Sir, it was learned that B.M & B.C work will be done in our rural areas like Poonjar, Sri. V.K Ibrahim has been a PWD minister since. Punalur – Muvattupuzha, Erumeli – Kanjirappally, are doing B.M & B.C. But Kanjirappally – Erattupetta, Erattupetta – Muttom is not. Knjirappally – Erattupetta – Muttom should be done B.M & B.C immediately. The most important of these is the issue of Vagamon Tourism. Erattupetta – Vagamon road is also under construction. Would you be prepared to take an action to make that road B.M & B.C in this year as well?

Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju : Sir, of course the area is given a lot of consideration as it is associated with the Sabarimala Pilgrimage. That is why more B.M & B.C roads are built there. The proposal to B.M & B.C roads to Vagamon and Muttom as well as the Erattupetta – Muttom road is under consideration. Action will be taken accordingly.

Sri. KodyeriBalakrishnan : Sir, The main obstacle to widening the existing roads is the unwillingness of the landowners to vacate the land. If it is a land acquisition, it cannot be completed. If the land owners in such places give away some of the land required for widening, then they will not be able to construct the building as per the building code. The building can only be constructed if the land is left there again. In such cases, is the Government ready to take a stand on the issue of construction of land allotments by announcing a special package? Many roads can be widened by such a declaration. I say that because there is such a case in my constituency. Road from Thalassery to Madappeedika – Chokli (coming under the constituency of Sri. K. P Mohanan) to Peringathur. It is a situation that cannot be widened in anyway. If such a scheme is announced we can make an intervention. Does the Government have such a plan?

Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju: Sir, this Government have such a plan. The project was implemented in Kochi. The floor area ratio will be increased by giving special benefits to the land owners. Sahodaran Ayyapan Road as well as on other roads also did in this same method. We can do that. Your suggestion is very effective. In that case in your constituency, a meeting of special ministers and heads of the departments will be convened to take a decision and bring it to the notice of the Cabinet for approval.

Sri. V. T. Balram: Sir, Have you noticed that many of the roads made by B.M & B.C as mentioned here do not lasts even 3 years? The main road from Pattambi to Kuttippuram, which passes through my constituency, is a major road used by thousands of people, connecting 2 districts. At present, only 3 kilometers of this 20 kilometers road has been constructed by B.M & B.C. It is an important road connecting 2 districts. It would be better if this road is done by B.M & B.C. Do you pay special attention to such things? Will there be a decision to make the constructed roads lasts atleast 5 years and fix its exact responsibility at the official level?

Sri. V. K Ibrahim Kunju: Sir, The Hon'ble Balram said something very important. B.M & B.C jobs do not get worse after 10 years. We have experience that the road gets worse before a year of work being done by some contractors. All of them are being monitored separately. B.M & B.C jobs now come with a 3 year warranty. Steps will taken to do B.M & B.C for the rest of the road as well, said Hon'ble Balram.

Sri. K. Raju: Sir, I think you do not see short people like me in the back raising their hands. Do you want get up and stand on the bench to raise the hand?

Mr. Deputy Speaker:Hon'ble Raju looks good. But what to do?

Sri. K. Raju: Sir, The name of the road is Punalur – Muvattupuzha. Work has been going on in Ponkunnam and Thodupuzha for years. Work on the Punalur section of the road has not yet commenced and work has been done to widen it. The shops have been demolished for years and what is stopping them from starting construction of that road from Punalur?

Sri. V.K. Ibrahim Kunju: Sir, there are no obstacles to it. KSTP is taken the Punalur – Ponkunnam road in Annuity Scheme. Toll collection was suggested, but the government said toll collection was not possible. P.P.P Preliminary steps are being taken to start the construction of the road as an annuity. All the procedures are being completed. The construction of the road will start from Punalur itself.

Dr. K.T Jaleel: Sir, The Government had announced Rs.1000 Cr project for the development of state highways. Accordingly, it was stated that 10 or 20 projects would be included in the Speed Kerala projects and that it would be done in a timely manner before the expiry of the term of this Government. A flyover at Edappal on the Thrissur – Kuttippuram road, a very important state highway. Its tender has been completed, tender work has been taken up and it has come to the government for agreement. According to a report in a newspaper yesterday, the Government has backtracked on its move to build a flyover in Edappal. Has the Government taken any such decision? If you do not build the flyover on the way to Kozhikode and Edappal, you will have to stay on the road for hours. So the Government should never take an approach that abandons it. Has there been any such decision on the part of the Government?

Mr.V.K.Ibrahim kunj: Sir, The government has never pulled out from the construction of the Edappal fly over. It was not on the project worth Rs 1000 crore as you said. It came under the 23 speed Kerala project. All 23 projects went ahead. The Edappal flyover is one of the foremost one of these projects. But now, the finance ministry has approved five projects, including the Thalassery-Mahe by pass mentioned earlier. It does not mean that the others are abandoned. After a while it will definitely get its permission and proceed with the proceedings

Mr.K.Sivadasan nair: Sir, Roads made by BM & BC are guaranteed for five years and even after five years, repair is still only a matter of pit closure. Once the pit closure on BM&BC roads are completed, it is no longer possible to travel on that road. The repairing will be like that. In the Mavelikkara-Kozhencherry road, the section from Chengannur to Kozhencherry is the most frequently used by Sabarimala pilgrims. It's been nine years since BM & BC done. .Now there is only repair going on. Will it take action to do it right?

Mr.V.K.Ibrahim kunj: Sir, Steps will be taken to overlay the Kozhencherry-Chengannur road mentioned by the esteemed member. It is best to overlay. In any case, steps will be taken in April.

Mr.Kolliyakodu N.Krishnan Nair: Sir, VC Road is a popular question. That is, there is no way to travel on vanapuram-chittaur road. There the LDF burned my statue, staue burned issue, why should I lie and then held a meeting yesterday.

There, NDF and Congressmen came to attack me with black flags. There I took an estimate to do BM & BC and handed it to the minister, what to say about it?

Mr.V.K.Ibrahim kunj: Sir, it's a 50-56 kilometer road I think almost 56 crore is needed for that road. Availability of fund is a major issue. There is no question of abandoning that project anyway. It will be done step by step by including it in any project.

Mr.Kolliyakodu N.Krishnan nair: Sir,...(Mic Off)....Sir, from 19 crore from Kallara to I took the estimate.

Mr.V.K.Ibrahim kunj: Sir, There is no question of abandoning that project anyway. It will be done step by step by including it in any project.

(question answer session ended)

2. Written answers

(1) Answers of the starred questions

The self governing status

3 (*243) Mr.M.Hamsa:

Mr.M.A.Baby:

Mr.A.Pradeep Kumar:

Mr.T.V.Rajesh: Will the education minister kindly answer the following questions.

(a) How many colleges in the state have been nominated for autonomous status so far?

- (b) What are the criteria for granting autonomy status?
- (c) What was the first set of marks and NAAC grading score of the panel?
- (d) Changed later? Can you explain the reason for this change if so? How many additional colleges will be eligible for autonomy status due to the change? Which are they?
- (e) Has the Governor, who is also the Chancellor, sought an explanation for the government's action in this regard?

Minister of education (Mr.P.K.Abdhu rabb): Sir,

- (a) The concerned universities were directed to apply to the UGC for granting 13 autonomous status, including 2 government colleges and 11 aided colleges.
- (b) Must have NAAC's A grade accreditation and undergraduate to postgraduate criteria as basic qualifications for granting autonomy.
- (c & d) The marks of the Expert Committee and the grading score of the NAAC were not pre-determined. The Autonomous Accreditation Committee has appointed a sub-committee to directly inspect 28 colleges which have applied for NAAC's grade A and have a bachelor 'to graduate ratio among the colleges which have applied for autonomy. It was decided to recommend to the UGC for granting autonomy to a total of 13 colleges, including those which have obtained marks in the middle and are accredited above 3.5 in the NAAC grading (criterionwise grade point average). The two colleges got autonomous status through better grading of the NACC are Rajagiri College of Social Sciences , Ernakulam and M.E.S college, Mampad.

(e) No, Ernakulam ST, Albert College filed a writ petition before the High Court as it was not included in the list of colleges recommended for autonomous status. The High Court had directed the Governor, who is also the Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, to issue an appropriate order within two months on the application filed by the College Manager in this regard. Following this, the Chancellor had sought the government's report on the application. The Honorable Chancellor has rejected the appeal after examination.

Malayalam language learning in schools

4 (*244) Mr.V.D.Satheeshan:

Mr.P.C.Vishhnunath:

Mr.K.Muralidharan: : Will the Education Minister kindly answer the following questions.

- (a) Whether an order has been issued making the study of Malayalam language compulsory in schools. If so, can you comment on this order?
- (b) Can you explain the facilities provided in schools for non-Malayalam speaking students to learn Malayalam?

What changes have been made in the school periods for this. What are the details?

Minister of Education (Mr.P.K.Abdhu rabb): Sir,

- (a) As per G.O(P)No.183/2011/dated on 1-9-2011 study of Malayalam language is compulsory for all schools in the state.

- (b) As mentioned above, the existing system for Kannada and Tamil Gujarati children to learn their mother tongue as their first language will continue. However, they have the opportunity to learn Malayalam in addition to the existing language. The curriculum is conceived and implemented in such a way that students of both languages can choose voluntarily at the higher secondary level. Students who are not native speakers of Malayalam can opt for Malayalam as a second language, if they are interested.
- (c) The study time has been rescheduled to set aside three periods per week instead of two for learning Malayalam Part-2 syllabus and to find an additional period rescheduled for Tuesday as Time Table 8 period with 4 periods of 40 minutes till noon and 4 periods of 35 minutes in the afternoon.

Kerala Road Infrastructure Company(RIC)

5(*245)Mr.S.Rajendran:

Dr.T.M.Thomas Issac:

Mrs.K.K.Lathika: Will the minister of PWD kindly answer the following question.

- (a) Has the Kerala Road Infrastructure Company (RIC), set up by the government for road development started functioning? If not, can you explain the reason?
- (b) How many crore rupees worth of road development projects have been envisaged in the state through this company?
- (c) Has the financial crisis facing the state hampered the operation of this company enough? Has the Finance Department denied permission for this?
- (d) Can you disclose the system under which the road development projects intended to be implemented by the State through RIC are now being implemented?

Minister of public works (Sri. V. K Ibrahim Kunju): Sir,

(A) Road Infrastructure Company Kerala Limited (RIC) formed by the Government for the road development has started operations.

(B) In two packages rehabilitation and upgradation, 1100 kms of road development at the cost of Rs.4148 crores is envisioned by this company.

(C&D) As the annuity amount quoted by the contractors for the tendered rehabilitation packages are very high, the rehabilitation project is proposed to implement in two phases as suggested by the finance department to shorten packages and re-tender. Project report on roads in the upgrade package preparation is in the final stages. All of these projects are proposed to implement in step by step through RIC (Road Infrastructure Company)

Safety of LPG cylinders

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Sri. C. Mammooty:

Sri. T. A. Ahmed Kabeer:

Sri. K. M. Shaji:

Sri. P. Ubaidullah., Will the Minister for food, civil supplies, consumer protection and registration kindly answer the following questions: :

(A) Will you clarify the mechanisms implemented to ensure security of LPG cylinders supplied in the state;

(B) Have you noticed the accident happening frequently due to the filling and distribution of cylinders without checking the age or functionality;

(C) To avoid this, will you implement safety measures through the agencies to give training and awareness to each consumer to adapt safety measures quickly in case of emergency;

Minister for food, civil supplies, consumer protection and registration (Sri. Anoop Jacob) :
Sir,

(A) LPG cylinders are inspected before being shipped from bottling plants. At least 10% of the cylinders arriving at the distribution agencies are subjected to inspection. After that, Each cylinder sent for distribution is inspected by the agency. The weight and leakage of the cylinders delivered to the customer's home are checked and delivered. According to the state level co-ordinator of the oil companies these are the systems to ensure the safety of LPG cylinders.

(B) No.

(C) At the bottling plants the cylinders are subjected to pressure test and the cylinders are separated for further testing. In addition to this, the state level co-ordinator of oil companies said that distribution agencies organize safety clinics for consumers and explain the precautions to be taken when handling cooking gas.

E-tendering system

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Sri. K. Muraleedharan:

Sri. Dominic Presentation:

Sri. V. P. Sajeendran:

Sri. M. A. Waheed: Can the minister of public works

kindly reply to the following questions:

(A) Whether e-tendering system has been implemented in the public works department;
Explain;

(B) What objectives are intended to be achieved by the said system; Please provide details;

(C) Can you explain what facilities are provided by this system;

(D) Can you clarify who is co-operating with the functioning of this system and what are the details?

Minister of public works (Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju): Sir,

(A) Yes. E-tendering has been started in the public works department since December 2011 as part of the National e-Governance Program (NeGP) funded by the union ministry of commerce. Government order G.O.(P) No.72/2011/P.W.D. The e-tendering system for pre-qualification works has been launched on December 7 at the roads & bridges south circle office on a trial basis as on 3-12-2011. Subsequently from 4-2-2012 e-tendering was applied to all circle offices of the public works department for pre-qualification works amounting to 2 crores and above, but the G.O. on 1-2-2012(P)No.13/2012/P.W.D. when the public works department revised the manual as per, the outlay amount for pre-qualification works was increased to 5 crores. At present e-tenders are being conducted in the circle offices of the public works department for works costing over 5 crores. E-tendering has been implemented for all tenders called for at the executive engineer level (above 25 lakhs).

(B) The e-tendering system has been implemented with the objective of completing the tendering procedures of the public works department more efficiently and expeditiously. Contractors can read tender documents from the website, participate in tenders and maintain confidentiality without having to appear directly at the public works department offices.

(C) Contractors will be able to read the tender documents from the website and participate in the tender without having to appear in person at the public works department offices.

The information Of the persons who participated in the tender will not be known to others till the time the tender is opened. It therefore ensures greater competitiveness in tenders. Details of the tender process will be stored on the website and made available to the public. Tender procedures can be completed more transparently and faster.

(D) The e-tendering system has been implemented in various government departments in Kerala as part of the National e-Governance Program (NeGP) funded by the ministry of commerce. The project is being implemented in Kerala using GEPNIC software developed by NIC. In Kerala the project is being coordinated by IT mission. The technical support (payment gateway) for this is provided by S.B.T. The system is coordinated by the state treasury department, finance department and IT department.

Basic facilities and drinking water in educational institutions

8 (* 248) Sri. K. MuhammadunniHaji:

Sri. C. Moinkutty:

Sri. K. N. A. Khader:

Sri. P. B. Abdul Razak : Will the minister of education kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether the implementation of the scheme for providing basic facilities and drinking water in educational institutions has been evaluated; Will the details be revealed;

(B) Whether information has been collected on establishments where the said facilities are not yet fully available and in need of repairs under the existing system; If so, please clarify;

(C) Will immediate action be taken to rectify the deficiencies in this regard?

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Education Minister (Sri. P. K. Abdu Rabb): Sir,

(A) Has been evaluated. Urinal is available in a ratio of 1:40 and toilet in a ratio of 1:120. The number of toilets is proportional to the number of schools where the number of urinal is less. Drinking water is available in all schools. An amount of 377 lakhs has been sanctioned under the plan fund for the financial year 2012-13 for the construction of drinking water, toilets and urinals in 220 schools in the state which are facing lack of basic facilities at the vocational higher secondary level. At the higher secondary level during the financial year 2010-11 an amount of 6.86 crores was provided to the concerned local governments for construction of toilets for 118 schools. Most of this work has been completed. During the financial year 2012-13 10 crores was provided to 200 schools, 8.37 crores to 113 schools and 12.79 crores to 500 schools under three schemes for construction of toilets and provision of drinking water facilities to local bodies. These works are in progress.

(B) Work has been completed in 74 schools at vocational higher secondary level. Construction is in progress on the remaining 146 schools. Inadequate sanitation and drinking water facilities in 121 higher secondary schools have been identified. According to U.Dias data 2013-14, 137 boys toilets and 82 girls toilets are to be required to built in elementary schools. The public sector unit and corporates are undertaking the construction of 71 toilets. The Central Ministry of human resource development has sanctioned funds for the construction of the remaining 145 toilets.

(C) District panchayat, S.S.A. the education department is taking steps in this regard.

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Paucity in Coir Exporting

9 (*249) Dr T. M. Thomas Aisac :

Sr. G. Sudhakaran :

Sr. S. Sharma :

Sr. P. K Gurudasan :Request for replies from the Minister of Revenue and Coir.

- (A) Elucidate the reason behind the substantial shortage in Coir exporting from Kerala, while the nation has attained progression in the same;
- (B) Did cross checked the fact, that the crisis faced by the coir sector of the State is the reason for this retaliation; Clarify the grounds for not taking productive measures for the preservation of Coir industry;
- (C) Did the Coir fests conducted by the Government could make any beneficiary waves for the Coir Industry;
- (D) Please disclose the Coastal business returns from these Coir fests;
- (E) Please impart the details about the international travels of departmental ministers and officials for the attainment of foreign orders. How much amount has been spent on these trips; Please explicate the details of concerned order amount attained from these proceedings;

The Revenue and Coir Minister (Sri. Adoor Prakash) : Sir,

- (A) Cannot detect any paucity in Coir Exporting from the State.
- (B) After evaluating the crisis, appropriate measures has been taken. To meet with the scarcity of fibre, fibre has been provided in subsidies as an temporary relief. The Government has looking forward for a permanent succour project, by increasing husk storage and thereby boost the Coir reproduction. Already sanctioned a project with Coconut Development Board. In the Presidential presence of honourable Chief Minister, on 28-1-2014 conducted meeting concerned traditional business undertakings including the Coir industry.

As its continuation, to solve the problems in Coir sector, with the Presidential presence of Minister of Revenue and Coir, conducted meetings on 27-2-2014, 2-3-2014 and 30-5-2014 with the leaders of the trade unions in the coir sector and actions are being taken.

(C) Coir fests became beneficial to the coir sector in general including the public sector institutions, co-operative societies in the coir sector and the Coir exporters.

(D) Details regarding the foreign trades gained for the private sector is inaccessible. Besides, the succeeding Government has attained worth of 672 and 163.47 Lakhs of foreign trade for the Kerala Coir Cooperation and Foam Mattings (India) Limited respectively, by being part of the State fests and by assuring participation of foreign buyers on those Coir fests.

(E) After this Government came to power, we have participated in foreign fests 19 times in 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 respectively, in order to enlarge international market space for Coir and Coir products. In this, Minister of Revenue and Coir with concerned officials been 8 times and 11 times officials alone participated in Coir fests. By taking part in such foreign fares we were able to ensure the participation of more foreign buyers in the Kerala Coir Exhibition conducted by the Department. This Government has achieved worth of 672 and 163.47 Lakhs for Kerala State Coir Cooperation and Foam Mattings (India) Limited respectively.

Rs.1,36,35,832/- has been spent on the travels of the Minister, officials including the concerned executives of Coir Fed, Coir Cooperation and Foam Mattings (India) Limited.

Quality Assessment of Road Works

10 (*250 Sr. James Mathew :

Sr. A. K Balan :

Sri. Saju Paul :Request replies from the Minister of Public Works

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- (A) In state, is there any system to make quality assessment of road works; Is it working effectively;
- (B) Are you noticed that the roads are almost broke down and unfit to travel within a short period of time after the construction; are you doing any inspection regarding the same;
- (C) Have you taken any actions towards the responsible culprits in such cases; can you explain;
- (D) Did the fact taken into attention that the unscientific, impulsive kind of road construction and official corruption are the reasons for pathetic condition of roads;
- (E) According to the manual of PWD, what are the conditions that contractors must follow; Guaranteeing this and to get over corruption of officials and contractors, would make any pertinent actions?

Minister of Public Works (Sr. V. K. Imbrahimkunju) : Sir;

- (A) Yes. This is being implemented effectively. There is Regional Quality Laboratories for grade assessments of elements, methods and aspects of construction in Kozhikode, Ernakulam, Trivandram districts. District Labs are performing in rest of 11 districts. The officers from Labs were making random visits on work sites to collect certain amount of samples, and executing tests on work sites which has to be done there itself, while the rest will taken into Labs for quality assessment. Test results are sent to the concerned Executive engineers and Chief engineers.

We have a proper system of quality assessment under K.S.T.P project for road construction activities. Every work handled by K.S.T.P is under stringent inspections and scrutiny. In each phase of construction, quality of raw materials like Bitumen, Metal, Cement, Steel and Sand is being done prior to construction and that of the completed road too. . Necessity of special testing labs for these measurements, is already mentioned in the contracts. In regard to the quality tests of materials and road is strictly following by the concerns. In addition to this, technical audits are done by professional consultancy for K.S.T.P works.

(B) It has been noticed that part of few roads has been broke down to an extent and became unfit to travel effortlessly within the short period of its construction. Continuous rain and growing vehicle transportations may cause this issues often. The failures occurring within the contract period is solved by the contractors themselves at their own cost. It didn't get noticed in K.S.T.P.

(C) In few cases responsible contractors have been black listed by the vigilance recommendation.

(D) No.

(E) The officials will make sure that the conditions as per the PWD manual is following well. The Public Work quality control wing will do inspection and testing in work sites and will assure the quality. The contractors must follow the conditions and promise quality as per the agreement. The guarantee period may valid up to 6 months to 3 years even after the work. The contractors be obliged to offer security amount while signing contracts. If the contractors couldn't make up the defects and failures in work within the defect liability period, the Government may confiscate the security amount. The projects have been implemented in K.S.T.P. according to the terms and conditions of World Bank and IRC/MORTH specifications.

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Standard of roads of the State

11 (*251) Sr. N.A Nellikkunnu :

Sr. N. Shamsudheen :

Sr. V.M Ummer Master :

Sr. P.K Basheer : Request replies from the Minister of Public Works :

- (A) Is there any intension to increase the life span and raise the standard of State roads by switching master designs and construction patterns; If so, please explain;
- (B) Is there any action or precautions in plan to eliminate the process of demolishing roads often by several departments;
- (C) During the period of road construction/maintenance, will the Public Works Department try to have a permanent solution by making permanent ducts on both sides and across the road put cables and pipes?

Minister of Public Works (Sr. V.K Imbrahimkunju) : Sir,

- (A) Yes. Under the department, streets and bridges has been constructed phase by phase, by changing the existing chipping carpet and by using the BM& BC technology which is more strong and long-lasting, as per the availability of the fund. The roads has been designed and constructed in K.S.T.P according to the Indian Roads Congress (IRC) terms and conditions. The road works are being done ensuring the quality instructed by IRC which are internationally approved.. Existing design and construction pattern were according to the MORTH specifications and IRC guidelines for the construction of National Highways. Every construction works were done by using Power Finisher, Bituminous Sprayer, Vibratory Rollers like modern machine systems and technologies. Furthermore, for assuring quality work while the construction phase, the testing laboratory set-ups are made up on site with

All facilities as per contract Conducts tests under the supervision of Quality Inspection Wing under National Highway to ensure quality of construction. The National Highway will have a default liability of four years for the construction of a new road and have defined three-year defect liability for bituminous resurfacing over 40 mm. The current practice is to extend the lifespan by performing resurfacing as required after the defect liability period. The Kerala Road Fund Board is implementing high quality roads designed for longevity in its urban road development projects.

(B) At present there is a district level coordinatinn committee of various departments with the district Collector as the Chairman.. The permission to dig the road for laying cables etc. are granted through this committee

(c) Depending on the availability of funds, making permanent ducts will also be considered.

Fair price of The Land

12 (* 252) Shri. A. pradeep kumar:

Shri. M. A.BABY :

Shri.P. Sreeramakrishnan :

Smt. P. Aisha Potti : Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly reply to the questions :

(A) Whether the grievances regarding the determination of the fair value of the land have been resolved; Whether complaints have been received in this regard, will you disclose the details;

(B) whether the allegation that the price fixed by the Government is higher than the market price in many places has been resolved; have you checked the fact;

(C) Do you think the action of raising the fair value of the land is appropriate in this situation?

(D) whether it has been noticed that the general public is suffering due to the increase in stamp duty and registration fees;

(E) Will immediate action be taken to reconsider the sharp increase in land prices and fees and to avoid delay in resolving the fair price complaints?

Answers

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration (Mr. Anoop Jacob):
Sir,

(A) Existing grievances regarding the fair value of land have not been fully resolved. The proceedings are continuing. From 1-4-2010 to 30-9-2014, 1,59,859 appeals have been settled and published on the website of the Registration Department.

(B) In case of any objection to the fair price fixed by the Government, the public has the right to file an appeal before the concerned District Collector within the time limit. District Collectors are taking action on such appeals.

(C) The fair value of land has been increased in the event of a significant leakage in the revenue collection of the Government as the market value of the land has increased significantly during the last 10 years but no change has been made in the fair value accordingly. I think the policy decision is appropriate.

(D) No increase in stamp duty or registration fee. The limit of Rs. 1000 as maximum for Stamp Duty, Inter family dividends include Partition, release deed, donations, and donations and registration fee as maximum Rs.25000 has taken off.

(E) Land prices and fees have not increased sharply. District Collectors / Revenue Divisional Officers have been directed to take immediate action to resolve fair price grievances without delay.

Uniform for Students

13 (253) Shri. Shafi Parampil:

Shri. M. A. Waheed:

Shri. V. T. Balram:

Shri. A. T. George: For the following questions

Will the Minister of Education kindly reply:

- (A) whether intends to introduce uniform uniforms for school children;
- (B) what are its objectives? Will you provide details;
- (C) Will you discuss this with the concerned;
- (D) Can you explain what steps have been taken for this?

Minister of Education (Shri . PK Abdu Rab): Sir

(A)It is not yet decided to implement the Uniform.

(B-d) 'A' does not applicable based on the reply to 'A'

Computerization of ration shops

14 (8 254) Shri. Ludy Luis:

Shri . Therambil Ramakrishnan:

V. P. Sajeendran :

Shri M.P. Abdula kutty: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Consumer Protection and Registration kindly reply to the following questions:

- (A) Whether any project formation have done for the complete computerization of ration; will you explain;

(B) What are the objectives are intended to be achieved through this; What are the details;
 (C) whether the proposed scheme has been approved; Explain;

(D) What are the steps to be taken at the administrative level for the implementation of the scheme; Can you give details?

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration Shri. Anoop Jacobi:
 Sir,

(A-C) Yes. It has been decided to implement end-to-end computerization in the State as part of the comprehensive modernization of the public distribution system and as part of this, a detailed project proposal prepared at the departmental level has been submitted, and an interium approval has issued by the Government vide G.O 18/14 /F.P.D.D dated 31.05.1914.

1 Completely digitize the information of the ration beneficiaries.

2. Fully computerization of the Distribution network from F.C.I. to ARD. and do arrangements to reach it directly to A.R.D. through a Government system.

3. Make arrangement for the distribution of foodgrains through ration shops by identification of beneficiaries scientifically through ARD modernization

4. Establish a transparent grievance redressal mechanism for the beneficiary.

Through the implementation of the scheme, the public distribution system in Kerala can be made more efficient and the distribution network can be further improved. In addition, the implementation of this scheme will enable the government to ensure transparent and effective public distribution and to build a responsible and corruption free public distribution network.

(D) The State Apex Committee chaired by the Chief Secretary, SpeMT chaired by the Food Secretary and the Technical Committee chaired by the Civil Supplies Commissioner have been constituted to take decisions in different levels in connection with the implementation of the project . The civil supplies commissioner has appointed as the Nodal Officer for the implementation of the scheme:

Commission of Ration Debtors

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Shri.P. K. Basheer:

Shri. V. M. Ummer Master:

Shari. N. Shamsuddin:

Shri. N. A. Nellikunnu: Will the Minister of State for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly give reply for the following questions:

- (A) Will you clarify the positive changes expected in the public distribution system by the Government through the increase in the commission of the Ration dealers ;
- (B) If the additional liability to the Government due to the said increase is calculated, will it be disclosed?

Answers

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration (Mr. Anoop Jacob);

(A) In a meeting with the representatives of the Ration Retailers 'Association chaired by the Minister of Food and Public Distribution, it was decided to look into the issue of increasing the Ration Retailers' Commission. It is hoped that the increase in commission will help for the strong and transparent operation of the public distribution system and the card holders will get better service from the ration dealers

(B The Government is examining the matter.

Health Sports Plan

16(*256) Sri.Koliyakkod N. Krishnan Nair:

Smt. K. S. Saleekha:

Sri.Babu M. Palisseri:

Sri. K. Dasan: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions;

- a) What amount has the Central Government sanctioned for the implementation of the Health Sports Scheme as defined by the National Right to Education Act; Can you tell me how much of it has been used;
- b) Whether it intends to illegally recruit teachers from the Teacher Bank; Whether the order issued by the Department of Public Instruction in this regard has been revoked;
- c) Will you take action to prevent misuse of funds of S. S. A.

Minister of Education (Sri. P.K. Abdu Rabb): Sir,

- a) For Health Sports Education for the year 2014-15an amount of Rs.2936 .34 lakh has been set apart in the annual plan under the S.S.A.Scheme. The salaries of the teachers assigned for this purpose will be utilized from this amount.
- b) No illegal order has been issued. It was suggested to avail the services of teachers who are transferred to the Teacher Bank. The directive has been withdrawn in the absence of an order forming a teacher bank.
- c) There will be no abuse

Operation of school libraries

17(*257) Sri. K. Ajith:

Sri. V. S. Sunil kumar:

Smt. Geetha Gopi:

Sri.ChittayamGopakumar: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

- a) Whether libraries are functioning in all the government aided schools.

- b) Has any study been done on the functioning of these libraries: if so, will the details of the study be disclosed:
- c) Are there any suggestions for upgrading school libraries; if yes can you clarify?

Minister of Education (Shri P.K. Abdu Rabb): Sir,

- a) 4179 government schools and 6659 aided schools have library facilities.
- b) Yes. Details are appended in Appendix A. *
- c) Yes. Details are appended in Appendix B. *

System to check the quality of roads

18(*258) Shri. P. Thilothaman:

Shri.Mullakkara Ratnakaran

Shri. G. S. Jayalal: Can the Minister of Public Works kindly answer the following questions:

- a) Can you clarify what systems are in place to check the quality of roads in the state:
- b) What is the amount of road tax collected annually; how much from this is being spent on road construction and maintenance;
- c) Whether the allegation of non-compliance has been noticed for the roads in Kerala; if so, what steps do you intend to take to resolve it?

Minister of Public Works (Shri V.K. Ibrahim Kunju): Sir,

- a) Quality control laboratories have been set up in all the 14 districts to ensure the quality of public works. Regional Labs are functioning in Ernakulam and Kozhikode districts under the leadership of Executive Engineer. The Kerala Highway Research institute in Thiruvananthapuram operates the working of Regional Quality Control Laboratory. District Labs are headed by an Assistant Executive Engineer.

* Placed in the library

- b) The amount collected under the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act for the financial year 2013-14 was 2161.09 crore. Rs.2975.56 crore has been spent for road construction and maintenance during the financial year.
- c) Has been noticed. Construction of roads using BM & BC at the national level is being undertaken in a phased manner depending on the availability of funds. The quality control unit collects samples from the work area and conducts a quality inspection during the construction.

Comprehensive education plan

19(*259) Shri. Roshi Augustine:

Shri. Dr. N. Jayaraj:

Shri. P. C. George:

Shri. M. V. Shreyams Kumar: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

- a) Can you explain whether the comprehensive education program implemented in the state was successful?
- b) In which districts the scheme has been implemented; how many constituencies can be part of it?
- c) Will ample steps be taken to implement a comprehensive education plan across the state?

Minister of Education (Shri PK Abdu Rabb): Sir,

- a) A comprehensive education plan has been successfully implemented in the Assembly constituencies with the objective of improving the quality of education of children from Class I to Class XII in the field of public education.
- b) An order has been issued to implement a comprehensive education plan in 56 assembly constituencies in the state. These assembly constituencies cover all the 14 districts.

- c) M.L.A.'s Development Fund, S.S.A., R.M.S.A., sponsorship and NGOs funds are used for the comprehensive education program. The project is being implemented on the recommendation of the MLAs. The scheme is being implemented in 56 constituencies. The scheme can be implemented in the remaining constituencies as recommended by M.L.As.

Safety Corridor Project

20(*260) Shri. V. Sasi:

Shri. C. Divakaran:

Shri. E.K.Vijayan:

Shri. K. Raju: Will the Minister of Public Works kindly answer the following questions:

- a) Whether it intends to implement the Safety Corridor project in the State; what are the purposes and objectives and features of this project;
- b) Whether a detailed project report of this project has been prepared; if not, what are the steps being taken for that?
- c) What is the total project cost of this scheme? How long will it take to complete and where will the first phase begin?

Minister of Public Works (Shri. V.K. Ibrahim Kunju): Sir,

- a) Intends

Main purposes

1. Change the M.C. road in a world class model safety road ;80kms from Kazhakoottam to Thycaud via Adoor.
2. In connection with this project, various government agencies involved in road safety activities in the State (Transport, Police, Education, Health, and Public Works) provide expert training to officers on security operations and coordinate their activities

3. Strengthen the Road Safety Authority, the Road Safety Cell of the Public Works Department and the District Road Safety Councils.
- b) Not ready. Steps are being taken to prepare a detailed project report. As a first step, NATPAC conducted a baseline survey. In light of this, the World Bank has commissioned an Australian-based consultant, Victoria Rhodes, based in Australia, to conduct a detailed study and prepare a project report. Their activities are ongoing. They will also lead the work to accomplish the objectives. About `24 crore has been set aside as challenge fund. With this amount, it is planned to implement road safety arrangements on more roads in collaboration with other funding agencies.
 - c) An amount of `86 crore has been set apart for this purpose in KSTP-II under the World Bank Assistance Scheme. The project is expected to be completed in three years. A working group comprising representatives from five departments has been set up for road safety activities to coordinate and implement these activities. They need to be trained to implement this plan. They are as follows.
 - 1) Provide the best practices in the world related to road safety.
 - 2) Prepare a document to assess the objective performance of road safety activities.
 - 3) Formulate a Road Safety Policy for the State to enable the above Working Group to handle road safety related activities.

- 4) Extend the exemplary activities included in the Safety Corridor project to other roads in the state.
- 5) Raise awareness, motivate and guide all sections related to road safety.

Revitalization of rivers

21(*261) Shri. I.C. Balakrishnan:

Shri. V. T. Balram:

Shri.Hibi Eden:

Shri. Sunny Joseph: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the following questions:

- a) Is there any plan formed for river rehabilitation:
- b) What are the objectives meant to be achieved from this plan? Can you explain:
- c) What activities are being carried out as part of the project;
- d) What steps have been taken at the administrative level to implement the project?

Minister of Revenue and Coir (Mr. AdoorPrakash): Sir,

(A & B) Yes. A "River to River" scheme has been formulated for the protection of the endangered rivers in the State. The purpose of the project is to protect the riverbanks and rivers by planting and maintaining fruit trees, flowering trees and creepers along the river banks, to prevent illegal sand dredging and encroachment and to remove the accumulated waste in the rivers without harming the bio-physical system of the rivers. In connection with the river protection projects on 17- 11- 2014 it was decided in the meeting held in the Chamber of the Minister of Revenue that the Pathanamthitta District Collector was directed to conduct a survey and report on the illegal encroachments in Varattar using the services of the staff of the Revenue Reserve Team in connection with the rehabilitation of Varattar.

C. As a part of the "From River to River" project we plan to include Bharathappuzha and Achankovil river in the sample project and initiate activities like planting of fruiting trees, flowering trees and vines and maintaining it. The first phase of the project will span 527 acres of the shores Bharathappuzha river (the 3km area along the road from Kuttipuram to Tirunavaya in Malappuram district) and 9 acres of Achankovil river (both shores of the river in Pathanamtitta district).

D. As per the order S.O. (M.S) No. 475/14/Rev of 15-11-2014, the project for the protection of rivers, named "From River to River", was sanctioned administrative approval. For the execution of this project 10 Crore rupees was allocated from the River Management Fund along with in-charging the respective District Collectors and deciding to form a monitoring cell at ILDM. At the high-level committee meeting gathered on 28-11-2014, principle approval was given to start a River Management, Research and Training Institute based at Ernakulam under the Revenue Department and the order related to this G.O(M.S)No. 503/14/Rev was released on 4-12-2014 along with appointing the Ernakulam District Collector to report the further proceedings to the Government.

CONDITIONS FOR INSTALLING ELECTRIC POSTS AND CABLES

22(*262) Sri. T. A. Ahmed Kabeer:

Sri. C. Mammooty:

Sri. P. Ubaidulla:

Sri. K. M. Shaji: Will the Minister of Public Works Department please answer the questions given below:

A. Could you please explain the existing conditions to install Electric posts, Telephone, Television or Internet Cables, pipe lines on roads under the Public Works Department?

- B. What procedures are taken against violation of this conditions; Explain the current system present for this;
- C. What are the urgent recommendations given to prevent accidents by cables and pipes which are useless or installed through indiscriminate complaints?

Minister of Public Works Department (Sri. V. K. Ebrahimkunj):Sir,

- A. The Public Works Departments do not have to seek any special permission to install electric posts. The respective departments should seek permission from the public works department and, also pay a Restoration fee as per the Restoration estimate prepared by the Public Works Department, in order to compensate the damage caused by road demolition along with the sanction of the Coordinating Committees of different departments chaired by the District Collector are the existing conditions to install Television and internet Cables and Pipelines on roads under the Public Works Department.
- B. If the conditions are violated, the permission will be cancelled and a compensation will be charged for the loss. The legal action will be decided by the District Level Committee.
- C. All executive engineers will be instructed to take actions to prevent accidents occurring from cables which are useless or installed through indiscriminate complaints.

PADDY PROCUREMENT PRICE

23(*263) Sri. K. V. Abdul Khader:

Sri. M. Chandran:

Sri. M. V. Chenthamarakshan:

Sri. C. K. Sadasivan: Will the Minister of Food and Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration Department please answer the questions given below:

- A. Has the announced scheme to make the price of paddy procured through the Civil Supplies Corporation available to the farmers immediately been implemented?

- B. As per this scheme within how many days the price of the procured paddy will be made available to the farmers?
- C. By which procedure this payment is made available to the farmers? Has the benefit of this project been available to farmers? Are there any complaints regarding this?
- D. What is the current procurement price arrears to be paid to the farmers? Could you let us know when it will be paid off completely?
- E. Would you take any actions to make the procurement price available in a timely manner and protect the farmers from the exploitation of mill owners?

Minister of Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration Department (Sri. Anoop Jacob): Sir,

(A&B). The project named EPRS has come into force from this season to make the price of the procured paddy immediately available to the farmers. The important feature of EPRS is that the Paddy Receipt Sheet is given to the farmers at the time paddy is procured along with sharing a copy of it by electronic means to the Paddy Marketing Officer and the Paddy Payment Officer. The farmers need not go the office directly. The price of the paddy will be paid immediately after the Paddy Payment Officer receives the copy.

(C) The Civil Supplies Corporation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Nationalized banks like Canara Bank and Bank of India, Palakkad and Thrissur District Co-operative Banks to pay the price of the procure paddy immediately to the farmers. In addition, money is borrowed directly from Corporation Bank to pay the price of the procured paddy. The interest occurred in this manner is paid by the Corporation.

(D) As the part of the first season of paddy procurement, 2014-15 we have to pay 58.63crore rupees to the farmers. The State Government has to pay 150.93crore rupees to Supplyco regarding the paddy procurement. The Supplyco will be provided money to pay the price of the paddy to the farmers as the funds are available.

(E)To protect the farmer's from exploitation by the mill owners, the State Government is collecting paddy from them by paying the highest procurement price currently present in India(19Rs per kg) by directly transferring it to the farmer's account. The procurement price announced by the Central Government is Rs.13.60. In order to pay the price of the procured paddy timely to the farmers, the Civil Supplies Corporation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Nationalized banks like Canara Bank and Bank of India, Palakkad and Thrissur District Co-operative Banks. In addition, money is borrowed directly from Corporation Banks to pay the price of the procured paddy to the farmers.

RESOURCE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

24(*264) Sri. T. N. Prathapan:

Sri. Benny Behanan

Sri. Palode Ravi

Sri. Therambil Ramakrishnan: : Will the Education Ministe rplease answer the questions given below:

- A. Whether there are any plans introduced to start Resource centers centered around schools of differently abled children?
- B. What are aims we ought to achieve from this project? Please explain.
- C. What all are factors included in this project for ensuring educational progress, physical and mental health of the children belonging to this group?
- D. What actions have been taken for this? please provide the details.

Minister of Education Department (Sri. P. K. Abdu Rabb): Sir,

A. As the part of the integrated education plan under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, the resource centers have been working under Block Resource Centers or C. R. C.

B. According to the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan's integrated education plan, activities like guarantying the differently abled children education at the public schools along with other children, raising awareness among the public about mainstream education, supporting the parents and teachers of the differently abled children in learning activities and also providing equipment helpful in simplifying the disability are carried out.

C. Appointing specially trained teachers to teach children needing special attention, remedial classes for these children, awareness classes for parents, speech therapy classes, physiotherapy are the activities carried out by the block resource centers in addition to the Autism centers to train children with Cerebral palsy. Medical camps conducted by expert doctors are being conducted by B. R. C and distributing equipment to simplify the disabilities according to the doctor's recommendation with the available fund is carried out district wise.

D. For the children who require special attention, B.R.C./ C.R.C are conducting solution teaching classes on Saturdays under the guidance of trained resource teachers. Speech therapy and Physiotherapy classes are being conducted once in a week. Awareness classes for the parents of these children, Cohabitation camps ensuring participation of normal children and disabled children, celebration of World Disability day is also conducted with public participation.

COLLAPSE OF ROADS

25(*265) Dr. N. Jayaraj:

Sri. P. C. George:

Sri. Roshy Augustine: Will the Minister of Public Works Department please answer the questions given below:

- A. What is the calculated loss occurring annually due to the frequent collapse of the roads: please elaborate;
- B. Whether the fact that repairing works of the damaged cables and pipelines laid below in the middle of the road reduces the life of roads taken seriously? If yes, any steps have been taken to find a permanent solution?

Minister of Public Works Department (Sri. V. K. Ebrahimkunjilal): Sir,

- A. A delay in surface renewal, change in the climatic conditions and the cutting of roads for utility purposes is the main cause of damage caused to roads. To fix these, maintenance works worth 350 crore rupees have been undertaken in the last three years.
- B. The fact that repairing works of the damaged cables and pipelines laid below in the middle of the road reduces the life of roads taken seriously. To coordinate these actions, a Co-Ordination committee consisting of the chiefs of different departments headed by the District collectors. The sanction to cut the roads is given only after evaluation by this committee.

The roads constructed as a part of the K. S. T. P. project, the contractor is directed to replace the cables and pipelines from the middle of the road to the sides. Pipelines and Electric lines are replaced to the sides of the road, at the expense of K. S. T. P. by the contractor who undertakes the work, prior to road construction under the K. S. T. P. Scheme. The information about the roads under construction is also shared with BSNL other private sector companies at the time of construction and their cables are being replaced from roads as well.

Only on strict conditions, these agencies are given permission to lay pipes and cables. These agencies are permitted to lay pipes and cables only on the sides of the road. In case of any emergency, if roads have to be cut, restoration charges for reconstruction of the roads will be levied from the agencies and work will be done by K.S.T.P only. As a result of this, the life span of roads under K.S.T.P projects will not be affected by damaged cables and pipes.

Permission for laying cables and pipes on roads under National Highway Department is given as per strict guidelines of Central Road Transport Ministry. As per the prevailing instructions, permission is given to lay pipes and cables only near the right off way. Situations where the tarred portion of the roads to be crossed, instead of drilling on top of the tarred portions, Horizontal Directional Drilling(HDD) Process is used.

Revision of Higher Secondary Text Books

26 (266*)Sri. V.T.Balram :

Sri.R.Selvaraj :

Sri.C.P.Muhammed :

Sri.A.P.Abdullakutty : The Hon'ble Education Minister is requested to reply to the following questions , please :

- (a) Whether the Curriculum Committee has taken decision to revise the Higher Secondary Text Books. Details Please :
- (b) Could you please explain who have prepared the text books :
- (c) When will be the new text books come in to effect ?

Education Minister (Sri. P.K.Abdurub): Sir ,

- (a) The Curriculum Committee has taken decision to revise the Higher Secondary text books. First year higher secondary text books (11th Class) , revised as per Kerala School Syllabus 2013, came into effect as per the approval of the 41st State School Curriculum Steering Committee on 09-01-2014 in 2014-2015 academic year.

- (b) These text books were prepared by Committees , comprised of University, College Level experts, higher secondary teachers, different subject experts, NCERT faculty members, in different workshops of NCERT.
- (c) Revised text books of 11th Standard came into effect in 2014-2015 academic year. Steps have been taken to release revised text books for 12th Standard in 2015-2016 academic year.

Pre –Revenue Survey Adalats

27(*267) Sri.Benny Behnan :

Sri. Joseph Vazhakkam:

Sri.V.D.Satheesan :

Sri.M.A.Vaheed :Hon'ble Revenue & Coir Minister is requested to answer the following questions :

- (a) Whether pre-revenue survey adalats have been organized in all districts during the regime of this government ; Please explain ;
- (b) What are the goals aiming to be achieved with this programme ; Please provide the details;
- (c) How many percentage of complaints have been resolved through this adalats ; please provide the details;
- (d) What further proceedings have been taken on unsolved complaints ; please provide the details;

Revenue & Coir Minister (Sri. Adoor Prakash): Sir,

- (a) Pre Survey adalats had been organized in all 14 districts under the leadership of Revenue Minister , during the regime of this Government.
- (b) It was aimed at taking necessary steps to resolve the pending complaints of Revenue and Survey departments.

(c&d) About 72% of complaints had been resolved. Presently, concerned Additional Village Thahsildars have given responsibility to find resolution for those complaints on which re surveys had been completed and handed over to Revenue department.

Questions & Answers

Temporary authority has been given to Taluk Resurvey Superintendents also to approve survey sub division sketch, in an effort to resolve resurvey complaints in a time bound manner. L R M L has decided to prepare an action plan to resolve all the pending resurvey complaints within three months, effectively. In addition to that, it has been decided to organize revenue resurvey adalats in all districts.

Empowerment of Legal Metrology Department

28(268*)Sri.A.T.George :

Sri.P.A.Madhavan:

Sri.Hybi Eden: The Hon'ble Minister for Revenue & Coir is requested to answer the following questions :

- (a) Could you please explain the steps have been taken by the Govtto improve the operations of the Legal Metrology Department more effectively;
- (b) What are the new technologies adopted in the department; details please ;
- (c) What are the basic facilities implemented for the empowerment and smooth running of the department; please explain;

Revenue & Coir Department Minister (Sri. Adoor Prakash): Sir,

- (a) Laboratory equipments, working standard balances, weights, pulse metres, gold metres have been purchased in order to improve the testing standards of the department. Steps have been taken to make, LPG Pump Verification Kits and vehicles available as per requirement. Rs. 575 lakhs will be utilised in 2012-13, 2013-14,2014-15 financial years towards this purpose. For the construction of New Central Office in Trivandrum, office in Kollam, Vehicle Tank calibration unit in Pathanamthitta, a fund of Rs.575 lakhs had been approved in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15. The same amount had been handed over to PWD also. Steps have been taken for the approval of central fund Rs.578 lakhs of 2014-15 financial budget, towards the construction of new Central office.

- (b) Necessary steps have been taken for the availability of vehicles, computers and laboratory equipments as well as construction of official website as a part of computerisation.
- (c) Inspector office and laboratories in all taluk and district office, flying squad office in all districts are in operation respectively. In addition to that, vehicle tank calibration unit, pulse meters (auto meter testing), weigh bridge verification kit(for weigh bridge testing) are also arranged. Secondary standard laboratory and gold testing laboratory have been arranged in Legal Metrology Bhavan, Ernakulam.

Digitalisation of Students' Details

29(*269)Sri.V.P.Sajeendran :

Sri.AnwarSadath:

Sri.C.P.Muhammed :

Sri.VarkalaKahar : The Hon'ble Education Minister is requested to answer the following questions:

- (a) Any programme has been arranged for the digitization of students' details ? please explain;
- (b) What are the aims and objectives of those programmes ? Details please;
- (c) What details are planning to be digitalized ?Please explain ;

(d) Which are the agencies cooperating with this ? Details please ;

Education Minister (Sri.P.K.Abdu Rub): Sir,

- (a) Yes, A new software 'Sampoorna' has been prepared and made available for the schools towards digitalization of students' details.
- (b) 'Sampoorna' is an educational software which is aimed at simplification of school day to day activities for Head Masters . The objective of Sampoorna School Management System is to computerise all school activities like, Students' attendance, progress reports, transfer certificates and class promotion.
- (c) All details about the students and their schools will be digitalized. The following information like, students' personal details, parents details, address, previous school details, curriculum details, vaccination details , two personal identification marks, participation in different clubs will be collected through SampoornaSoftware.All details in the admission register of all students in Govt as well as Aided schools are digitalized. Also planning to digitalize the details of students in recognized un aided, CBSE and ICSE schools.
- (d) IT@ School project ,which is under The Public Education Department is taking care of this.

Procurement of Food Grains

30(*270) Sri.E.P.Jayarajan :

Sri.Elamaram Kareem:

Sri.C.Krishnan :

Sri.K.Kunhiraman (Uduma): Hon'ble Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Registration & Consumer Protection is requested to answer the following questions :

- (a) Any new instructions have been given by the central, regarding procurement of food grains ;
- (b) Whether the Govt is ready to follow those instructions ;whether basic facilities for the same is available in the state ;
- (c) Otherwise (if facilities are not available), which methods are going to be used to follow the instructions;
- (d) If Central's instructions are not followed, is there any chance for the ration share to get reduced ; How to handle such instances ;

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Registration & Consumer Protection(Sr. i Anoop Jacob): Sir,

(a-c) As per the standing instruction of the Centre Govt, monthly food grains share should be collected from FCI before the last date of the previous month and storage facilities to be arranged at least for three months share. To follow the centre's instruction as well as to accomplish food & safety project effectively , the Govt is trying to find additional storage facilities. Extra storage facilities of wholesalers, FCI,SWC,CWC, Rural Water Transport Department,

Immediate steps are being taken to utilize the warehouses owned by the institutions and to rent out buildings owned by quasi-Government and Local Government bodies, to construct warehouses by reclaiming Government-owned surplus lands and outposts and to find additional storage spaces.

(D)There is no provision for reduction of ration if food grains are not reserved as per Central Directions.

(ii)Answers to Unstarred questions.

Central Fund sanctioned by the Department of Higher Education.

1(2902) Dr. K.T Jaleel: Can the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

(A)The amount of Central funds allocated by the Department of Higher Education for various projects during the last three financial years; What amount was allocated for each project; Can you provide separate accounts for each financial year;

(B)Whether the entire allotted amount has been spent; if not, how much is the lapse? Can you explain the reason for the loss?

(C)Whether Central Guidelines have been violated in the utilization of funds; can you explain?

(D)Whether any funds have been diverted; if so, can you explain this?

Answer

(A)The replay is appended to the following:

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(B)State Level N.S.S has not been able to spend the entire amount. The full amount could not be spent due to lack of staff as per staff pattern.

The entire amount allocated by the U.G.C has been spent on the National Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. Steps are being taken to utilize the funds allotted to the Rajiv Gandhi Advocates Training Program. No lapses. All other departments have spent the entire amount allotted.

(C&D)Central guidelines have not been violated. Funds have not been diverted.

Flayer

2(2903)

Sri. C.P Muhammad:

Sri. Sunny Joseph:

Sri. M.A wahid:

Sri. Ludy Luis:Can the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

(A)What are the objectives of the Flayer Project;

(B)Can you explain what is included in the scheme for the young teachers of the colleges to follow and train eminent teachers as per the Gurukul System;

(C)The facilities provided at the administrative level for training; Can you give details?

ANSWER

(A) The Flayer Project has mainly two aims.

1. The scheme provides excellent teacher training and training in teaching and research in the best National and International Institutions in the colleges and universities under the Department of Higher Education. In the first year (2013-14), the benefits were limited to the Government colleges and 5 Universities. However, this scheme has been implemented in all the aided colleges in Kerala during the year 2014-15. Flayer training is open to young teachers with less than 5 years of service and at least 20 years of service remaining.
2. The scheme also provides for the promotion of high quality and innovative ideas and publications for teachers and students.

(B) Under Flayer Internship, young teachers have the opportunities to work with teachers in national and international institutions and share their experiences. You will also have the opportunity to view the classes of eminent teachers and work in their laboratories.

(C) A special office is functioning under the officer on special duty for new ventures involving the Flayer Scheme under the Department of Higher Education. A Program Director also has been appointed on a work arrangement basis to run the Flayer Project. At the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore to design and provide academic training, there is a coaching team of nine members led by Dr. N.J Rao.

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Appointment of Mrs.Jaimy Jacob

3(2905)Mr. P. A Madavan: Can the Minister of Education kindly answer the questions:

(a)What action has been taken on the application submitted by the College Manager regarding the approval of the appointment of Mrs.Jaimy Jacob, who is teaching in the Computer Application Department at Mercy College, Palakkad?

(b) Will favourable action be taken on the application of permission to appoint non-NET candidates to the post of Assistant Professor in the absence of NET qualified candidates?

ANSWER

(a) The application submitted by the Manager, Mercy College, Palakadhas been sent for the report of the Director of College Education.

(b) There is a practical difficulty in granting exemptions to the qualifications defined by the U.G.C.

Staff pattern of the Department of College Education.

4(2906)Mr. M Ummer: Can the Minister of Education kindly answer the questions:

(a)The current staff pattern of the non-teaching posts in the Department of College Education;

(b)Will steps be taken to make timely changes in the number of non-teaching posts as the number of college teachers increases?

ANSWER

(a) The current staff pattern of non-teaching posts in Government Arts and Sceince Colleges in the Department of college education is determined by G.O (M.S) No.06-12-1982.

- (b) Under the present system, the number of non-teaching posts in Government Colleges is calculated on the basis of the number of the students. Changes in the number of non-teaching posts are not considered in line with the increase in the number of college teachers.

N.C.C Officer, Government Polytechnic College, Koratty

5(2907) Mr.B.D Devassy: Can the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions;

Will the Government take immediate steps, including the appointment of an N.C.C Officer to alleviate the hardship caused to the cadets by the suspension of the N.C.C Unit here due to the vacancy of the post of N.C.C Officer in the Government Polytechnic College, Koratty?

ANSWER

Mrs.T.G Srimathy, Lecture, Electronics and instrumentation branch, has been given temporary charge of the unit to maintain the N.C.C Unit at Government Polytechnic College, Koratty. Steps are being taken to approve this appointment.

Aided status for Private Colleges

6(2908) Dr.T.M Thomas Issac: can the Minister of Education kindly answer the following question:

- (a) How many private colleges has been given aided status since this Government come to power: Whether it discloses the university limits in each of this Districts;
- (b) How many Arabic Colleges has been given aided status? Can you clarify in which districts and how many?
- (c) Whether in the university act prescribes the conversion of Arabic College into aided college; Can you give details;
- (d) What is the estimated amount of additional liability per annum for the operation of newly allotted aided college;

ANSWER

(a&b) None of the self-financing Arabic colleges have been granted aided status since this Government came to power.

(C&d) Does not apply

Alathur S.N. College

7(2909) Mr.A.K Balan: Can the Minister of Education kindly answer the following question:

- (a) How many students have been expelled from Alathur N.S.S College during the academic years 2012-13,2013-14,2014-15 by the Principal and their name and class;
- (b) For the academic year 2012-13,2013-14,2014-15,how many students were allowed by the Principal to pay the examination fee due to low attendance; Can you clarify their name and details;
- (c) How many students have lodged complaints with the Principal to the Police; How many of these cases have been investigated and found to be fake;
- (d) How many cases have students filed in the last 3 years against the Principal's stand against them;
- (e) In how many cases was the verdict passed against the students; In how many cases was the verdict in favour of the student; Is the principal ready to comply with the verdict in favour of the student; If not, why not;
- (f) Whether the District Collector had called a meeting to resolve the problems in the college; What were the decisions of the meeting; Whether he has taken Principal action to enforce; If not, why not;
- (g) Whether the Principal has implemented the instructions given on the basis of the complaint of Calicut University students ; If not, why not; For the past 3 years the Principal and the college aggressors have been treating students with hostile intelligence.

Have you noticed the behavior; Will you clarify the special powers of the College Principal not to comply with any of the High Court judgments, the University directives or the Collector's directive; Will action be taken for them to continue their studies and write exams so as not to affect the future of the students?

Answer

(A&B) Information will be collected and provided.

(C) The principal has lodged a complaint against fifteen students. Three cases have been registered and charge sheets have been filed in the court. This is under the consideration of the court.

(D) Information will be collected and provided.

(E) All the three cases reported against the students are pending before the court. Judgment has not been issued in this cases.

(F) Information will be collected and provided.

(G) Even if the Kozhikode University has directed the principal to take back the student shri. Anshif K. on the complaint filed by him after he was expelled from Alathur S.N College, the principal has not implemented it. The principal has no special authority to disobey the directions of the court or the university. Appropriate action will be taken as per the decision of the court in this matter.

Governing Council Meeting of the Council for Higher Education

8 (2913) Shri.K.K. Narayanan: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you please clarify when the Higher Education Council has been convened the Governing Council meeting after this Government came to power?

B) Can you clarify the term of office of the Governing Council for its re-organization?

C) Can you explain the reason for the delay in joining the Governing Council meeting?

Answer

(A) On 18-11-2014

(B) The Governing Council is to be re-constituted in every four years.

(C) The meeting of the Governing Council was delayed due to the delay in the formation of the Governing Council.

Higher Secondary Schools

9 (2915) Shri. Elamaram Kareem: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you explain how many new higher secondary schools have been sanctioned this academic year: what are the criteria adopted as a basis for this;

(B) Can you make it available the district wise details of the Schools allotted in the Aided and Government sector;

(C) How many higher secondary batches have been sanctioned for this academic year; Can district-wise figures of batches allotted by the government in the aided sector be made available;

(D) Can you elaborate on the criteria adopted for allotting batches;

(E) Have you sanctioned new unaided schools in the higher secondary sector; Are new batches provided? Can you provide details?

Answer

(A) 218. G.O No. 185/13/G.E.(KITE) dated 11-6-2013 which contains the basically accepted criteria for this is added as appendix (I).*

(B) Adds as Appendix (II). *

(C) The government has sanctioned 161 additional higher secondary batches in the aided sector in this academic year. Details are given in Appendix (III). *

(d). The same criteria stated in answer (a)

(e). Yes. Details are added as Appendix (IV).*

Higher Secondary Schools

10(2916) Dr. K. T. Jaleel: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

(A) How many higher secondary schools are there in the state? How many plus two batches; will you clarify item wise;

(B) How many teachers are in the total batches; how many students can study there;

(C) How many seats need to be set aside in the Plus Two classes for the year 2015-16 based on the number of students currently in high school level;

(D) whether the number of students at the high school level is decreasing each year;

(E) Do you think there will be more than enough batches and teachers at the plus level five years from now?

Answer

(A) Total Higher Secondary School in the State - 2046

Batches - 7220

(Science - 3777.

Humanities-1376, Commerce - 2067)

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(B) Teachers- 26338

Students - 3,61,000

(C) Only according to the number of students who pass the Class X examination in March 2015 the number of Plus One seats required for 2015-16 can be found.

(D) Information is being collected.

(E) None.

Operation of unrecognized schools

11(2917) Shri. Elamaram Kareem:

Shri. M.Chandhran:

Shri. B. D. Devassi:

Shri. K. K. Jayachandran: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

(A) What is the stand of the government regarding the ban in the functioning of unrecognized schools in the state;

(B) whether such schools have the freedom to function under the Right to Education Act; Can you explain why no legal action has been taken to stop the activities of such institutions where illegal activities and student harassment have become a daily occurrence;

(C) How many non-accredited schools are in CBSE / ICSE / State Syllabus; Can item wise figures be provided.

(D) Have you ever assessed that such illegal schools threaten the very existence of public schools ?

Answer

(A&B) According to the Right to Education Act, schools are not allowed to function in the state without government permission. As part of the implementation of the Right to Education Act,

the government is taking steps to approve and close schools that are currently functioning well and meet the standards set by the government.

(C) The exact numbers of such schools are not available as they are run by individuals and institutions on their own without government approval.

(D) Yes. G.O. on 10-6-2013. (KITE) 184/2013 / G.E. recognizes unauthorized schools that function in accordance with the standards and then takes legal action, including imposing fines on schools that function illegally without accreditation.

Fraud procedures in student's admission

12 (2918) Shri. Babu M Palissery: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether action has been taken against schools which have inflated the number of students by showing fraudulent actions in admissions; Whether the teachers responsible for this have been identified; Can you clarify what action has been taken against them?

(B) Whether the school has been instructed to waive the procedure if the fake admission is removed from the school admission register; Can you give details about this?

(C) Do you intend to retain the teachers in service who got appointment through fake procedures?

Answer

(A) No action has been taken against the schools. However, two schools, Kattachalkuzhi S.N.U.P.S and M.C.H.S were found to have committed irregularities in connection with the fake admission in the super check. 52 employees including the Headmasters and other teachers were suspended from these schools.

(B) As per Circular No. H2/25637/14 dated 9-10-2014 of DPI opportunity was given for the removal of fake admissions in Government / Aided Schools for the year 2014-15. Accordingly, dpi instructed that schools registered till October 1418, 2014 will be exempted.

(C) The reports in this regard will be examined upon receipt.

English language teachers

13(2919) Shri. Abdurahman Randathani: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you explain how many teachers with degree in English and B.Ed. in English are teaching English in government schools?

(B) How many teachers who do not have degree or B.Ed. in English are teaching English?

(C) Have you noticed the difficulties in teaching this language without degree and B.Ed. in English; if so, the steps taken to solve them?

Answer

(a) 2049 teachers.

(B) 253 teachers.

(C) It has been noticed and the training is being provided to them from time to time through vacation teacher training programme.

Action to allow and exclude additional batches in higher secondary schools

14(2920) Shri. C. Divakaran:

Shri. E. Chandrasekharan:

Shri. G. The. Jayalal:

Mrs. E.S Bijimol: Can the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

(A) How many higher secondary batches in how many schools as recommended by the Director of Higher Secondary have been revoked by the Cabinet Sub-Committee; Can you please explain the reasons for such revoke;

(B) How many higher secondary batches have been allotted in how many schools by the cabinet sub committee without the recommendation of the Director? Have they been cancelled? If yes, what are the reasons revealed for the cancellation.

ANSWER

(A) 219 batches in 198 schools. The local education requirement.

(B) 283 batches in 278 schools. They have been cancelled in accordance with the order of the respected High Court.

UPGRADED SCHOOLS

15(2922) Sri. P. Ubaidulla: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

(A) How many schools have been upgraded after this Government has come into power; Can you clarify the district wise figures;

(B) Has it been noticed that Pookolathur Govt. L. P. School, Kattassherikulambu Govt L. P. School and Aanakkayam Govt L. P. School needs upgradation;

(C) What are the actions taken regarding this till date?

ANSWER

(A-C) The information will be collected and provided

DEAF-DUMB-BLIND SCHOOLS AT HIGHER SECONDARY LEVEL

16(2923) Sri. Abdurahiman Randathani: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

(A) How many deaf-dumb-blind schools are working at the higher secondary level;

(B) What are the qualifications decided for the higher secondary teachers at these schools;

(C) Could you reveal how many schools are there in the Government, Aided and Unaided sector under this category in each district and how many students, teaching and non-teaching staffs are there?

ANSWER

- (A) 15deaf-dumb-blind schools(specials) are working at the higher secondary level.
- (B) The order of 10-6-2014 G. O.(kay)No. 103/2014/G. E. D. is attached as Annexure I which describes the qualifications required for the teachers at Special Schools.*
- (C) The details will be attached as Annexure II.*

DROPOUT OF CHILDREN

17(2924)Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Could you reveal the district wise figures of the child dropout in Government, Aided Schools as per the survey conducted on the 6th working day of the academic year 2014-15;
- (B) Is the student-teacher ratio for the academic year 2014-15 decided as per this;
- (C) Whether the posts have been fixed as per the Student-Teacher ratio for the academic year 2014-15;
- (D) If so, please explain how many posts of teachers will not exist?

ANSWER

- (A) The details are being are collected.
- (B) The student-teacher ratio is presently 1:45 at the division level.

- (C) The staff fixation procedure at every schools for the academic year 2014-15 where the high court has not issued a stay is completed.
- (D) There is an excess of 1920 post in Government Schools and 6957 posts in Aided schools.

CHANGE IN POSTS OF VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTORS

18(2925)Sri. E. K. Vijayan: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Is the gradation list for the change of post from vocational instructor to teacher been published by the Education department currently; Is the copy available;
- (B) What are criteria's accepted for the current appointments;
- (C) Are the candidates from one group appointed in other groups in the ratio 2:3:7; if yes please furnish the details;
- (D) Could you explain when and how many candidates will be appointed as per the current gradation list?
- (E) If not, explain what is the problem for this;

ANSWER

- (A) The gradation list based on the subjects has been published. The procedures for publishing the integrated gradation list are being done.
- (B) The appointment is based as per the special rules under the order G. O. (P.)No./81/2004/G. E. D. of 12-3-2004.

(C) The appointment is not done in this ratio.

(D&E) The correct figures of the appointments will be only available after the integrated gradation list is published. After it is completed, the procedure for appointment will be initiated.

COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION PROJECT BY CMAT-KERALA AT CHATHANNOOR CONSTITUENCY

19(2962) Sri. J. S. Javala: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

Whether application was received from Chathannoor constituency as a part of the Kerala Government's Comprehensive Education Project to upgrade one school to international standards in a constituency; could you explain the progress of this project implemented by CMAT-KERALA ?

ANSWER

The application was received from Chathannoor constituency for the Comprehensive Education Project which aims at upgrading one school to international standards in the constituency; this project is under review by the government.

MID-DAY MEAL PALN

20(2927) Sri. Therambil Ramkrishna:

Sri. Joseph Vazhackan:

Sri. Sadasivan Nair:

Sri. P. C. Vishnunath: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Was the mid-day meal scheme for school students modified at the time of this Government; explain;
- (B) What are the facts related to the reforms and modifications introduced in this project;
- (C) What are the actions taken for implementing this project?

ANSWER

- (A) Yes, it was modified. To provide nutritious food to the school children, who are the beneficiaries of this scheme, considering the local conditions and to improve the existing system the order was sanctioned to E-transfer a fixed amount of money per child for an academic year from the General Education Department in advance to the Principal. Earlier the required rice beans and other commodities was supplied by the Civil Supplies Corporation outlets and milk was bought from MILMA. To buy groceries, oil, vegetables and firewood, Rupees one per child was given to the school Principal by the Sub-district Education Officer. Extra money is given to buy eggs. According to the revised order, rice will be supplied Maveli Store and other items like beans, milk, egg groceries, oil and firewood can be bought locally by the School Noon Meal Committee considering the local situations.
- (B) Rice will be obtained from the related Maveli Store. Rs5per child will be given to the Principal in advance. The School Noon Meal Committee is given charge of providing nutrient rich food to children considering the local situation.
- (C) The Sub-district Education Officers will pass an indent in order to obtain rice required for the children in advance from the Maveli Store. To pay price of the rice to the F. C. I. the Sub-Director of Education is allotted money in advance. The Civil Supplies Corporation is also given an amount timely as shipping charge. The amount required for buying beans, milk, egg groceries, oil and firewood for the cooking in schools for 6 months' time can be transferred from Public Education Directorate to the Principal's school account by E-transfer in advance.

DECISION TO EXCLUDE K. B.P. S. FROM TEXT BOOK PRINTING

21(2928) Sri. K. V. Vijayadas: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Has it been decided to exclude K.P.B.S from textbook printing and give it to private agency; If yes, please explain;
- (B) Are you planning to close K.P.B.S at Kakkanad, Ernakulam; anything has been decided regarding that; have you noticed allegation of not hiring employees here; are recruitment procedures being carried to fill vacant posts;
- (C) Will a decision be taken at the government level to hand over the responsibility to the government presses in a situation where the workload on K.B.P.S.is increasing while using the existing manpower?

ANSWER

- (A) No.
- (B) There is no decision taken regarding closing K.B.P.S. The allegation of not hiring employees has not been noticed. Recruitment procedures are being carried to fill vacant posts.
- (C) It is possible for K.B.P.S to fully print and distributed textbooks by itself.

IMPROVING THE FUNCTIONING OF A. E. O, D. E. O. OFFICES

22(2929) Sri. T. U. Kuruvilla: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Has it been noticed that the performance of the offices from AEO to DEO has not improved in line with the improvement in education sector in the state? If so, could you explain what steps will be taken to rectify the situation?

(B) Whether steps will be taken to provide the required physical facilities to improve the functioning of the offices of A.E.O., D.E.O., and also to provide the service as soon as possible using modern systems including computers; If so, please provide details;

(C) Will there be steps to conduct surprise visits the offices of A.E.O. and D.E.O. to make the offices work efficiently?

Answer

(A) Not taken into account. However, Performance is evaluated by conducting inspection in the D.P.I. level to improve the functioning of these offices . The section also provides training to clerks.

(B) An amount of 49,97,700 (forty nine lakhs ninety seven thousand seven hundred) was sanctioned for the renovation of Sub-District Education Office and District Education Office during the financial year 2013-14. During the financial year 2014-15, an amount of 10,37,250 (ten lakhs thirty seven thousand two hundred and fifty) has been sanctioned for the scheme.

(C) Additional D.P.I. Level officials are making surprise visits.

I.E.D.S.S. Resource teachers

23(2930) Mrs. P. Aisha Poty: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

(A) How many fully qualified I.E.D.S.S. are available in different districts of the state? Can you tell me if the resource teachers are looking for work;

(B) How long these teachers have been in the job;

(C) Whether the Government will take immediate steps to ensure the job security of the said teachers;

(D) Whether the government will incur a financial liability by stabilizing resource teachers; Can you give details?

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Answer

(A&B) As per the Centrally Sponsored Education Scheme (IEDSS), 725 resource teachers have been recruited in various districts of the State from 2009-10 onwards.

(C) All resource teachers working on contract basis under the Central Education Scheme are re-employed in April every year on the basis of Government orders.

(D) As it is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the State Government will not be liable as long as the Central Government pays the salaries of resource teachers through the IEDSS Scheme.

I.E.D.S.S. Service-pay conditions of resource teachers

24 (2931) Sri.Saju Paul: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether the I.E.D.S.S (Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary stage) has set the terms and conditions of service-pay for resource teachers;

(B) Will you explain how many I.E.D.S.S. resource teachers are working in Kerala on contract basis;

(C) Whether it intends to revise their terms of service and remuneration as per the Jayarajan Commission report; Will you give details?

Answer

(A) Under the Centrally Sponsored Education Scheme (IEDSS), 725 resource teachers have been appointed in various districts of the State on contract basis to assist differently abled children studying in ordinary schools. They will be given a monthly salary of Rs 18,665, Onam allowance, 90 days paid maternity leave and 15 days casual leave.

(B) Under the Centrally Sponsored Education Scheme (IEDSS), 725 resource teachers have been appointed in various districts of the State on contract basis to assist differently abled children studying in ordinary schools.

(C) The Jayarajan Commission's study is mainly aimed at educating children with intellectual challenges in special schools and proposing the terms and conditions of service and pay of their teachers and staff.

G.V.Raja Sports School

25 (2932)Sri.A.K.Shasheendran: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Will you make it clear that how many sporting talents are currently conduct learning in the best sports school of Kerala, G.V.Raja Sports School, located in the Aruvikkara, Trivandrum;

(B) How many coaches are currently in this sports school and how many coaches are needed: whether action will be taken to appoint coaches as required;

(C) As in L.N.C.P. model, what are the steps taken by the government to appoint those who are qualified in sports science as the head of the school in the sports school;

(D) Will action be taken to appoint male and female wardens in both hostels to ensure the safety and protection of the boys and girls staying in the hostels of this school?

Answer

(A) G.V.Raja Sports School currently has 362 students studying in 7 sports items.

(B) G.V.Raja sports School currently appointed 6 (Six) sports teachers from the Department of Public Education and 4 (Four) from the Sports Council on working arrangement basis. The issue of hiring more coaches is under consideration.

(C) The subject is being examined.

(D) There are currently no posts of Male Wardens or Female Wardens. However, in the case of work arrangement, the sports teacher has been appointed as the mail warden and the female warden on daily pay basis.

C. H. Muhammad Koya Scholarship

26 (2933) Sri. K.V. Abdul khadar: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you clarify the criteria for obtaining C.H.Muhammad Koya Scholarship;

(B) Will you inform the amount of money given to the student as a scholarship per year;

(C) Whether scholarships are currently being offered to Muslim Nadar students; If so, what are the criteria for getting a scholarship and how much is being paid to this category per student per year;

(D) Will action be taken to increase the scholarship amount?

Answer

(A) Girls belonging to the Muslim/Latin Christian/Converted Christian community who are permanent residents of the State and have been admitted to Government/Aided Institutions or Unaided Professional Institutions on Government Merit Quota are eligible to apply for C.H.Muhammad Koya Scholarship/Hostel Stipend.

Under this scholarship scheme, a student can only receive a scholarship or a hostel stipend. Applicants should have secured not less than 50% marks in the qualifying examination and have an annual family income of less than Rs.4.5 lakhs. There is a stipulation that the recipients of the said scholarship should not accept any other scholarships.

(B) The details of the scholarship amount allotted to the student per annum are given below:

(i) For 3000 graduate students - Rs.4000/- each

(ii) For 1000 Post Graduate Students - Rs.5000/- each

(iii) For 1000 professional students - Rs.6000/- each

(iv) Hostel stipend for 2000 students - Rs.12000/- each

(C) Yes. Under the scheme, OBC in the State Scholarships are open to students from all walks of life and from families below the poverty line in advanced communities. Students who have secured admission in Class XI or first year undergraduate course in Government / Aided Institutions in the State and have an annual family income of less than Rs.18000/- are eligible for this scholarship. The scholarship is Rs.125 per year.

(D) The Government is considering a proposal to increase the scholarship amount.

S.S.A.Utilization of funds

27 (2934) Sri. Elamaram Kareem: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

(A) What projects are being used S.S.A. fund in the Department of Public Instruction; will you explain;

(B) The amount allotted for each project and the amount spent so far;

(C) Whether the Central guidelines on utilization of funds have been fully complied;

(D) Whether the language teachers appointed from the Teachers Bank are paid from the S.S.A fund; Can you give details about this?

Answer

(A) The following projects in the Department of Public Instruction are using S.S.A funds.

1. For all girls, Free uniforms for boys in BPL category
2. Free textbook
3. Distribution of equipment to children differently abled.
4. Construction of Classroom, Headmaster's Room, Surrounding Wall, Partition Wall, Toilet, Drinking Water etc.
5. Training for teachers

(B) Details are given as appendix.*

(C) The disbursement of funds is made in accordance with the Financial Management and Procurement Rules of the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development.

(D) The language teachers are not paid from S.S.A.fund.

Action to stop schools from selling land and making a profit

28 (2935) Sri.K.Muhammadunni Haji: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions;

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- (a) Have you noticed that Managers of some aided schools, where student strength is low, have given notice as per K E R to close schools, in order to sell the school land;
- (b) Mangattumuri AMLP School, Olavattoor in Kondotty Educational sub district had given notice to Public Education Director under section 7(6) of KER to close the school and the Hon'ble High Court had given a verdict in their favour. Have it came to your notice;
- (c) Will the Govt take steps to approach the Hon'ble Supreme Court against this verdict;
- (d) School Managers are closing the schools only to sell the school land for profit and giving the Govt the burden of protecting the students and teachers. Will the Govt take any new steps to stop this by passing new laws or modify the existing Public Education Law 1969(Act 6 of 1959) 7(6) section ?

Answers

(a& b) Yes.

(c& d) The Govt. has not received the copy of the verdict W.A 653/2011 of the Hon'ble High Court. The Govt will be taking necessary steps after seeing the copy of the verdict.

Central Fund for General Education Department for various Projects

(29/2936) Sri.Kolliyakode N Krishnan Nair : The Hon'ble Education Minister is requested to answer the following questions:

- (a) Could you please clarify how much Central Fund have been received by General Education Department in the last three financial years;
- (b) Have the Govt been able to utilise the fund completely ; if not, how much amount gone lapse and why ?

(c) Have the Govt followed the guidelines of the Centre in utilising the funds ; if yes, have the Govt utilised the funds against the guidelines; details please ;

(d) Any fund has been utilised on different account ? details please;

Answers

(a – d) Details are being collected.

Lab Assistants

30(2937)Sri.E.Chandrasekharan : The Hon'ble Education Minister is requested to answer the following questions;

- (a) How many lab assistants are working in Govt Higher Secondary Schools in the state ? Is it possible to provide district wise details ;
- (b) In this, how many of them have declared probation and how many are pending ; District wise details please;
- (c) Please explain the criteria for declaring probation;
- (d) Any tests have been conducted for those employees; please clarify when was the tests conducted for the last time?
- (e) Please explain the criteria for declaring the probation of Aided Higher Secondary School lab assistants;

Answers

- (a) There are 886 lab assistants working in Govt Higher Secondary Schools. District wise details are given as appendix I*
- (b) In this, 378 lab assistants have already declared probation and 508 are remaining. District wise details are given as appendix II*

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(c& e) The following are the criteria for declaring probation in assistant post :

A Minimum of two years' continuous service in a probation period of three years
Good conduct and excellence in work during the probation period
Pass in Lab Attenders' Test conducted by P S C.

(d) Yes, the last time the test was conducted on 17-06-2010.

Steps for granting approval for Unaided Schools

(31/2938)Sri. Thomas Unniyadan :

Sri.Monce Joseph :

Sri.T.U.Kuruvilla : The Hon'ble Education Minister is requested to answer the following questions ;

- (a) Will the Govt take necessary steps in this academic year itself, to grant approval for more than 2000 un aided schools, in an effort to provide primary education for all ,as a part of implementing the National Educational Policy; details please ;
- (b) Taking into account the concern of the students , teachers and parents of unaided schools, will the Govt take necessary steps to grant approval for those schools; details please ;

Answers

(a& b) As per G.O dt 10-06-2013 184/13/G.E , applications are invited from Schools working as per state syllabus, and steps have been taken to grant approval for Those schools working as per Govt criteria. Applications will be accepted till 31-12-2014.

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Application by Sri. Ratheesh Kaliyadan through School Principal

32(2939) Sri.K.Dasan : The Hon'ble Minister for Education is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Could you please explain what action has been taken on the application submitted to Higher Secondary Director through RDD, Kannur for getting time bound grade, by Sri.Ratheesh Kaliyadan (Former Higher Secondary Journalism Teacher, Thiruvangoor Higher Secondary School, under Koyilandy constituency 2002 & present Journalism teacher of Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School,Thalassery) , through Principal ;

(b) When did that said application receive from Kannur R D D and which section is handling the same ? Please clarify by producing the copy of note file and order file;

(c) What are the steps to be taken when an application regarding Grade is received?

What will be the normal time frame to take an action on such applications ?

(d) Have you noticed that Kannur RDD office has not taken any steps to check the excess service of Sri.RatheeshKaliyadan; please explain the steps to check excess service ; Also explain the steps taken by Kannur RDD office in this regard. Could you please make available the calendar of correspondence regarding this;

(e) Will you give order to take suitable action against the officials who are responsible for holding the time bound grade by delaying the file ?

(f) How many applications are pending at Kannur RDD regarding time bound grade?

Could you please provide the details of the teachers ? Please explain when did those applications receive and what action has been taken so far ;

Answers

(a) The Higher Secondary Director has returned the application submitted by Sri.RatheeshKaliyadan, for some corrections . Sri.Ratheesh Kaliyadan himself had received the application from Higher Secondary Director's office on 15-10-2012, but not yet resubmitted the same after making the necessary corrections.

(b) Sri.Ratheesh Kaliyadan's application was received on 28-03-2014 at RDD office Kannur. Till 25-05-2014, Section A1 was handling such applications. After 26-05-2014, Section A10 was handling the application. Copies of concerned files are given as appendix *

(c) Applicant should submit the application to the Principal attaching the necessary documents. Principal should check the application and if aided service is found, should forward the same to The Higher Secondary Director, with certification by RDD.

1. Details regarding service of the applications received at Higher Secondary Directorate are available at Account General's Office.
2. These details will be cross checked with the details available in the application.
3. If no mistakes are found, time bound grade will be granted. In case any mistakes were found, the application will be sent back to the school for correction. Grade will be granted based on the details received from Account General's office.

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If no errors found in the application and all necessary details received from the Accountant General's office, The Higher Secondary Director will issue order regarding grade.

(d& e) Kannur RDD office started functioning only on 17th February 2014. Application collected by Sri. Ratheesh Kaliyadan for correction from Higher Secondary Director on 15-12-2012 was received at RDD office, Kannur only on 28-03-2014 only. After that, if any lapse happened at RDD office, it will be checked and necessary steps will be taken.

(f) No applications regarding grade are pending at RDD office, Kannur at the moment.

Schools functioning as per R M S A project

33(2940) Sri.M.A.Azeez :

Sri.Kovoor Kunjumon : The Hon'ble Education Minister is requested to answer the following questions :

- (a) How many schools are functioning in the state as per R M S A project ? Please Provide district wise details;
- (b) Are the teachers of these schools permanent or temporary ? Please clarify;
- (c) Will the Govt take steps to appoint permanent teachers in R M S A schools ?

Answers

- (a) There are 111 schools are functioning in the state under R M S A project.
Trivandrum – 6, Kollam – 3, Pathanamthitta – Nil, Alleppey – 2, Kottayam -5
Idukki -15, Ernakulam – 7, Palakkad – 19, Malappuram – 8, Kozhikode – 6
Wayanad – 14, Kannur -9, Kasargode – 17
- (b) Presently permanent posts are available in 60 schools upgraded in 2009-2010 and 36 schools upgraded in 2010-2011.

But in these schools, there are both permanent and temporary staff. . Details are added below:

Permanent Teachers - 411

Temporary Teachers – 211

Teacher posts have not been created in the 16 schools upgraded in 2011-12 yet. However, in these schools, teachers are working on a daily basis.

(C) Steps are being taken to appoint permanent teachers in R.M.S.A schools.

Infrastructure development in R.M.S.A schools

34(2941) Shri. E. K. Vijayan: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Have you noticed that the schools which have been upgraded to RMSA schools in the state do not have adequate infrastructure and teachers which has put the functioning of such schools in crisis?
- B) If so, can you elaborate on the steps taken for infrastructure development and recruitment of teachers in these schools?

Answer

- (A) has been noticed.
- (B) During the year 2009-10, 60 schools which was upgraded under the RMSA scheme were provided funds for construction activities including infrastructure development. Construction work on schools is in progress in collaboration with the District Panchayat / Municipality. The Deputy Directors of Education are taking steps related to the appointment of teachers.

R.M.S.A. Project

35(2942) Shri. G. Sudhakaran: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

(A) How many schools have been upgraded under the R.M.S.A scheme in Alappuzha district and which are they;

(B) Can you elaborate on what have done to improve the physical conditions of these schools and to recruit teachers?

(C) Have you noticed the complaint that the employees working in schools upgraded under the RMSA scheme are not being paid properly; If so, can you elaborate what actions you have taken in this regard?

Answer

(A) In Alappuzha district, two schools have been upgraded under the RMSA scheme. They are as follows

1. G.U.P.S. Naluchira

2. Muhammadans GUPS. Kollakadavu

(B) The MHRD fund has not been sanctioned in the annual plan of the RMSA to improve the physical conditions of the said schools. Teachers in these schools are appointed by the Deputy Directors of Education.

(C) Yes. RMSA pays the exact salary of the employees working in the posts sanctioned as per RMSA norms. In addition to them, the government has directed the Deputy Directors of Education to pay salaries to the employees assigned to the said schools.

Infrastructure development in the R.M.S.A Schools

36 (2943) Shri. K. Radhakrishnan: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

Can you elaborate on the steps taken to provide basic facilities in 142 upgraded schools included in the state R.M.S.A scheme;

(B) The amount allotted for the development of infrastructure in the schools and how it is utilized for their needs .

Are the facilities as per K.R.C are fully available, if not can you explain the reasons for that?

- (C) How many teaching and non-teaching staffs are required at these particular schools and have they been fully employed, if not please explain the reason for that?

ANSWER

(A-C)The information is being collected.

STEPS TAKEN TO ALLOW NEW PLUS TWO BATCHES AND SCHOOLS

37(2944) Dr. K. T. Jaleel: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Can you explain the procedures taken by this Government to allow new Plus Two schools and batches;
- (B) Has the Government sanctioned applications found ineligible by the Expert Committee; could you share what was the opinion of the General Education Director in this matter?

ANSWER

- (A) With regard to the decision taken by the cabinet meeting on 29-5-2013 the order number G. O. (KITE)No. 185/13/G. E. was released on 11-6-2013, to allot two higher secondary schools each including two batches in 148 panchayaths of the State where Higher Secondary Schools are absent, to upgrade the existing high schools which are eligible and to allow new higher secondary batches (678 batches in total) in the eight districts north to Ernakulam. Based on this the Higher Secondary Education Director invited application to allot new higher secondary schools and excess higher secondary batches, as per the requirements in that area by the notification released as per procedure numbered A.C.DC3/16830/H.S.E/2013 on 14-6-2013. The criteria have been defined in the notification.

As per the order G. O.(KITE) No. 194/13/G.E. of 25-6-2013 a six-member committee presided by the Education Director was formed to scrutinize the applications received as per the notification and submit it to the government with necessary recommendations.

The letter numbered ACD C3/16830/13/H.S.E of 19-5-2014 was received by the government recommending the allotment of 642 batches after examining the applications received as per the notification by the Higher Secondary Education Director. After reconsidering the whole thing, the Government decided not to continue the procedures related to the above-mentioned notifications and orders. Instead of that, order G. O. (KITE) No. 86/2014/P.E was released by the Government on 24-5-2014 stating to allow more batches where necessary. As per this Higher Secondary Education Director released the notification ACDC 3/21437/H.S.E/2014 on 26-5-2014 inviting applications for new higher secondary batches. The criteria were mentioned in the current notification. The Higher Secondary Education Director on 18-6-2014 recommended the Government to allot 408 more higher secondary batches in the Government and Aided sector as per the rules in the current order and notification.

The respected High Court of Kerala by the judgement on the case with writ number 1341/2013 ordered on 11-4-2014, instructed the Government to allow Higher Secondary Schools and batches as per the list submitted along with a letter by the Higher Secondary Education Director, on 19-5-2014 based on the recommendations by the six member committee presided by the Higher Secondary Education Director after cancelling the judgement on 17-7-2014 as per the cases bases petitions related to Government order on 24-5-2014 and the notification W.P (C) No. 13851/14 by the Higher Secondary Education Director.

The Government issued order G.O.(KITE) No.143/2014/P. E on 31-7-2014 giving approval to a list consisting of 700 Higher Secondary batches across the Higher Secondary Schools in the state based on the decision by the cabinet meeting. A renewed order G.O(KITE) No. 247/2014/P.E on 24-11-2014 approved plus two batches to schools mentioned in the issued on 19-5-2014 by the Higher Secondary Education Director based on the judgement of 18-8-2014 by the respected High Court of Kerala.

- (B) The Government gave approval to eligible schools only after considering the local educational needs and the recommendations received by the Higher Secondary Education Director as letters on 19-5-2014 and 18-6-2014.

ORDER REGARDING UPGRADING ALTERNATIVE/SINGLE TEACHER SCHOOL

38(2945) Sri. P. K. Basheer: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Has the order been released for upgrading alternative/single teacher schools working in the state ? if yeas, can a copy be presented ?
- (B) What actions have taken to maintain the teaching and non-teaching staffs in alternative schools based on qualification when the schools are upgraded to L. P. School; could you explain;
- (C) Has the order been released regarding the salary increment of the present school teachers? If yes, can its copy be presented?

ANSWER

- (A) As per the order G.O(MS)44/2014/G.Edn. of 1-3-2014, 111 single teacher schools having its own property and buildings working in the state will be upgraded. (Copy attached)*
- (B) It is being checked.
- (C) As per the order G.O(MS)201/2014/G.Edn. of 8-10-2014, the honorarium of presently working Vidya Workers has been raised from 3000 to 5000 from 1-9-2014.(Copy will be included)*

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POST OF SPORTS TEACHER IN HIGHER SECONDARY

39(2946) Sri. T. V. Rajesh: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) What is the interruption in implementing the suggestion by Labba Commission that physical education is necessary for the mental and physical development of students studying in Higher Secondary;
- (B) There are physical education periods in Higher Secondary in spite the posts have not been created; what actions will be taken for this;
- (C) What actions will be taken to calculate the period in Higher Secondary level in order to protect the posts of Sports teacher;
- (D) Will actions be taken to find ultimate solution to the problems of sports teachers.

ANSWERS

(A-D) The government is investigating this matter.

SUICIDE OF ANEESH MASTER

40(2947) Sri. P. Ramakrishnan: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) What was the reason to terminate Sri. Aneesh Master of Munniyoor Higher Secondary School in Malappuram district from service, who then committed suicide;
- (B) Has the allegation been noticed that the manager trapped Aneesh master of Munniyoor Higher Secondary School in Malappuram district in a fake case who later committed suicide;

- (C) Did the Action Council complaint against this; if yes, what actions have been taken;
- (D) Who is the manager of the school; has complaint been received from Aneesh master's family or anyone else; if yes, what are the actions taken?

ANSWERS

- (A) Based on the complaint that Mr. Muhammad Asraf the F.T.M of that school was beaten and injured.
- (B) The allegation has been noticed. Following that enquiry was conducted by the Project Officer for the Vigilance Department of General Education Department on 18-11-2014. The report has not yet been submitted.
- (C) The Action Council's complaint was received and the Vigilance Department of General Education Department conducted an enquiry on 18-11-2014. The report has not yet been submitted.
- (D) Complaints were received from Sri. V. P. Saithalavi, Aneesh master's father Sri. K. k. Kumaran, Teacher Associations and Action Council. Based on these complaints an enquiry by the Vigilance Department of General Education Department was conducted on 18-11-2014. The enquiry has not been received.

PROCEDURES TO APPOINT OFFICE STAFF IN HIGHER SECONDARY DEPARTMENT

41(2949) Sri. V. M. Ummar Master: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Has the problems to appoint office staff in Higher Secondary Schools been noticed; has procedures been initiated to appoint office staff;
- (B) What all posts are intended to being created; when do expect to start the appointment;

ANSWER

(A&B) Yes, the matter to appoint office staff at Higher Secondary level is being considered

**PROCEDURES TO ALLOW ANTHROPOLOGY, GEOLOGY & GEOGRAPHY SUBJECTS IN HIGHER
SECONDARY LEVEL**

42(2950) Sri. Raju Abraham: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) In how many schools in the state Anthropology, Geology and Geography been introduced as subjects of study; mention which are those schools;
- (B) Who is in charge in deciding and approving the combination of courses in Aided/Government Higher Secondary Schools in the state;
- (C) What actions have been taken by the Government to introduce subjects like Anthropology, Geology and Geography in more schools(at least in Government schools)which should be studied by students but are rarely approved; will the Government be ready to approve these subjects while allotting additional +2 batches.

ANSWER

- (A) Anthropology – in 12 schools
Geology - in 46 schools
Geography - in 288 schools

Details will be added in addition.*

(B & C)The Government is giving approval to subject combinations as per the applications submitted by the school authorities(Government school- Headmaster, Aided School- Manager) based on the local requirements according to the notification inviting applications for approving Higher secondary schools/batches. If the batches are allotted without the recommendation of the school authorities, a situation of shortage of students for this batches locally may occur. So batches are not allotted unless

requested for. In future, when application are requested for approval of new schools and batches, if requested Anthropology, Geology and Geography will be considered for approval.

PROCEDURES TO START NEW SCHOOLS

43(2951) Sri. T. A. Ahmed Kabeer: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) At which stage is the procedure to allow new schools at places where there are no schools at specified distances according to the Right to Education Act;
- (B) Has it been calculated how many schools may have to be started according to this; please clarify?

ANSWER

(A&B) Procedures to start new schools have not been started.

TOILETS IN THE SCHOOLS OF VAIKOM CONSTITUENCY

44(2952) Sri, K. Ajith :Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Could you explain in how many schools of Vaikom constituency in which toilet facilities are unavailable;
- (B) Please elaborate what actions are being taken by the Government to ensure this and when will it be completed;
- (C) Will actions be taken to partner with voluntary organizations like Lions Clun and Rotary Club to construct toilets?

ANSWER

- (A) Toilets are there in all higher secondary schools.

(B) Fund has been allotted through S.S.A., R.M.S.A., S.S.J.D. and Education Department to construct toilets in schools where it is less. 377lakh has been allotted to the Vocational Higher Secondary Department from the Plan Fund in the end of 2012-13 financial year to ensure drinking water facilities and to construct toilets and urinals in the 220 Vocation higher schools which lacks basic facilities. The Department has released the required amount to the respective District Collectors to execute this project in the respective districts from this fund. This project has been completed in 74 Government Vocational Higher Secondary Schools. In the remaining 146 schools the construction works are under progress.

Amount has been sanctioned to the local government agencies to construct toilets in Higher Secondary Schools as per requirements. The construction works are carried by the local government bodies.

(C) Will Investigate.

BUILDING FOR KAKKAYAM G. L. P. SCHOOL

45(2953) Sri. Purushan Kadalundi: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) What is progress of the actions taken regarding the construction of G.L.P School, Kakkayam building in Balusheri assembly constituency regarding the decision to take action as per the assurance to take action regarding this by the respected Cabinet committee;
- (B) Has the Public Works Department or the Engineering section of Local Governments been asked to prepare an estimate?

ANSWER

(A&B) Information is being collected.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS IN AIDED SECTOR

46(2954) Sri. K. V. Abdul Khader: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Could you explain how many special schools in the State are working in the Aided sector;
- (B) How many special schools have been allotted aided status after this government came into power;
- (C) What are criteria defined by the government to give aided status to these schools;
- (D) Are you planning to change the present criteria ;

ANSWER

- (A) 37 schools.
- (B) 11special schools (higher secondary category-3, high school category-3, primary included-5) have been given aided status.
- (C) Special schools are given aided status as per criteria mentioned in the order G.O(P) 412/69/V.D of 9-11-1969.

Special Schools where more than 100 mentally challenged students are studying including buds school are allowed to be given Aided status as per the order G.O.(P) No. 69/2014/G.E.D of 28-4-2014;

The school will be allotted aided status only from the date the Government issues a detailed order mentioning the criteria's like the number of students as per UID, teacher-student ratio, educational qualification of teachers and other employees, distance between schools, condition regarding the admission of students.

(D) Procedures have been initiated to introduce timely changes in the order G.O.(P) 412/69/G.E.D.

The order was given to form a three-member committee to discuss the conditions with related persons and providing detailed instructions in allotting Aided status to special schools where more than 100 mentally challenged students are studying.

PART TIME HINDI U.P.S.A RANK LIST OF WAYANAD DISTRICT

47(2955) Sri. C. Divakaran: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

How many people are working for daily wages under the post of part time Hindi U.P.S.A in the Wayand district?

ANSWER

No one is working.

PROCEDURES TO MAKE SALARY AVAILABLE IN AIDED SCHOOLS

48(2956) Sri. K. Radhakrishnan: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Has the complaint been noticed that the teachers working in permanent post for the past four years in Aided schools are not receiving salary;
- (B) If yes, please clarify the reasons for that;
- (C) What actions will be taken to make the salary available to these teachers?

ANSWER

(A-C) No. Salary is made available to teachers appointed in permanent post due to the vacancies by death, resignation, promotion and retirement based on the post determination existed in 2010-11. But decision has not been taken regarding the extra post.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR STUDENTS STUDYING INMALAYALAM MEDIUM

49(2957) Sri. M. P. Vincent: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

What are the measures taken to provide encouragement to the students studying in Malayalam medium?

ANSWER

No decision is taken.

CRITERIA TAKEN FOR ALLOWING PLUS TWO SCHOOLS AND ADDITIONAL BATCHES

50(2958) Sri. K. V. Abdul Khader: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) Who formulated the new criteria defined by the Government for approving new Higher Secondary schools and more batches; when was it approved;
- (B) Whether application had been invited notifying the criteria decided by the Government; if yes, when was it;
- (C) Whether all the Higher Secondary batches recommended by the Higher Secondary Director were approved; if not, how many were avoided;
- (D) How many schools and batches were allowed that were not recommended by the Higher Secondary Director?

ANSWER

- (A) The criteria to approve new plus two schools and batches was according to the order G.O.(KITE) No. 185/13/G.E. of 11-6-2013 by the Government.
- (B) Based on the above-mentioned order, the applications were invited by the Higher Secondary Director according to the notification A.C.D.C3/16830/13/H.S.E of 14-6-2013.
- (C) Permission granted
- (D) Permission not granted to function for schools or batches which are not recommended by the Higher Secondary Education Director.

PLUS TWO BATCH

51(2959) Sri. James Mathew: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) Has it been noticed that the Chief Whip publicly alleged that trade has taken place in the local level in allowing plus two batches and enquiry is required in this matter;
- (B) Will measure be taken to investigate this situation and collect evidence as he had demanded;
- (C) Did the Chief Whip give a complaint in writing; if yes what are the measures taken?

ANSWER

- (A) It has not been noticed.
- (B&C) Not applicable regarding (A).

SCHOOL YOUTH FESTIVAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

52(2960) Sri. V, M Ummar Master: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) Please explain the representatives of which all organizations had been included in the Organizing Committee of Kerala School Youth Festival;
- (B) Explain what was the reason to avoid approved Non-teaching employees organization from manual reformation;
- (C) Will measure be taken to include representative of approved Teachers organization?

ANSWERS

- (A) The Respected Governor, Chief Minister, Opposition Leader, Ministers, M.Ps and M.L.As of the district, citizens, cultural leaders, other representatives, political party leaders, leaders from approved teacher organizations, important personalities in the venue district are included in the organizing committee.
- (B) The approved non-teaching staff organization left from the sub committees when the manual was revised in 2008 in order to jointly conduct the youth festival of high school, higher secondary and vocational higher secondary category, since it belongs to academics category.
- (C) It will be considered to include representatives of approved non-teaching staff organization during the next manual updation

REQUEST OF SCHOOL TEACHER SMT. SAJITHA. M. P

53(2961) Sri. M. V. Sreyas Kumar: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) Has the request of Srimati. Sajitha. M. P, the school teacher of G. L. P. School in Kniyambatta Grama Panchayath in Kalpetta constituency been noticed;
- (B) What was the reason she did not receive the salary;

(C) Will action be taken to make available the salary eligible to this teacher ?

ANSWER

(A-C) Yes, Smt. Sajitha M. P the teacher in pre-primary class conducted by PTA of G. L. P. S Chikkallur did not receive the honorarium because she did not have the necessary qualification. But as per G.O(M.S)137/17/P.E.D of 18-7-2014. She has been receiving honorarium from July 2014.

FIRST YEAR HIGHER SECONDARY REGISTRATION IN OPEN SCHOOLS

54(2962) Sri. K. Kunjiraman (Thrikkarippur):

Sri, PurushanKadalundi:

Sri. V, Chentamarakshan:

Sri. R. Rajesh: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) Has the registration of first year higher secondary in Open Schools been completed; if not, when will it be completed;
- (B) How many contact classes are conducted for the students in an academic year; how many classes do you think can be provided to the current batch this year;
- (C) At what is phase is the preparation of learning guided and other study materials; whether the lack of experienced officers is being experienced;
- (D) Is the future uncertain of students who rely on open schools for studying fearing the exploitation by private schools; will actions be taken to improve the working of open schools;

ANSWERS

- (A) The registration for first year higher secondary in opens schools is completed.
- (B) Contact classes are given to open regular students studying in the Kerala State Open Schools. 30 hrs of contact class for a subject is given during an academic year. The classes are conducted on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. 25hrs are yet to be conducted.
- (C) The works to prepare guides will began after the printing textbooks of subjects whose syllabus was revised. The drafts of guides of the revised syllabus subjects has been completed. The printing of guided of revised and unrevised subjects is being completed. The lack of experienced officers in preparing the guides has not been experienced.
- (D) The future of open school students will not be in uncertainty. The Government is considering to convert the Kerala State Open School as an independent institution (skol-Kerala) to improve it working.

QUALIFICATION AND SERVICE-PAY SYSTEM OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

55(2963) Sri. A. A. Azees:

Sri. Kovoov Kunjumon: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) Could you explain conditions of the qualification and service-pay system of school bus drivers;
- (B) Will actions be taken to appoint school bus drivers through P. S. C?

ANSWERS

- (A) Presently there are no school buses by the Government. The post of drivers has not been allowed in any schools. Therefore conditions of the qualification and service-pay system of school bus drivers has not been prepared. The P.T.A is responsible for the maintaining and working of school buses currently.
- (B) Since the post of bus driver has not been created in schools, appointments cannot be conducted through P.S.C.

SCHOOL BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN CHELAKKARA CONSTITUENCY

56(2964) Sri. K. Radhakrishnan: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Please give the details of the school building under construction in Chelakkara constituency;
- (B) Has the delay in completing the construction of school building been noticed;
- (C) If yes, what are the reasons for that;
- (D) What actions are being taken to avoid the delay and complete the construction of the school buildings in this academic year itself;

ANSWER

- (A) 1. M.S.T.G.H.S , Chelakkara
2. G.H.S , Cheruturuthy
- (B) It has not been noticed.
- (C&D) It will be instructed to complete the work soon.

COMPLAINT BY SRIMATI REHIYANATH

57(2965) Sri. K. K. Jayachandran: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Have you noticed the incident that a legal notice was sent by Srimati. Rehiyanath, Kottuvatukkal mentioning she would register a case for trying to defame her when she approached the DDE Office in Idukki district to seek information regarding the salary and the nature of the job of the post Confidential Assistant according to the RTI Act; If not, will it be investigated;

- (B) What was the situation to send a legal notice rather than giving answer as per Right to Information Act;
- (C) What actions are taken against the guilty in the incident where legal notice was sent upon the application to the D.D.E as per Right to Information Act?

ANSWER

(A-C) The reply for the applications received as per Right to Information Act was given. Legal notice has not been sent mentioning to register a case for trying to defame her.

SALARY GRADE SCALE OF SCHOOL CLERKS

58(2966) Sri. V. M. Ummar Master: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Has the difference in determining the salary grade scale of Government school clerks and aided school clerks working in the same post been noticed;
- (B) What actions have been taken to solve this and ensure same salary increment and other benefits to all those working in the same post;

ANSWER

- (A) It has been noticed.
- (B) It's being looked into.

PLUS TWO BATCHES APPROVED IN GOVERNMENT, AIDED SCHOOLS

59(2967) Sri. K. Ajith: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) How many plus two batches were allowed, specifically the number of Government and Aided schools after this Government came into and what is the amount of additional liability per year for this;

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- (B) In which all Government and Aided schools plus two batches were approved and in what all subjects these batches were approved after this Government came into power; Please clarify;
- (C) How many Higher Secondary batches had to be cancelled due to court procedures after this Government came into power and in which all schools, please explain;
- (D) Can it be made sure that higher secondary batches are there in all panchayaths if the presently allowed batches are calculated.
- (E) Has information been received about approving more than one Higher Secondary Schools in the same Panchayath; if yes, could you reveal in which all panchayaths?

ANSWER

- (A&B) After this Government came into power, in the Government-Aided sector till 2014-15, 278 batches in new Higher Secondary Schools and 711 more batches in already present Higher Secondary Schools were allowed. The batchwise details are attached as Annexure I*. The number of posts required for the approved batches in the year 2014-15 has not been calculated. The liability can only be calculated after it is completed.
- (C) 284 batches. Details added as Annexure II*.
- (D) No
- (E) Yes, Panchayath based details being collected

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GUEST TEACHERS OF MANIYOOR HIGHER SECODNARY SCHOOL

60(2968) Srimati. K. K. Latika: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) How many guest teachers have been appointed in the Higher Secondary school in Maniyoor panchayath in Malappuran district since August 2011;
- (B) Please explain for how much time did each of them work as guest teachers, the salary of which all months have been given and how much salary are still pending;
- (C) Please make it clear when will the salary of these teachers be given?

ANSWER

- (A) 42
- (B) The salary of 29 teachers have been given proportionately regarding their work time. Details included as Annexure I*. The details of the 13 teachers who have not received the salary is added as Annexure II*.
- (C) The Higher Secondary Director had given approval to appoint teachers on basis of daily wages until the regular post are created for the excess Higher Secondary batches functioning from academic year 2011-12. Post has not been created depending on the workload, thus teacher's could not be given salary. Later order was given regarding the creation of regular post in these batches after which it was recommended by the Higher Secondary Director that the teacher's working in these batches shall be given salary based on daily wages. Later on based this, actions were taken to provide salary to all the qualified guest teachers under the current appointment, according to their work load.

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OFFICIAL VEHICLE FOR THE HIGHER SECONDARY REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE MALAPPURAM.

61(2969) Sri. T. A. Ahmed Kabeer: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Has the request to allow official vehicle for the office of the Higher Secondary Regional Director, Malappuram;
- (B) If yes, will immediate actions be taken to allow own vehicle;
- (C) If not, the need to approve official vehicle for the Malappuram Regional Director, under whose control Malappuram, the district with the largest number of schools and Palakkad, the largest district is under;

ANSWER

(A) Yes.

(B&C) As per the direction of Revenue Department, to control the expenses considering the present financial crisis and to practice financial discipline, the Higher Secondary Regional Officer has not been given approval to buy its own official vehicle. But approval has been given to the the Higher Secondary Regional Deputy Director to rent a vehicle as per the rates agreed by the Government.

LEGISLATION REGARDING THE CONDITIONS OF SERVICE & PAY OF THE STAFFS IN SELF-FINANCING AIDED SCHOOLS

62(2970) Sri. V. Sasi: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- A. Are you to planning to legislate laws regarding the service & pay of staffs in Self-financing Aided Schools;
- B. If yes, where has the procedures reached?

ANSWER

(A&B) As per the order G.O (MS)No. 36/11/P.E.D of 14-2-2011, it has been instructed to provide the principal 7000 Rs., H.S.A 6000Rs., 5000Rs. to primary teachers,4000 Rs. to clerks and 3500 Rs. to class 4 workers of self-financing aided schools. The subject to include the teaching and non-teaching staffs of unaided C.B.S.E/I.C.S.E SCHOOLS under the Minimum Wages Bill, is being considered by the Law Department.

ADDITIONAL SKILL ACQUISITION PROGRAMME

63(2917) Srimati. K. Saleekha: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- A. How many children will receive benefits from the Additional Skill Acquisition Programme;
- B. The Education Department is planning to provide what kind of training in the Higher Secondary level; could you provide the details;
- C. Is the Education Department planning to include the excess teachers during post creation, in this project?

ANSWER

- A. In the time period from 2012-18, 3.1 lakhs student will receive benefits from the Additional Skill Acquisition Programme;
- B. The selected students will be given 80 hours training in English Communication and 80 hours training in Information technology along with

training in other variety of vocational skills such that they are capable of getting a job in the employment sector is which the ASAP project is aimed at.

C. No

TRAINING PROGRAMME AT CMAT KERALA

64(2972) Sri. V. Sivankutty: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

What further actions are taken by the Government in the matters discovered following the audit of the Accountant General that the training classes being handled by ex-employees by giving them extra remuneration, avoiding the academic staffs and also the matter that proper record of documents are not being kept and there is huge disorder in giving remuneration and buying things ?

ANSWER

The previous director had avoided the staffs from taking class in the training programme CMAT-KERALA. But the academic staffs are taking classes as per the present Director's instruction. Also the academic staffs are working as implementing officers of the training programme. IMG Faculties and other experts in that area are being appointed to conduct management classes. They are given the remuneration decided by the Executive Committee. TDS collected from them is paid to the Government. The documents regarding the training programme are collected in the corresponding vouchers by the respective batches and internal audit is also being conducted. The things required for the training programme are bought from Civil Supplies Corporation, Triveni Departmental Store, Premiere Office Equipments, Small Industries Development Corporation of India and Artisans Development Corporation.

APPOINTMENT IN THE SC/ST N.C.A. VACANCY IN MALAPPURAM DISTRICT

65(2973) Sri. K. Radhakrishnan: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- A. What is the reason, the candidates who received the advice memo for getting appointed in the N.C.A vacancy of SC/ST posts in schools of Malappuram district are not yet appointed;
- B. Did the Respected Chief Minister assure that the appointments will be done soon, as a reply to the submission regarding this during the last Legislative Assembly meeting;
- C. Has the report of the Sub-Director of District Education regarding this been received; what was the content of the report; what is the reason for time lag in the related file;
- D. Has appointment been done in the N.C.A. vacancies without considering the candidates advised by the P.S.C; if yes, isn't this illegal; will actions be taken against officers who failed in investigating this;
- E. Will actions be taken to comply with the assurance given in the Legislative Assembly regarding this?

ANSWERS

- A. Appointment order could not be given due to shortage in teacher posts during the post determination.
- B. It had been given
- C. It was received. It is said in the report that if more posts are allowed in Government schools or completing the promotion of Pre-primary Principle or if supernumerary post are created the N.C.A candidates can be considered.

Since it is a financial liability occurring matter, the file is under consideration of Revenue Department.

D. Appointment not done.

E. Have taken actions. The order will be released on getting sanction from Revenue Department.

QUALIFICATION OF BLOCK PROGRAMME OFFICERS

66(2974) Sri. Chittayam Gopakumar: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

A. What are eligibility criteria for appointing B.R.C.s of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (S.S.A) project as Block Programme Officer(B.P.O);

B. Could you produce the copies of Government orders and circulars related to this;

C. Have the employees who do not have presently defined qualification been appointed as Block Programme Officers;

D. Could you tell is there any legal possibility currently to appoint Aided school teachers as Block Programme Officer?

ANSWER

(A-E) Information is being collected.

PEOPLE NOT RECEIVING PRIMARY EDUCATION

67(2975) Sri. K. Suresh Kurup: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

A. Has the survey of people not receiving primary education been conducted; please explain;

- B. Has the number of students been determined who have not been admitted in any school even after the age of six;
- C. May I have the district wise number of students who drop out after taking admission in schools?

ANSWER

(A-C) Information is being collected.

PLUS TWO COURSE IN ALL HIGH SCHOOLS

68(2976) Sri. Mons Joseph:

Sri. T. U. Kuruvilla:

Sri. Thomas Unniyadan: The Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

Will Plus two course will be allotted in all High Schools in the State, next academic year onwards, to solve the difficulties the students and parents are facing now?

ANSWER

The Government is not considering this matter presently.

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS

69(2978) Sri. Saju Paul: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Has the methods of appointment of teachers in Kerala been modified;
- (B) Has it been notified that TET Qualification is required along with the educational qualification for being appointed as teachers;
- (C) How many times TET has been conducted till now; could you tell what is the percentage of candidates qualified every year in each category.
- (D) On the basis of which study, TET was made compulsory to write P.S.C exam in spite of qualifying T.T.C and B. Ed.

ANSWER

- (A) The method of appointing aided teachers has been modified,
- (B) Yes.
- (C) KTET has been conducted three times (2012, 2013, 2014). Details added below:

CATEGORY	2012	2013	2014
I	9.48%	2.11%	14.65%
II	4.19%	9.03%	16.98%
III	3.17%	8.07%	10.88%
IV	Exam not conducted	8.23%	19.27%

- (D) The test was made compulsory in order to meet the qualifications as approved by the N.C.T.A, the academic authority under the Central Government, as per the National Right to Education Act.

TEACHERS BANK

70(2979) Sri. A. K. Balan: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) After this Government came into power, how many teachers were included in the Teachers Bank in the academic year 2011-12 who lost their posts; could you provide the figures Government & Aided schools wise as well as on the basis of L.P , U.P , High School and Specialists posts;
- (B) How many teachers are left in the Teachers Bank in the academic year 2014-15; could you produce the figures based on Government & Aided school wise as well as on the basis of L.P , U.P , High School and Specialists posts;
- (C) How many teacher's were appointed from the Teachers Bank in the vacancies occurred from the academic year 2011-12 till 2014-15; Could you give the numbers based on Government & Aided schools as well as on the basis of posts;
- (D) How many teachers were appointed by P.S.C this academic year (2014-15); can the figures according to the posts be provided;
- (E) How many teachers were appointed in Aided schools this academic year(2014-15); can the figures based on the posts be provided;
- (F) How many teachers retired from service during the academic year 2013-14; can the figures based on the posts in Government and Aided schools be provided;

ANSWER

(A-F) Information being collected.

TEACHERS FIXATION

71(2980) Sri. P. K. Basheer: Will the Education Minister please reply the questions given below:

- (A) Has the teacher's fixation for the year 2014-15 completed?
- (B) If yes, how many teachers are in excess in the State; could you provide the details based on Government and Private sector;
- (C) How is the Government planning to arrange these teachers currently;

ANSWER

- (A) The salary fixation procedures of the year 2014-15 have been completed in all schools which has not received stay from the respected HighCourt.
- (B) There is an excess of 1920 teachers in Government schools and 6957 teachers in Aided schools.
- (C) As per the post determination of 2010-11, the regular teachers who have currently lost their posts will be protected by reducing the teacher-student ratio notionally and through Teachers Banks as decided. What are the guidelines regarding this?

GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL IN PONGANAAD

72(2981)Sri. B. Satyan: Will the education minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) Has it been noticed that the Ponganaad U.P school which was later upgraded to high school as a part of the RMSA project is facing difficulties due to space constraints;
- (B) Has fund been allotted for constructing the school building as per RMSA Project; if yes, how much; who is in charge of the construction; will classrooms be built as a part of this; if yes, how many; who is in charge of the construction;

(C) How many teachers have been allotted in the High school category currently; how many are teaching now; how many vacancies are there; what actions have been taken to fill these vacancies; why appointment is not being done even if there are more teachers than required ;could you explain?

ANSWER

(A-C) Information is being collected.

APPLICATION FOR PROVIDING LAND FOR GOVT. GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL CHALAKUDY

73(2982) Sri.B.D. Devassy: Will the education minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) At what phase, are the actions taken regarding the application to provide land to Govt. Girls High School Chalakudy for building pre-metric hostel for girl students belonging to backward classes;
- (B) Will immediate actions be taken to get the consent letter of the General Education Director and to obtain the permission for building the hostel;

ANSWERS

- (A) The file has been sent for the opinion of Revenue Department.
- (B) It will be taken.

REGARDING THE COLLAPSE OF SCHOOL BUILDING IN MANKOMB

74(2983) Sri. Thomas Chandy: Will the education minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) Has the investigation report regarding the collapse of the building in Avittam Thirunal Vocational Higher Secondary School been received
- (B) Will actions be taken to allow new building for this school.

ANSWER

- (A) Yes. The investigation report submitted by the Education Subdirector of Alappuzha has been attached as annexure*.
- (B) MankombAvittam Thirunal Vocational Higher Secondary School building was built by the Alappuzha District Panchayath fund. So the corresponding District Panchayath officer have been instructed to taking necessary actions regarding the approval new school building.

PROCEDURES TO UPGRADE ADAKATH BAYAL U.P SCHOOL IN KASARGODE AS HIGH SCHOOL

75(2984) Sri. A. N. Nellikkunnu: Will the Education minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) Has the Adakath Bayal U.P School in Kasaragod been upgraded as High School; If yes, under which project; could you explain based on which order;
- (B) Are the current teachers in this school receiving salary; if not, could you produce the details of the teacher's not receiving the salary; could you tell when will they get the salary;
- (C) Who is the Principal in this school; does she have a transfer; if yes, when was the order released; has she been released; if not, please explain the reason for that?

ANSWER

(A-C) Information being collected.

MALAYALAM MEDIUM SCHOOLS IN KASARGOD DISTRICT

76(2985) Sri. A. N. Nellikkunnu: Will the Education minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) How many L.P, U.P and High Schools are functioning without Malayalam medium; can you give the statistics Panchayath wise;

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(B) Has the fact that there no Malayalam medium High Schools in Kambdaja Grama Panchatath of Kasaragod Assembly Constituency; what actions will be taken to solve the problems faced by parents and students due to this;

ANSWER

(A&B) Information is being collected.

VACANCY OF PLUS TWO SCHOOLS TEACHERS IN THE STATE.

77(2986) Sri. Babu. M. Palisseri: Will the Education Minister answer the following questions:

- (A) How many plus two schools are currently there in the state; how many in aided sector; how many in Government sector;
- (B) How many batches are there present; how many batches in aided sector; how many in Government sector;
- (C) How many teachers are currently there in the Government Higher Secondary category; how many are guest teachers; how many plus two teachers are there in aided schools; how many are guest teachers;
- (D) How many vacancies are presently there in the Government Higher Secondary Schools ?

ANSWER

(A)

TOTAL	2046
GOVERNMENT	816
AIDED	823
RESIDENTIAL- GOVERNMENT	13
SPECIAL-SCHOOL GOVERNMENT	2

SPECIAL-SCHOOL AIDED	8
UNAIDED	362
SPECIAL SCHOOL UNAIDED	5
TECHNICAL (I.H.R.D)	17

(B)

TOTAL	7220
AIDED	3267
GOVERNMENT	2723

(C) There are 11712 teachers currently in the Higher Secondary level. If there is shortage of teachers than required, the Principal can appoint guest teachers as per rule. So the number of guest teachers is not available to the Government. There are 12355 teachers in Higher Secondary category. There are 388 guest teachers in Aided Higher Secondary category.

(D) 2404 vacancies.

UNAIDED SCHOOLS IN THE STATE

78(2987) Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: Will the Education Minister answer the following questions:

(A) Could you reveal, how many unaided schools are working in Lower Primary, Upper Primary, High School and Higher Secondary category in the State at present;

(B) Could you explain how many schools do not have recognition in this;

(C) Can you provide the figures how many students are studying in these recognized and unrecognized school;

ANSWER

- (A) There are 851 unaided schools presently working in the State. It includes 249-Lower Primary, 205-Upper Primary and 397-High School batches. The information regarding Higher Secondary is being collected.
- (B) The information about unrecognized schools is not available. No unrecognized schools are working in the Higher Secondary category.
- (C) 5246 students are studying in recognized Unaided schools. The number of students studying in unrecognized schools are not available.

TRANSFER OF TEACHERS AND OTHER STAFFS IN VOCATIONAL HIGHER SECONDARY

79(2988) Sri. M. A. Baby: Will the Education Minister answer the following questions:

- (A) Has there been any complaints regarding the transfer of teachers and other staffs in Vocational Higher Secondary; Did the court question the order regarding the transfer of the Director;
- (B) Did the transfer order receive a stay; Has the actions of the Director been inspected regarding this; explain what was the opinion of the General Education Secretary regarding this;
- (C) Has any criteria been decided regarding the transfer in this department; was it followed;
- (D) Has allegations been raised there is widespread irregularities and corruption in giving transfer; will you be ready to investigate this and take actions against those found guilty;

ANSWER

- (A) There has been complaints regarding the transfer of teachers and other staffs in Vocational Higher Secondary. Some transfers were questioned in the court.

(B) The order regarding the transfer was given stay according to the Government letter number 59329/S.C.2/2014/G. E.D of 23-10-2014 . This stay was later withdrawn by the letter 59329/S.C.2/2014/G.E.D of 1-11-2014 addressed to the Vocational Higher Secondary Education Director on 1-11-2014 and also instructed to investigate the complaints regarding this.

(C) The Vocational Higher Secondary follows the criteria as per G.O(P) No. 12/2004/P&A.R.D of 10-9-2004 and G.O(P) No. 77/2010/P.E.D of 22-5-2010 regarding transfer generally.

(D) Corruption and irregularities have not been noticed.

NATIONAL RIGHT TO EDUCATION ACT AND THE SCHOOLS IN THE STATE

80(2989)Sri. K. N. A. Khader: Will the Education Minister answer the following questions:

(A) Did the Government review whether the schools in the State are working according to the National Right to Education Act;

(B) Has the Government noticed that many schools in the State conduct entrance exm since L.K.G classes itself;

(C) If yes, do you know that this is against the National Right to Education Act;

(D) Will the Government take immediate actions to ensure that the schools in the State function according this act?

ANSWER

(A-D) The National Right to Education Act is being implemented step by step. Conducting entrance. exams is against the National Right to Education Act. A State Advisory Committee chaired by the Hon. Education Minister has been formed to inspect review whether the schools are implementing the rules including this as directed. The Committee is taking required actions.

PROTECTING NON-PROFITABLE SCHOOLS

81(2990) Srimati. P. Ayisha Potty:

Sri. C. K. Sadasivan:

Sri. K. Kunjiraman (Udhuma):

Sri. P. T. A. Raheem: Will the Education Minister answer the following questions:

- (A) How many schools in the State are non-profitable as per statistics;
- (B) How many them are being planned to be included in the Focus Project;
- (C) Will actions be taken to prohibit the schools working without Government approval and in turn protect the non-profitable schools;

ANSWER

- (A) Schools which have less than 15 students in a class are considered as non-profitable schools. There are 3531 schools like this.
- (B) In the first phase 1568 schools are being included in the Focus Project.
- (C) The schools currently working without the Government approval, with regard to the National Right to Education Act, but following the criteria's as defined by the Government are considered for approval and steps are being taken for this. After being approval to these schools, actions will be taken against unauthorized schools. The Focus Project has been implemented with a view to protect non-profitable schools.

NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

82(2991)Sri. T. A. Ahmed Kabeer: Will the Education Minister answer the following questions:

- (A) How many Education districts in the State and which are they according to Revenue districts;
- (B) How many Sub-district Education offices are there under the Education districts;

(C) How many students and schools are there under each Education districts?

ANSWER

There are 41 Education districts in the State. Revenue districts in order is added as Annexure I*.

(A) There are 163 Sub district offices under the Education districts. The list is added as Annexure 2*.

(B) The number of students based on Education districts has not been collected. The number of schools in the Education district level is added as Annexure 3*.

FORGERY IN ADMISSION OF CHILDREN

83(2992)Sri: Elamaram Kareem: Will the Education Minister answer the following questions:

(A) Could you reveal in which all aided schools cheating has been done regarding the admission of children;

(B) How many teacher posts have been created by showing forgery in the admission of children;

(C) Has inspection been conducted regarding the creation of teacher posts by showing forgery inn the admission of children; Are reports available;

(D) Could you explain what actions have been taken against the schools and teachers who indulged in forgery;

(E) Will you be ready for comprehensive inspection based on the report that widespread irregularities and fraud is happening in Aided schools;

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ANSWER

- (A) List added as Annexure.*
- (B) The complete details will be available only if Staff Fixation of 2014-15 will be completed. The fixation of schools got a stay order from the High Court have not been completed.
- (C) Investigation conducted. The super check cell of Public Education Department and super check cell based in Kozhikode have conducted the investigation have conducted investigation in 93 schools. Disciplinary actions were taken against the two schools found to have done forgery at the glance.
- (D) In S. U. P. S., Kattachalkuzhi and M. C. H. S., Kottukalkonam the Principal and teachers, a total of 52 people were suspended after the investigation of Super check cell regarding the fake admissions.
- (E) Actions will be taken through D. P. I

SCHOOLS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECTORS

84(2994)Sri. Elamaram Kareem: Will the Education Minister answer the following questions:

- (A) How many schools were closed this academic year in the State;
- (B) What are the reasons for closing the schools;
- (C) In the last academic year how many schools were working till high school level in the State under the Government; how many schools are working presently;

ANSWER

(A&B) No schools were closed this year.

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(C) In the last academic year (2013-14) 4619 schools were working. In the academic year 2014-15, 4619 schools are working

SYLLABUS REVISION IN VOCATIONAL HIGHER SECONDARY

85(2995)Sri. E. Chandrashekhara:

Srimati. Geetha Gopi:

Sri. K. Raju:

Sri. Chittayam Gopakumar: Will the Education Minister answer the following questions:

- (A) Has the report by the Government appointed Expert Committee regarding the syllabus revision in Vocational Higher Secondary been received; what are the main recommendations in the present report;
- (B) Is there any recommendation to change V.H..S.E courses semester wis;
- (C) Could you what are changes are you planning to make in Vocational courses;

ANSWER

- (A) The report by the Government appointed Expert Committee regarding the syllabus revision in Vocational Higher Secondary has not been received.
- (B) No recommendations have been received regarding this.
- (C) Along with revising the Vocational Higher Secondary syllabus, matters like enhancing the quality of teaching, training programmes, lab innovation, personality development for children, career guidance, O.J.T., developing physical facilities like building construction, textbook printing following the syllabus revision are being planned to implemented.

ACTIVITIES USING THE SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN FUND IN VAMANAPURAM CONSITUENCY

86(2996)Sri. Koliyacode. N. Krishnan Nair:Will the Education Minister answer the following questions:

- (A) What all activities have been carried out in which all schools using the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan fund in Vamanapuram Constituency in the time period 2011-2014;
- (B) Please explain the amount spent for each?

ANSWER

(A&B) Information being collected.

BASIC FACILITIES IN SCHOOL

87(2997)Sri. C. Divakaran: Will the Education Minister answer the following questions:

Could you provide the district wise figures of the schools who performed private development regarding the Government decision to provide basic facilities in schools lacking it; What is the amount spent in this manner; could you tell from which fund was it used?

ANSWER

The details of Vocational Higher Secondary given as Annexure (A)*, and the details of Higher Secondary School is attached as Annexure (B)*. The 377 lakh spent in this manner for Vocational Higher Secondary Schools is from '2202-02-001-95-34(O.C)' plan fund. In the Higher Secondary, the fund was received as One-time excess help from the Central Government and the share from States project. The details regarding other school level will be collected and given.

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BASIC FACILITIES AND PHYSICAL SITUATION IN SCHOOLS

89(2999) Sri.M. P. Vincent: Will the Education Minister answer the following questions:

Projects be implemented to improve basic facilities and physical situation in schools with co-operation from volunteers?

ANSWER

Will be investigated.

FITNESS CERTIFICATE FOR SCHOOLS WITHOUT TOILETS

89(2999) Sri. M. A. Baby: Will the Education Minister answer the following questions:

- (A) Has it been noticed that schools without toilets are given fitness facilities;
- (B) Could you explain the conditions on which fitness certificate is given; has the approval been cancelled of Aided and Unaided schools that do not follow these conditions;
- (C) Has any survey been conducted regarding the number of schools in the state without basic facilities like toilets and drinking water;
- (D) Could you produce the copy of the Government order stating fitness certificate will not be given to schools without toilet and drinking facilities?

ANSWER

(A-C) Information will be given after collecting.

(E) Added as Annexure*.

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APPLICATION FOR CHANGING DEPARTMENT IN KOZHIKODE DISTRICT

90(T 3000) Sri. K. Kunjammat Master: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) Will you clarify that how many last grade employees in Kozhikode district had submitted application for changing department after 2006;
- (B) Could you provide the details how many employees were allowed departmental change and who are they;
- (C) Who all submitted applications for changing from Education Department to Health Department and how many were approved departmental change;
- (D) Did a person named K. Rafeeq submit application for changing from Education Department to Health Department; if yes, when was the application received and what actions have been taken?

ANSWER

- (A) 29 employees submitted application.
- (B) 23 employees were allowed department change. The names of the employees are attached as Annexure*.
- (C) 5 applications were received from General Education Department:
 - 1. T. K. Pushpavalli
 - 2. Sudheer. M. P
 - 3. Nasar. P. K
 - 4. Sadananda. M
 - 5. K. Rafeeq

In higher secondary department application received from Srimati. Sudha. R. No other information is available about appointments.

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(D) Application was received. It was received on 14-8-2008. The applications received for inter departmental change will be forwarded to the Department head. As such, the application was forwarded as per the letter A6/259/2008 of 18-8-2008 to the Director of Health Department and Education Sub-director of Kozhikode.

LANGUAGE TEACHERS ASSIGNED JOB OF SPORTS TEACHERS AT SCHOOLS

91(3001)Sri. P. Thilothaman: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

(A) Has the Government ordered to assign the job of Sports teachers to Language teachers by providing special training for some days and gradually avoid the sports teachers from the schools; could you present the copy of the order regarding this;

(B) Does the Government think that, by appointing the language teachers as sports teachers after a few days of training, will they be able to find and train the exceptionally talented students who are an asset to the sports field and can they develop a healthy sports culture among these students;

(C) Will you tell if the government is planning to appoint teachers in other subjects similarly after a few days of training?

ANSWER

(A) No. The government had instructed to appoint staffs changed to Teachers Bank as part time sports instructors on conditions to provide them salary from S.S.A as per government letter 44373/D2/2014/G.E.D of 5-8-2014 (copy attached as annexure*). Later is was decided this need not be undertaken(copy attached as Annexure 2*).

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- (B) The Government is planning to appoint specially trained teachers for this.
- (C) Not present yet.

THIRUVANTHAPURAM BONAKAD U.P. SCHOOL

92(3002) Sri. Koliyakode N. Krishnan Nair: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) Is the Thiruvanthapuram Bonakad U.P. School working after Onam vacation;
- (B) Are teachers appointed presently in the school; are they teaching;
- (C) Please explain actions that are being taken for functioning of schools
- (D) Has decision been taken regarding the further study of students; could you elaborate;

ANSWER

(A-D) information is being collected.

STAFF FIXATION OF TEACHERS

93(3003) Sri. N. K. Balan: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) Has the Staff fixation procedure of 2014-15 been completed;
- (B) If yes, could you explain how many teachers are in excess in L.P, U.P and H.S and also based on Government and Aided school wise;
- (C) Will actions be taken to maintain the teachers who lost their posts;
- (D) Has it been decided to appoint the teachers who lost their posts as part time instructors in specialist category; if yes, please provide the details of the same;

(E) Has the Government ordered to consider each Government school as a unit and reduce the teacher-student ratio as 1:30/1:35 in order to protect the teachers who lost their post? Does the said order now exist; Whether the order has been withdrawn; if so, will you clarify the reason for it;

ANSWER

(A) The staff fixation for the year 2014-15 has been completed in all schools which has not received stay order from the Hon. High Court.

(B) 1920 teacher in Government schools and 6957 teachers in Aided schools are found to be in excess. The batch details will be available only if the fixation is completed in all schools

(C) It has been decided to protect the regular teachers who have lost their post due to post determination of 2010-11 would be protected through Teachers Banks. Has any plan of action made regarding this;

(D) As per Government letter numbered 44373/D2/14/P.E.D of 5-8-2014, all Education Directors were given instruction by the letter H2/60966/14/D.P.I of 19-8-2014 but was later cancelled due to widespread protest in fulfilling this instruction.

(E) The order G.O(P) No. 124/2014/P.E.D of 4-7-2014 is still existing. Not withdrawn.

DIVISION OF EDUCATION SUB DISTRICTS

(F) **94(3004)** Sri. K. Mohammedunni Haji: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) At what phase the division of education sub districts in the State is;
- (B) What are the actions taken regarding the demand to divide Kondotti education sub-district?

ANSWER

- (A) The division of education sub-districts is according to the timely recommendations by the General Education Director along with the opinions from the Revenue department.
- (B) A detailed proposal has been demanded to divide Kondotti education sub-district and from a new sub district based in Pulickal. The Government wants to know how to procure buildings, staffs and furniture without incurring more expenses.

EDUCATION PROJECTS IN KUTTANAD

95(3005) Sri. Thomas Chandy: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) Please explain what all projects are allowed in Kuttanad till date since 2013-14 as per the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;
- (B) Will actions be taken to allow ASAP project in the Higher Secondary level in Kuttanad?

ANSWER

- (A) In the year 2013-14, seven government schools in the Kuttanad Education Sub-district were given Rs. 50,000 each in the form of school grant, Rs. 15,000 each in science kit category, Rs.4500 each in the Self-defense training category also 5 schools were given Rs. 25000 each as minor repair grant and Rs.20000 per school in the sports kit category as per the R.M.S.A Project. Other than these 26 aided schools were given 15,000 in the science kit category. As per the R.M.S.A Project, in the year 2014-15, it was ordered to

provide 25,000 to the Kuttanad Education district as amount for Youth festival. The fund will be handed over shortly. All government schools in Kuttanad have been instructed to receive Rs.50000 and Rs.25000 each as School grant and Minor repair grant.

(B) It will be examined.

STUDENTS INCUBATOR

96(3006) Sri. R. Rajesh: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

Would you provide the details of the student incubator which will be started in the state with an aim to promote student entrepreneurship?

ANSWER

Information being collected.

CASE RELATED WITH NOT PROVIDING SALARY AND OTHER BENEFITS TO A TEACHER

97(3007) Sri. Mons Thomas: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

(A) Srimati. Mini Joseph who L.P.S.A in an economic school St. Mary's L.P.S Charummood managed by the Punalur Catholicate Corporate included under the Kayamkulam A.E.O in Alappuzha district was transferred in 2010-11 to a non-economic school St. Brocard's School, Karumbakkara maintained by the same management under the Adoor A.E.O was given salary according to the circular H265345/2007 by the General Education Director on 2-5-2008. Later she was not given salary for about 18 months when she was transferred back to St. Mary's school, Charummood. What was the reason for this;

- (B) Could you explain what action will be taken to provide the two Onam allowances and one surrender she lost; would actions be taken against the officers unlawfully blocked her salary and procure the salary arrears from them;
- (C) Will there be any actions to conduct Vigilance investigation for not providing salary in spite of the special instruction of Hon. Chief Minister and presence of special order and also for asking unnecessary government clarification regarding the implementing of this government order;
- (D) Has the Government noticed the fact that her salary was only given months after the Government order and the explanatory order was released. If yes, what was the reason for that;
- (E) Could you provide the details of paying off her changed salary arrears; could you clarify still how much salary is remaining to be paid; what is the reason for this delay; when will this be paid;
- (F) As per the circular 2/65345/2007 of 2-5-2008 by the D.P.I. like the changed salary of Mini Joseph was given in 2010-11 was given by Adoor A.E.O ,why the changed salary of Srimati Kunjamma who came to St. Brocard's as L.P.S.A in 2013-14 instead of Mini Joseph as per this circular, please explain; what actions will be taken against the officers who have made this error; will actions be taken to punish the guilty;
- (G) Has the Government noticed the allegation that some officers show case an attitude to take revenge against the school and teachers related to this who had given complaints and requested for documents as per Right to Information Act; If yes, would you take strong actions against them?

ANSWER

(A) The transfer of teachers and non-teaching staffs in various non-economic schools under any management can be agreed as per circular 5988/J2/12/G.E.D of 21-2-2012. Due to this the changed salary was not given by approving the transfer to Srimati. K.C.Kunjamma who was transferred from St. Mary's L.P.S Charummood to St. Brocard's L.P.S. As per this the transfer of Mini Joseph was also not approved. Later their mutual transfer was approved as per the clarification in the Government order of 17-6-2014.

(B) Along with salary arrears, the changed festival bonus will also be provided for 2014-15. If request special approval will be given to receive 2013-14 festival bonus . their salary has note been blocked unlawfully.

(C) The transfer had been approved timely based on the government order and the clarification. There has not been any mistake.

(D) This kind of complaint has not been received by the Government. The Kayamkulam Education officer informed that their transfer was approved as soon as instruction was received from the General Education Director based on the Government order and the clarification.

(E) The salary arrears from June 2013 to may 2014 has been given. since the salary bill is via SPARK each bill should be changed individually. Due to this there is delay. The principal has informed that remaining salary will be given before December 2014

(F) The transfer of teachers and non-teaching staffs in various non-economic schools under any management can be agreed as per circular 5988/J2/12/G.E.D of 21-2-2012.

Clarification from government was insisted because St. Mary's L.P.S is economic and St. Brocard's is non-economic school.

Their mutual transfer was agreed after clarification on Government order was received. There was no unnecessary delay in this.

(G) Explanation has been asked from the Kayamkulam Sub-district Education officer regarding all the complaints received.

PROCEDURES TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF NON-PROFITABLE SCHOOLS

98(3008)Sri. M. A. Baby: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) Is the government planning to raise the standards of the non-profitable schools in the state; if yes could you explain;
- (B) Can the standards of the of the non-profitable schools in the state by cancelling the N.O.C given to CBSE Schools and cancelling the approval given to Aided schools?

ANSWER

- (A) Many plans have been implemented in the Departmental level to raise the standards of the non-profitable schools in the state. The Government has approved to start Pre-primary category as nutrition category. But it is a truth that there are many non-profitable schools in the state. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has implemented a project FOCUS 15 to increase the physical conditions, teaching standards and make attractive to ensure more students every year in schools where the strength of children is less than 60.
- (B) Measures have been taken to provide approval to CBSE and other state syllabus schools working for more than 5 years. We don't think the standards of the non-profitable schools only by cancelling the approval of these schools which have been working for several years.

PROTECTING THE GENERAL EDUCATION AND DROPOUT OF CHILDREN

99(3010) Sri. P. K. Basheer: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) What plan are made and being implemented for protecting the general education in the State and reduce dropout of children;
- (B) Will actions be taken to provide priority to the students studying in State syllabus during higher education and other plus two based courses;
- (C) Will actions be taken to improve English classes and ensure the availability of trained teachers to teach spoken English in Government schools and Aided schools.

ANSWER

(A-C) Information is being collected.

COMPLETE DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOLS

100(3011) Sri. A. P. Abdullahkutty:

Sri. Dominic Presentation:

Sri. K. Muraleedharan:

Sri. V. D. Satheesan: Will the Education Minister answer the questions given below:

- (A) Has any project been designed for the complete development of schools;
- (B) What all are the aims and objectives being intended to achieve through this; could you explain;
- (C) What are programmes are to be conducted as per the current project;
- (D) What all measures are taken at the Government level for implementing this project.

ANSWER

(A-D) Information is being collected.

Appointment of Specialist Teachers

101(3012) Shri S. Rajendran. Will the Minister of Education kindly reply to the following questions;

A)Can you clarify how much money has been received through SSA from the Central Government in the last three years for the recruitment of specialist teachers in schools in the State?

B)Can you clarify how many specialist teachers were recruited in the state during this period?

C)How much of this fund was spent on salaries for teachers?

D)Can you give details of how the funds were spent?

Answers

A&D)Information is being collected

Public education curriculum and standards

102 (3013) Shri. Benny Behanan

Shri. A. P. Abdullah Kutty

Mr. Joseph Vazhakkan.

Mr. R. Selvaraj. Will the Minister of Education kindly reply to the following

questions?

A)Do you intend to revise the public education curriculum? Can you elaborate?

B)What are the details of the text books that have been decided to be updated from which academic year?

- C) Can you elaborate on what proposals are intended to be included in the curriculum reform to raise the standard of public education; give details;
- E) Can you explain what steps have been taken for this?

Answers

A)As part of the implementation of the Right to Education Act, it has been decided to make a phased revision of the Kerala School Curriculum 2013 to ensure quality education for all children. In view of this, the syllabus and textbook for classes 1, 3, 5, 7, 11 have been revised and implemented for the academic year 2014-2015.

B) The syllabus and textbook for the classes 1, 3, 5, 7, 11 have been revised and implemented for the academic year 2014-2015. Curriculum and textbooks for classes 2, 4, 6, 8, 12 will be revised and implemented for the academic year 2015-2016. Kerala School Steering Curriculum Committee has decided to revise and implement the syllabus and text books for 9th and 10th classes for the academic year 2016-11.

C)Creates action-oriented, process-oriented, student-centred curriculum and implements curriculum and textbooks with an emphasis on learning achievement.

When the curriculum is designed with the aim of strengthening learning in all children, the curriculum emphasizes the learning achievements of the child at all stages and in all classes.

D)Appropriate tools are being developed and implemented to evaluate this. In addition, comprehensive training for teachers has been provided based on this.

Schools functioning without accreditation

103 (3014) **Dr. K T Jaleel:** Will the Minister of Education kindly reply to the following questions?

- A) Will you give district wise details of the schools functioning without accreditation;
- B) How many such schools have already been newly approved during the tenure of this Government: Can the list of total schools approved by this Government be clarified district wise?
- (C) What is the number of government aided, unaided and illegal schools in the state?
- (D) How many applications did the government receive as per the request for approval? How many of these are intended to be newly approved?
- (E) What will be the purpose of giving accreditation for non accredited schools
Is this the reason for proliferation of orphanage schools

Answers

- (A) It has been noticed that individuals and institutions are running schools without following the instructions of the department or the norms prescribed by the government. The number of schools operating illegally is not available
- (B) Schools following the state syllabus which are not accredited in the state have not been approved during the tenure of this Government.

(C) Given below is the number of schools currently in the state in each sector, government , aided and unaided

Government schools:

L.P	- 2601
UP	-857
H S	-1161
Total	-4619

Aided schools

L.P	-3893
U P	-1846
H.S	- 1406
Total	-7145

Un aided

L. P.	-249
U.P	-205
H. S	-397
Total.	-851

Unauthorised

The number of schools operating illegally is unavailable.

(D) State syllabus without state approval Clear for accreditation of schools in accordance with the Right to Education Act Criteria have been issued as such. The exact number of applications is not available as the application deadline for non-accredited schools has been extended upto 31-12-2014

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E) The decision to grant accreditation was made in accordance with the Right to Education Act. According to it, the argument that schools are the cause of the proliferation is baseless.

Schools functioning without accreditation

104(3015) Sri. Koliyakode N krishnan Nair::The Minister of Education, please answer the following questions

- (A) Explain the criteria for accreditation of schools in the state;
- (B) Can you clarify what steps you intend to take to regulate unrecognised schools?

Answer

A) For accreditation of unauthorized unaided schools conducting studies as per Kerala Syllabus an order no.10.6 - 2013 G.O (kite) No. 184/2013 / G.S,has been issued .The criteria prescribed by the Government for accreditation are specified in the said order. (Copy is included in Appendix 1*) For issuing NOC (No Objection Certificate) of CBSE/ ICSE Schools, notification has issued as per G O (M S) 202 / II / G.E dated 7-10-2013 (copy is included in Appendix 2*).

(B) No schools can function without accreditation as per the right of education act. As per the strict implementation of the Right to Education Act, the government has issued criteria for the accreditation of schools which are not accredited. This has extended upto 31-1/2015 for C.B.S.C schools and for schools with state syllabus ithas extended upto 31-12-2014. After reviewing the application, legal action will be taken against the school for violating the standard and subsequently imposing fines on the unauthorized school.

Printing of textbooks

105 (3016). Sri. B sathyan Will the Minister of Education please answer the following question;

A) The printing of the Plus One Plus Two pump books was handed over to private presses, is it because there is no mechanism for it in the government press?; Can you provide details?

B) Was the process of handing over to the private press with the permission of the government? How many books were printed in private presses in 2013, 2014 years.

(C) Was any tender called for this; which presses were the participants; what was the given approved rates and which were that presses. Can you give details;

(D) Did the printing presses printed all the textbooks in time?

(E) May I have a copy of the orders issued by the Government regarding the printing of textbooks?

Answers

A) The C_Aptine, a public sector undertaking, has been entrusted with the task of printing and distributing Higher Secondary Textbooks to schools on a time bound basis from the academic year 2008-2009.

B) Information will be collected and provided

C) The tender was called by Solar Offset Printers, Thiruvananthapuram .S. T Radar and Sons (VVS) Publications and Computerized Offset Printers Ernakulam and Rashtra Deepika Kottayam were present.

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The work was provided by Solar Offset Printers; Press, Thiruvananthapuram. Rate detail is attached as appended (Appendix-A)

D) Solar Offset Printers, Thiruvananthapuram printed and distributed almost all the text books on time.

E) Copies of Government Orders issued directing the printing of Government Press Textbooks are attached (Appendix - B&C)

Unrecognized schools

106 (3017) **Shri. P. Ubaidullah**: Can the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions?

(A) If there are non-accredited schools in the state, can you give the district wise figures;

(B) After this government came to power, how many new schools were recognised. Can you clarify the district wise figures of LP, UP, High School and HSS?

(C) Do you intend to give accreditation to non-accredited schools: if so, what steps have been taken to do so?

Answers

A) It has been noticed that individuals and institutions are running schools without following the directions of the department or the norms prescribed by the government. The number of schools operating illegally is not available

B) New schools have not been approved

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C) Yes, the time limit for submission of applications for accreditation has been extended to 3.12-2014 for schools as per the state syllabus as per government norms and till 3.1.2015 for CBSE schools. Applications received in this way will be examined and steps will be taken to approve the schools which meet the prescribed criteria.

Uniform of Students

107 (3018) Shri.A.A.Assese

Shri .kovoorkunju mon; Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions?

A) Will steps be taken to unify the uniforms of students in government schools in the state.

(B) Can you clarify the criteria for providing free uniforms at present?

Answers

A) It is not yet decided to implement a unified uniform system

B) At present, under the SSA scheme, AP schools in government schools The section distributes free uniforms to all students except boys. However, this benefit is available to poor students belonging to the same category studying in the aided sector. H.R.D. Not available by criteria. In order to address this discriminatory situation, the State Government has decided to extend this facility to aided students in the State during the year 2013-2014. Accordingly, a pair of uniforms will cost Rs. 200 / - and Rs. 400 / - for two pairs of uniforms. P. Section L allowed all students except boys, and each school was given the freedom to choose the pattern uniform and colour of their choice.

Women Hostels in Polytechnics

108 (3019) **Shri. K.N.A. Khadar.** will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions?

- A) How many women hostels exist in Polytechnics in the State: Can you tell me where these are?
- B) What is the operating fund of these hostels?
- C) In which of these hostels are the staff assigned?
- D) Have you noticed complaints about hostels that are having difficulty operating due to not having enough staff?
- E) If so, will action be taken to recruit adequate staff in such hostels immediately?

Answers

A) There are women hostels in 33 polytechnic colleges in the state. List is enclosed, 28 newly started are not operational.

(B & C) The existing Government Women Polytechnic Colleges at Thiruvananthapuram, Thrissur, Kozhikode and Payyanur are collecting the cost and rent of meals from students in women's hostels. The salaries of the employees are borne by the Government. There are posts of Matron Head Cook, Assistant Cook and Steward.

D) Has been noticed

E) Given the current economic situation in the state, there is no need to consider the issue of creating new posts, so the possibility of maturing speech and delivering jobs and cleaning work to children, family units and security services with the services of EX-Servie Men organizations is being explored.

Drug usage among students

109(3020) Shri. M. Ummar; Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions;

(A) What measures are intended to be taken to prevent drug use among students: Can you give details?

(B) Have shops around the school and wandering anti-socials been found to be factors that increase student drug use: please provide details

(C) Whether action will be taken to reduce drug use among students in collaboration with the Departments of Excise, Social Welfare and Home Affairs.

Answers

(a&c) Information is being collected

10th Class Social Science

110 (3021) Dr. N Jayraj

Shri. P C George

Shri .Roshi Augustin

Shri .M.V.Shreyamskumar . Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the

following questions?

(A) Has there ever been an opinion that the syllabus of the 10th class social studies is extensive? Can you give details?

B) Have you noticed that many of those who got high grades in other subjects in last year result in Class X public examination have not been able to get high grades in social studies: will you clarify it;

(C) Will action be taken to revise the syllabus of Social Studies by seriously taking the wide spread complaint that the teachers are not able to complete timely teaching?

Answer

(A) Rising opinions have been noticed regarding the fact that the syllabus of Social Studies of 10th class is vast.

(B) Haven't noticed.

(C) Social Studies syllabus has been implemented in according to the decision made by the State School Curriculum Steering Committee. Improvisation of Social Studies syllabus will be implemented in according to the decision made by State School Curriculum Committee following the improvisation of present syllabus.

ASAP- Skill Parks

111(3022) Sri. T. V. Rajesh: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions?

(A) Does the scheme of Skills Development for State school/ college students have received loan from Asian Development Bank: If yes, how much: what are the conditions of this loan: will you give details.

(B) Where the initiative is having been taken to implement skill parks under ASAP: What are the basic facilities arranged for this purpose: Kindly give details.

Answer

(A) Yes. 100 Million dollars (Rs. 621 Crores) loan will be received. First instalment of 20 million dollars (Rs. 120 Crores) is expected to be received this year. This is a R. B. L (Result Based Lending).

By 2018, provide skills to 2,30,000 children in any field of work, increase the employability of these children, start 35 community skill parks, renovate existing government schools/ colleges which have been working as Skill Development Centre, include 900 institutions to ASAP scheme, find out 2000 skill development executives are the conditions of this scheme.

(B) In the first phase, steps are being taken to start 35 community skill parks. Request has been made to the MLAs to provide government land for this purpose. The Community Skill Park will be a skill training centre with an area of 15000 to 20000 square feet. This will be having the facilities for the training of heavy machinery, I.T provision, Activity, etc.

**HIGHER SECONDARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HSST
GEOLOGY (SENIOR) POST**

112 (3023) Sri. E. Chandrashekharan: Can the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions?

- (A) Can you please explain the number of newly sanctioned posts in the Department of Higher Secondary Education HSST in the post of Geology after 2012?
- (B) Can you reveal how many of these posts have been reported to PSC?
- (C) If it isn't reported, can you please explain why it hasn't been reported yet?
- (D) Can you explain the percentage of newly approved or vacant posts that can be set aside for by transfer?
- (E) Whether an application has been invited for the appointment by transfer at present: if no, can posts be postponed for no invited purposes: can you explain under which law this is?

Answer

- (A) Two posts.
- (B) Not reported to P. S. C
- (C) On 31-08-2013, two posts came into existence in H. S. S. T Geology (Senior) Department. Vacancies in these posts can be reported to PSC only after ensuring that there are no junior HSSTs eligible for transfer as per the Special rule.
- (D) Eligible H.S.S.T (Junior) teachers are promoted and appointed as H.S.S.T as per Higher Secondary Special Rules. In their absence, 25% of the total vacancies are filled through recruitment of qualified department teachers (H.S.A/U.P.S.A/L.P.S.A)and 75% through direct recruitment. About 25% of the total vacancies in H.S.S.T (Junior) posts are filled by departmental teachers through transfer and 75% through direct recruitment.
- (E) No. According to the Special Rules for the Appointment of Higher Secondary teachers, if there are H.S.S.T (Junior) teachers who are eligible for promotion to the senior post, the mentioned posts should be transferred to the eligible H.S.S.T (Junior) teachers. Vacancies can be filled in the ratio of 1:3 in the absence of qualified H.S.S.T (Junior) teachers and can be filled through transfer and direct recruitment.

RMSA (RASHTRIYA MADHYAMIK SHIKSHA ABHIYAN) SCHEME IN SCHOOLS

113(3024) Sri. P. K. Basheer: Can the Minister of Education Department kindly answer the following questions;

- (A) How many schools in State have been currently upgraded to be included in the RMSA (Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan) scheme; please clarify; whether permanent teachers have been appointed in respective schools?
- (B) Will action be taken to recruit teachers immediately in schools where permanent teachers are not recruited and 8th and 9th classes are required to be started under the RMSA scheme?

ANSWER

(A&B) 111 schools are currently working according to RMSA scheme. Posts according to RMSA norms have given recognition. Necessary step are being taken in connection Finance Department to create additional posts . Steps are being taken to re-diploy teachers from the teacher's bank, so that the study is not disrupted.

RMSA (RASHTRIYA MADHYAMIK SHIKSHA ABHIYAN) SCHEME

114(3025) Sri. T. A. Ahmed Kabir: Will the Minister of Education Department kindly answer the following questions?

- (A) Does the government noticed the difficulties currently being faced in the running of schools started under the RMSA (Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan) scheme:
- (B) If so, will immediate action be taken to address them?

ANSWER

(A&B) has been noticed. Problems regarding appointment of permanent teachers, salary for teachers outside RMSA norms, salary of teachers working in parallel divisions, building construction, infrastructure development have been noticed.

Construction of the building including the infrastructure for 60 schools is in its Initial stage. Steps have been taken by RMSA to expedite the construction. Steps are being taken to pay the salaries of teachers outside the RMSA norms from the state fund.

PART TIME U.P.S.A (HINDI) APPOINTMENT IN WAYANAD DISTRICT

115(3026) Sri. I. C. Balakrishnan: Will the Minister of Education Department kindly answer the following questions?

- (A) Does the part time U.P.S.A (Hindi) rank list of Wayanad district exists: If so, how long has the appointment been: whether Super Numeric has been appointed from the mentioned list?
- (B) How many vacancies are there in the part time U.P.S.A (Hindi) post in Wayanad district: has it been reported to P.S.C that the Super Numeric has been calculated?
- (C) Does anyone work in this post on daily wage basis: if so, how many are working: can you explain?

ANSWER

- (A) Yes. 18 people have been appointed. Super numeric appointment hasn't been done.
- (B) Currently, there are no vacancies. The super Numeric post has not been reported to P.S.C.
- (C) No one is working based on daily wages.

INCIDENT WHERE C-MAT KERALA DIRECTOR VALSALA KUMAR MIS-REPRESENTED

11(3027) Sri. V. Sivankutty: Will the Minister of Education Department kindly answer the following questions?

Can you please explain the follow-up action taken after it was found that Miss-Representation was done by Valsala Kumar, the Director of C-MAT Kerala with the non-existent title of Professor and the Director of Public Instruction who was appointed to look into the matter?

ANSWER

Action is being taken.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS OF C-MAT KERALA

117(3028) Sri. V. Sivankutty: Can the Minister of Education Department kindly answer the following questions?

- (A) whether any action has been taken on the basis of the Auditor General's audit report on the misappropriation of 25.36 lakhs by the C-MAT Fund for the Sadgamaya project being implemented in Nilambur Municipality and whether it intends to recover the said amount irregularly:
- (B) Can you please clarify the action that you are intended to take against those who are concerned with the said irregularities?

ANSWER

(A&B) Information is being collected.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ASSOCIATE PROFESSORES IN ENGINEERING COLLEGES

118(3030) Sri. E. Chandrashekhara: Can the Minister of Education Department kindly answer the following questions?

(A) Can you elaborate on the qualifications required for Associate Professors in Engineering Colleges after the implementation of the new salary scale of AICTE:

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(B) Can you please clarify whether the said eligibility criteria have been met in the promotions implemented in 2012 in engineering colleges under LBS:

(C) Can you explain the procedures for promotions in teaching posts:

(D) Whether the said procedures have been followed in the promotions implemented in LBS Engineering Colleges in 2012: If so, can you get the details?

(E) Has the Promotion Service of 2012 been considered as a seniority criterion: if so, please specify the seniority list under which the promotion was given?

Answer

(A) Prior to the implementation of the new pay-scale in 2010, the Department of Technical Education has a special rule specifying the qualifications for Associate Professors in Government Engineering Colleges. The criteria are as follows:

- I. PhD degree with the 1st class degree at Bachelor's or Master's level in the appropriate branch of Engineering/ Technology.
- II. 3 years experience in teaching/ Industry/ Research at the level of Lecturer equivalent.

The qualifications for the post of Associate Professor as per the AICTE Regulation 2010 are given below.

1. B.E/B.Tech and M.E/M.Tech in the relevant branch with first class or equivalent either in B.E/B.Tech or M.E/M.Tech.
2. PhD or equivalent in the appropriate discipline with minimum of 5 years experience in teaching/ research/ industry.

- (B) L.B.S. Among the Engineering Colleges functioning under the Eighty-Ninth Corporate Advisory Committee Center of the LBS Center, a committee has been constituted to promote the post of Lecturer (Revised as Associate Professor) to the post of Director, Department of Technical
- (C)
- (D) Education, Director, LBS Center, Convener and Principal Member, LBS College, Poojapura. According to the Selection Committee Minutes dated 26/09/2012, within the seven years from the date of the Teacher Promotion Order (as per the rules created by the Department of Technical Education and the rules created for promotions), teachers are promoted to the post of Associate Professor subject to the requirement to obtain a PhD degree. This is for those who are eligible for promotion before 7/12/2010, as per the norms of the then (1996) scheme.
- (E) Appointments are subject to the decisions of the AICTE/ Kerala Government rules and the LBS Executive Committee.
- (F) Yes.
- (G) Poojapura L.B.S has issued a notification on 06-08-2012 and examined the applications received under the above notification and promoted those who are eligible to be promoted to the post of Assistant Professor on 26-09-2012 as Chairman and Director Convener of L.B.S Center, Poojapura L.B.S. A committee was formed with the principal member of the college to promote the assistant professors to associate professors.

APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN ENGINEERING COLLEGES

119(3031) Smt. P. Ayisha Potty: Can the Minister of Education Department kindly answer the following questions?

- (A) What are the basic qualifications required for appointment to the post of Assistant Professor Engineering Colleges in the State as per A.I.C.T.E norms;
- (B) Since when has this standard been implemented in the State;
- (C) Has the government noticed the non-compliance of the eligibility criteria in government engineering colleges ; what is the reason for that;
- (D) Can you elaborate on the steps taken to amend the existing special rules for implementation of A.I.C.T.E scheme in engineering colleges in the state and to change the eligibility?

ANSWER

- (A) B.E. /B Tech and M.E/ M.Tech in Engineering related branch. B.E/ B Tech and M.E. / M Tech in First Class and Assistant professor of B. Arch and M.Arch must have passed either one of the two in First Class.
- (B) This standard has been implemented as per G.O. (M.S.) No. 321/13/ UV dated 21-06-2013.
- (C) Has been noticed. The special rule has not been amended to include these qualifications.
- (D) While amending the existing special rules for the implementation of AICTE scheme in Engineering Colleges in the State, not only the qualifications but also the method of appointment and criteria for the posts of Associate Professor, Professor and Principal have been amended. The case is pending before the Kerala Administrative Tribunal. Following the decision on this, steps will be taken to amend the Special Rule.

**UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY CENTERS AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF
ENGINEERING OF KERALA UNIVERSITY**

120(3038) Sri. Palodu Ravi: Can the Minister of Education Department kindly answer the following questions?

- (A) In which year were the University Institute of Technology Centres and the University College of Engineering started under the University of Kerala; how much; can you explain;
- (B) Can you explain what they are and what year each one started;
- (C) What are the courses available in these institutions; can you explain;
- (D) How many teachers and no-teachers have been working in these centres on contract basis and daily basis since its inception;
- (E) Can you specify the number of teachers and non-teachers in each centre;
- (F) How many teachers are working in these centres on contract basis and daily basis on a regular basis from the beginning; how many non-teachers;
- (G) What is the amount of student fees received from these centres in the years 2010, 11, 12, 13; can you specify the revenue of each centre; whether the income required to run these centres is being received from all the centres; whether a petition has been received regarding the implementation of the scale of pay for teachers and non-teachers; when was the last time teachers' pay reform was implemented; can the university convene a meeting of non-residents regarding the scale of pay?

ANSWER

(A- F) Appendix of information on University Institute of Technology Centres is attached.*

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Given below the details of University College of Engineering:

University College of Engineering started at Karyavattom in 2000. It offers B Tech Electronics and Communication, B Tech Computer Science, B Tech Information Technology.

Teachers (on contract basis)	-51
Non-Teaching (on contract basis)	-17
Permanent Staff	-4
Daily wages employees	-16

(g) The details regarding the University Institute of Technology Centers are given as appendix

The information about the University College of Engineering is given below:

2010	- Rs. 5,81,58,900
2011	- Rs.3,39,53,750
2012	- Rs.3,64,10,100
2013	- Rs.3,38,97,950

The pay revision of Teachers was implemented on 1-4-2014 on contract basis.

L.L.B Evening Classes

121 (3099) Smt. K.K. Lathika: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer for the following questions;

- (a) Will you please clarify at which Law colleges the L.L.B. Evening classes are sanctioned;

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- (b) Will you please inform the criteria to sanction the L.L.B evening classes;
- (c) Did you sanctioned L.L.B evening course in Malabar Area if not, please clarify the reason?

Answer

- (a) At Thiruvananthapuram Law College.
- (b) As per the recommendations of the concerned University.
- (c) No. The recommendations are not yet received from the concerned university.

The recognition of Post Graduate Degree through distant education mode

122(3040) Sri. Benny Behanan: Will the Education Minister kindly answer for the following questions;

- (a) Whether any of the Universities recognized the P.G. degree in Arts, Commerce getting from the Universities inside and outside Kerala in distant education mode;
- (b) If so, will it be considered as the eligibility for the appointment of Higher Secondary, Vocational Higher secondary Teachers post through P.S.C. If it is not considered in the Vocational Higher secondary department, will you please clarify the reason;
- (c) Has it come to your notice that the candidates who achieved the P.G. degree in Arts, Commerce subjects through distance education mode is missing chances to get P.S.C appointments in teaching/non-teaching posts due to the non-amendment of special rules in vocational higher secondary section time to time. If so, will you please take necessary steps to amend the special rules; clarify?

Answer

- (a) The decision regarding the approval of P.G degree attained through distant education mode is being taken by the academic bodies of the Universities. The details regarding the approval given to Graduate, Post Graduate degrees are available in the university website.
- (b) The condition to achieve the degree only through regular mode is not included in the special rule as the eligibility criteria for the appointment of teachers in the Higher Secondary Department. But this condition is included in the special rule of the Vocational Higher Secondary Department for the appointment of Teachers.
- (c) Not noticed.

Sports University

123(3014) Sri. K.N.A. Khadar: Will the Education Minister kindly answer for the following question;

- (a) Do the Government have any proposal to establish Sports University in the State;
- (b) Have you noticed the necessity of such a University in the State;
- (c) Will the Government take necessary action to establish a sports university to do research on sports subjects also for sports training;

Answer

(a-c) The Higher Education Department does not have any proposal to establish sports university.

Calicut University

124(3042) Sri. P. Sreeramakrishnan: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions?

- (a) In the Calicut University syndicate meetings, has there been conflict between the Vice Chancellor and the Syndicate Members; if so, it happened in which meeting; anybody filed complaint to the police regarding this; if so, who gave the complaint;
- (b) Is there any situation that the V.C. is not implementing the decisions of the Syndicate;
- (c) Do the syndicate members have complaint that the V.C is implementing decisions unanimously overcoming the syndicate;
- (d) Is there a situation where decisions can't be made in time due to the conflict between the V.C and the Syndicate Members?

Answer

- (a) Yes. In the meeting conducted on 18.8.2014, Vice Chancellor, Pro. Vice Chancellor and the syndicate member Sri. P.M. Salahudeen has given police complaint in connection with the incidents happened in this meeting.
- (b) The decision taken in the syndicate meeting with the disagreement of the Vice Chancellor is not yet implemented.
- (c) The Government have received this type of complaints.
- (d) A meeting was called for 28.10.2014 with resp. Chief Minister, Vice Chancellor, Syndicate Members and the intermediaries involved to discuss the conflicts between the V.C and the Syndicate. In that meeting, it was instructed to work with mutual respect and trust between the V.C. and the syndicate members.

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The procedure for the enforcement of sufficient facilities to student in the Calicut University Campus hostel

125(3043) Sri. P. Sreeramakrishnan: Will the Minister of Education kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) What are the demands raised in the strike led by S.F.I in the Calicut University; will you inform the reason for not considering this by the university authorities;
- (b) Do the regular students have adequate hostel facilities now; is there any excess of students staying in the hostel now;
- (c) How many regular students have to give up hostel facilities who applied already; When you can give hostel facilities to these students, will you explain;

Answer

- (a) The main demand of the S.F.I strike is that the self-financing sports students should not be allowed to stay in the boys' hostel along with the regular/aided students and they should be given special hostel facilities by using the self-financing fund. As per the scheduled time of the sports department (morning 6.30 to 8.30 and evening 3.30 to 6.30) the daily journey is very difficult for them. When the university quarters became uninhabitable the university arranged stay at the boys' hostel.
- (b) 1128 ladies including 361 self-financing students are staying in the women's hostel which can accommodate a maximum of 878 students. 376 persons including 47 self-financing sports students are staying in the men's hostel which can accommodate 376 maximum.

The participants of the meeting held on 28.10.2014 called by the respected Chief Minister expressed their view to renovate the hostels as its condition is very bad. It has been decided to provide accommodation for sports students at the guest house and let the general mess available to them. As per the decisions of the meeting proposal to the construction of hostel and also for the renovation has been submitted by the University for the approval of the Government.

- (c) 47 sports students of self financial scheme accommodated at boy's hostel has allotted the old block of the renovated guest house. When they shift to the new place, we can accommodate 44 regular students also at the boys hostel.

Promotion to the post of Workshop Superintend in the poly stream

126(3044) Smt. Aysha Potti: will the Education Minister kindly give answer to the following questions:

- (a) Have you give promotion to the post of workshop superintend in the poly stream subject to university statues as per S.O (RT) number 1540/2003/ (HE) dated 4.11.2003;
- (b) Is promotion process going on as per that; if not can you explain the reason?

Answer

(a&b) The promotion to the post of work shop supt. In the poly stream of the Technical Education Dept. is as per the special rule terms of the department. University statue is not applicable for it. The promotions as per special rule are going on.

Those who got Admission through Entrance Examination

127(3048) Sri. Abdurahiman Randathani: Will the Education Minister kindly give answer to the following questions:

- (a) In this education year how many students got admission through medical-engineering entrance examination in the state;
- (b) Will you give the details of the students in caste basis who got admission in general and reservation category.
- (c) Will you give details of the vacant seats remaining even after completion of the admission process in the medical colleges as well as engineering colleges.
- (d) Will you give details of the vacant seats both in general and reservation category.

Answer

28483 students were given medical-engineering allotment in the government seats in this academic year. The principals were given instruction to conduct spot admission in the vacant seats.

Course wise allotment seats are given below:

Course	No. of students given allotment by the Entrance Commissioner
Engineering	23782
Architecture	609
Medical	4092
Total	28483

(B) Given below the details of the students got admission in general and reservation category in caste wise

Section		Total number of students Given allotment
1.General		19611
II	S.E.B.C	
1	Ezhava	1520
2	Muslim	1319
3	Backward hindu	836
4	Latin Catholic	308
5	Backward Christian	137
6	Kudumbi	107
III	S.T/S.T	
1	Scheduled Caste	1477
2	Scheduled Tribe	141

The remaining seats were allotted in the management category, community quota and special reservation.

(C) The information about the vacant seats remains after allotment is given below:

Course	Vacant seats after allotment
Engineering	12181
Architecture	99
Medical Courses	
M.B.B.S	06
B.D.S	113
Ayurveda	47
Homoeo	19
Sidha	10

The college authorities have instructed to fill the above vacant seats except that of M.B.B.S/B.D.S through spot admission. The vacancy except M.B.B.S/B.D.S is due to the non-submission of option by the students and also non-joining after giving wrong options.

(D) The details of the seats after allotment in General category and reservation category in caste wise is given below:

Category		Engineering	Architecture	Medical
1 General		9739	78	94
II	S.E.B.C			
1. Ezhava		303	5	27
2. Muslim		252	7	25
3. Backward hindu		141	4	22
4. Latin Catholic		30	3	05
5. Backward Christian		10	-	-
6. Kudumbi		5	-	01
III	S.C/S.T			
1.	Scheduled Caste	417	01	16
2.	Scheduled Tribe		459	-
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The balance vacant seats are in management category, community quota and special reservation.

Computerization of Revenue Offices

128(3050) Sri. P. Thilothaman : Can the Minister of Revenue and coir kindly answer the following question:

What facilities are available for conducting inspections and inquiries to ensure that the certificates and services available online from the Revenue Offices are flawless: As more efforts are made to make online services available to the public, will more staff be deployed in the Village Offices or better equipped with Revenue Offices in the Revenue Offices as it will require more site inspection, information search, document inspection and local investigation : Can you explain ?

Answer

Currently distributed in a village as a computer or a laptop. The three levels of scrutiny and verification approval implemented in E-District software are performed by a single computer. District Governance Societies have been set up in all the districts to carry out the activities related to the issuance of certificates efficiently. In addition, the online payment system implemented by the government has made it possible to apply for and obtain the certificate at home as part of this scheme. Information and inspections are carried out using the existing staff in the Village Offices. Government has received work-study report on recruitment of more staff in Village Offices and preparation of better technical arrangements.

Deed of Sreedharan's land in Kakkara

129 (3051) Sri. E. P. Jayarajan: Will the Minister of Revenue kindly answer the following questions:

- A) Has the application been submitted for the deed of the land owned by Sri.Sreedharan at Kakkara in Kannur, Pattanur, Kannothe and Chemmarassery Parambil houses:
- B) When the department received the application submitted by him :
- C) When he submitted the application at the CM's public relations function:
- D) What are the steps taken considering his application:
- E) Can you clarify at what stage his application is now and when the lease will be available?

Answer

- (A) yes,
- (B) The application has been received by the Kannur District Collector on 22-2-2012.
- (C) In 2011
- (D) The petition in the application form proposed has been handed over to the Special Revenue Inspector for collection and reporting from the applicant.

E) In the application received on 22-2-2012, the case is registered as O. A. 2/2012 and the first hearing in the said case is scheduled for 17-4-2012 and the next hearing is scheduled for 26-2-2015. The title deed will be issued after proving the right of tenure.

Arrears on water and electricity charges at Trivandrum Golf Club

130 (3052) Sri. Mathew. T. Thomas:

Mrs. JameelaPrakasham:

Sri. Jose Thettayil:

Sri. C. k. Nanu: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the following questions?

(A) When transferring to Trivandrum Golf Club and Sports Authority of India, how much was to be deducted from water charge and electricity charge ;

(B) Has this amount been received to the Government ;

(C) If not, what action has been taken to recover this amount: Will the details be clarified?

Answer

(A) 2,18,03,802 (two crore eighteen lakh three thousand eight hundred and two rupees) in water charge from the Trivandrum Golf Club to the Government. There is no arrears on the electricity charge item.

(B) Not received

(C) As the High Court stay is in effect for this matter, further action can be taken once the case is settled.

Certificates available for E-Certificates

131 (3053) Sri. A. A Aziz:

Sri. KovurKunjumon: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the following questions?

(A) What are the steps to be taken by the applicant for the E-Certificates available from the Village Offices: How to pay the fees?

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(B) What are the basic facilities in the Village Offices for this purpose; Can you give details?

Answer

(A) The E-District project is being implemented as part of the National E-Governance (NeGP) program of the Central Government. According to the (NeGP) guidelines, Common Service Centres are an essential component of this scheme. In Kerala, Akshaya sensors have been selected as common service centres. Applications should be submitted online with the help of AkshayaKendras and a service charge of Rs. 17 per verse (Rs. 10 per Akshaya entrepreneur, Rs. 5 per stump, Rs. In addition, an online payment system has been introduced by the government as part of this scheme to facilitate the application and obtaining of certificates at home. Internet banking facility can be used to make payment for this.

(B) For this purpose, a computer or a laptop in a village is now distributed. The three levels of scrutiny, verification, and approval implemented by E-District software are performed using a computer. District E-Governance has been set up in all the districts under the chairmanship of the District Collector. The Government has approved the bylaws and the relevant bylaws containing the necessary instructions for the smooth running of the project.

E. F. L. Law - Deposit of Revenue Land in Government

132 (3054) Sri. Roshi Augustine :

Dr. N. Jayaraj :

Sri. P. C. George : Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the following questions:

A) How many hectares of revenue land has been set aside by the Government from small farmers in the State under the E. F. L Act :

(B) Whether a decision has been taken to return the land so allotted to the small farmers; Can you give details ?

Answer

(A&B) Information is being collected.

R. O. R System

133 (3055) Mr. M. Chandran: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the following questions:

(A) The number of months since the pilot ROR system was implemented in Alathur Taluk Office (within the limits of Alathur and Vadakkancherry Sub-Registrar's Offices);

(B) Whether a detailed study of this system has been made during this period:

(C) What is the current assessment of the system;

(E) Whether the Revenue Department intends to continue or extend this pilot system to other districts;

(E) The number of complaints received so far from the public; Have you taken action to resolve this?

Answers

(A) Alathur Vadakkancherry Sub-Registrar Offices have implemented 6 system through release scheme from 15-9-2011 in 17 villages coming under their jurisdiction.

(B) Yes.

(C) The online inter Communication system is working very well. According to the available data, 24717 R. O. R distribution and 16081 online traffic has been generated till 8-12-2014 of the release plan.

(D) Yes, it is proposed to implement the scheme by linking 573 completed villages in 9 districts with sub-register offices.

(E) Corrections to the database will be made immediately upon receipt of applications from the public on the basis of the report of the Village Officer. In addition, in the complaint received regarding the denial of entry to Alathur village, the registration was done as per the reference of the court but could not be allowed as there was no full transfer right.

Each village in each gram panchayat

134(3056) Sri. TherambilRamakrishnan :

Sri. PalodeRavi :

Sri. Sunny Joseph :

Sri. Dominic presentation : Can the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the following questions:

A) Whether there is a plan for each village in each Gram Panchayat: Can you explain:

B) What are the objectives of the scheme to be achieved: Can you provide details:

(C) What is included in the plan to achieve the goal of minimizing the travel inconvenience and inconvenience of the people :

(D) What steps have been taken for the implementation of the project: Can you clarify?

Answer

A) Yes, it has been ordered to form villages in 30 gram panchayats in the state which do not have village offices at present.

(B&C) With the implementation of one village per panchayat in the state, the objective of running villages belonging to more than one panchayat and village offices in different panchayats can be achieved in one place. In addition, with the implementation of this scheme, more villages will be set up to provide a more efficient and faster service by eliminating the existing administrative inconveniences and inconvenience to the people.

(D) In addition, as part of the implementation of the 'One Village in Each Panchayat' scheme, villages have been formed in 30 Grama Panchayats in the State which do not have Village Offices, posts have been created for these villages and posts have been created in these villages.

River Management Fund

135 (3057) Sri P. Ramakrishnan : Can the Minister of Revenue and Coir please answer the following questions:

(A) Can you explain the amount spent from River Management Fund (RMF) for various projects in Malappuram district during 2012-13, 2013-2014 and December 2014:

(B) How much was spent in each of these constituencies and taluks:

(C) What activities have been carried out with RMF in Ponnani constituency since April 2011:

Can you explain the amount spent on it :

(D) Can funds be sanctioned from this fund for protection of river banks in the constituency where Bharathapuzha, Kanjiramukku river, B, lake and PC canal; can you explain?

Answer

A)	2012-13	38,15,380
	2013-14	63,68,560
	until December 2014	99,20,064

B)

Ernad	15,89,208
Mankada	14, 60,138
Malappuram	2,50,028
Kottakkal	13,44,576
Nilambur	1,09,70,063
Vengara	44,90,001

C) Not implemented

(D) The proposal can be approved by the District Expert Committee and reviewed with the estimates available to the Government.

Reserve in Vadakara Taluk

136 (3058) Sri. K. K. Lathika: Will the Minister kindly answer the following questions :

A) What are the remaining villages in Vadakara Taluk to complete the reserve process :

(B) Can you come and explain the reason for the delay in completing the re-survey process in the said villages:

(C) Can you clarify that the said reserve process will be completed?

Answer

(A) In Vadakara Taluk, re-survey work is pending in Azhiyoor, Edacheri, Thuneri, Nadapuram, Chekkiyad, Valayam, Vanimel, Vilangadu, Thinur, Narippatta, Kavilumpara, Velam, Vadakara Municipality, Nadakkuthazha and Eramala villages.

(B) The services of the officers assigned for re-survey for other urgent survey activities undertaken by the Survey Department and there is a delay happened to complete the re-survey activities.

(C) G.O dated 31-10-2012. According to (M. S) 409/12 / Revenue Order, re-survey work in the State is currently conducted on Government land and on private land only upon receipt of application. With the resumption of re-survey, the re-survey process in Vadakara taluk can be completed.

Measures to prevent land encroachment

137 (3059)

Sri. K. K. Jayachandran

Sri. . K. Suresh. Kurup

Sri. . K. V. Vijayadas

Sri. . B. D. Devassi: Can the Minister of Revenue and Coir please answer the following questions:

(A) Have you noticed the continuous land encroachments in Idukki district: How many hectares of land have already been encroached upon :

(B) At what stage of the evacuation process?

(C) Will it be prepared to control such activities, locate encroached land and restore the re-survey system?

Answer

(A) Land encroachments in Idukki district are noteworthy. Strong action is being taken against encroachments under the Kerala Preservation Act (Amendment) 2009. During the tenure of this government, 783, 02 hectares have been cleared and taken over.

(B&C) Government of Kerala with the assistance of Munnar Special Revenue Officer and Land Production Force under the Fraud Protection Act (Amendment) 2009 for eviction of illegally encroached government land.

Disaster Relief Insurance Scheme

138 (3060) Shri. C. Divakaran: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the following question?

Has the Disaster Relief Insurance Scheme been implemented in the State? Who is responsible for its implementation? Can you explain what areas are covered by the insurance scheme?

Answer

The Disaster Relief Insurance Scheme has not been implemented in the State. But it has been decided in principle to implement a comprehensive disaster insurance scheme for those living in coastal hilly disaster prone areas. Various aspects of its implementation are being examined.

Land for Kumily substation

139 (T3061) Mrs. E.S. Bijimol: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the following questions?

(A) What is the stage of land acquisition for construction of Kumily substation :

'T' indicates the query.

(B) Whether the acquisition of land for the said purpose is in the process giving ponnnumvila; or can you clarify whether it is through negotiable purchase or not?

(C) Can you instruct the the concerned officials to take immediate action for land acquisition?

ANSWER

(A) Only the notification under the Survey and Boundary Section for the acquisition of land for construction of Kumily substation has been published. The Notification has not been published. The action can only be taken on the basis of the new Land Acquisition Act as the new L.A.R.R Act 2013 came into force on 1-1-2014.

Although discussions were held with the party on the dates of acquisition of land through negotiable purchase, as the landlord was not ready to accept the price recommended by the committee and so the KSEB submitted an application for initiation of proceedings under the L.A Act 1984 and issued a notification as per the Survey and boundaries act Section 6 (1). With the enactment of the L.A.R.R Act 2013 into effect on 1.1.2014, the new land acquisition law will enable the land acquisition process to proceed on its basis.

Zero land less scheme

140(3062)Shri. C. K. SADHASIVAN : Will the revenue, coir minister please answer the following questions :

- (A) Can you tell me how many people will be given land in Alappuzha district under the Zero Landless scheme implemented by the State Government ;
- (B) How many applications have been received in the district in total ;
- (C) Can you explain what are the criteria for selecting beneficiaries?

ANSWERS

- (A) Under the landless Kerala scheme, 14,163 beneficiaries are currently required to provide land in Alappuzha district. In the first phase, land has been allotted to 188 people. It has been decided to issue the lease under the scheme in various phases.
- (B) 17,142 applications were received in the district in the first phase. 1326 more applications have been received after giving another chance to submit applications from 1-2-2014 to 31-3-2014.
- (C) The following criteria are followed for the selection of beneficiaries:-
1. Applicants should be born and settled in the state of kerala
 2. The application or his family members should not own land inside or outside the state.
 3. Annual family income of the applicant.(from all sources)
 4. The family must be involved, including the dependent children and parents of an individual and his or her spouse as indicated in the Land Registration Rules.
 5. Applications must be submitted by the head of the family.
 6. Ancestral land should not be available in future.
 7. Own land should not been transferred after 9-3-2012 as Landless Kerala scheme 2015 was announced on that date.

Decision to acquire land again for Ezhimala naval academy

141(T3063) Shri. C. Krishnan: Will the Revenue and Coir minister please answer the following questions:

- (A) Can you explain whether the government has decided to acquire land again for Ezhimala Naval Academy ;
- (B) Have you noticed the hardship faced by the rehabilitated people when the land was acquired to establish a naval academy ;
- (C) Will you consider cancellation of the process of re-acquiring land in view of the hardship of the people ?

ANSWERS

(A-C) The station commander has asked the government to acquire 500 acres of land on 26-3-2014 for setting up the Navy Boys Sports Company for the Kannur Ezhimala Naval Academy. The government has acquired more than 2500 acres of private land from Ramanthali village in Kannur district alone for the establishment of the Ezhimala naval academy at ponnumvila price. In addition to that, it has now demanded to acquire 500 acres of land more. Based on the petition submitted by the Ezhimala development council to the Honorable Chief Minister against the commencement of the land acquisition, the report of kannur District Collector was obtained and land previously acquired for Ezhimala Naval Academy is left unused and it has been asked to submit a report on whether the unused land can be used. The government wants to make this institution a reality by avoiding evictions as much as possible.

'T' indicates the deferred question.

Procedure for changing land ownership

142 (3064) Shri. M. V. Shreyams Kumar: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the

following questions:

(A) Can you explain whether the area of the property to be moved is calculated on the basis of the area in the Village Office records and the area of the holding ;

(B) Can you explain whether re-survey is necessary again to change the ownership for a land for which the tax is being paid after completing the re-survey ;

(C) If so, under what circumstances should you do re-survey? Explain;

(D) By re-survey and thus determining the area of the property, is the sale and purchase of the property based on area of re-survey or Based on the area of deed; Explain;

(E) Can you explain if the area of property from deed is different from the area under re-survey in the case where the area of the property is determined by re-survey and the refusal is taxable ?

Answer

(A) The ownership change is based on the Village records , ownership record and also based on the transfer deed.

(B&C) If there are disputes or court orders regarding the property it will be re-surveyed

(D&E) If the deed area is same as re-survey area, it can be done as per the re-survey and if the re-survey area is more than deed area, it can be done as per deed area but normally it will be done after solving this issue legally.

Ownership distribution in KodakaraPanchayath Pulipparakkunnu Colony

143 (3065) Mr. B. D. Devassy: For the following questions, will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly reply:

(A) In which stage is the procedure for the re-allotment of plot to the applicants from scheduled cast category who are the present holders of the land in Pulipparakunnu Colony of Kodakara Panchayath;

(B) Will you take immediate action to give ownership to those stays there for so many years?

Answer

(A) 53 cents of land included in Kodkara village survey 1586/2 of Kodkara Panchayath was acquired by the Scheduled caste development department during 1991-92 and distributed 4 cents each to 10 scheduled caste families. Of these, 5 customers have not taken up space. The Scheduled caste department is taking steps to cancel the first allotment to allow re-allotment to the encroachers who have been in possession of those 5 abandoned plots for 18 years.

(B) Action can be taken only after obtaining the permission of the Scheduled Caste Development Department.

Village Office in Eramala Grama Panchayat

144 (3066) Shri. C. K. Nanu: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly reply for the following questions;

(A) Whether fund has been allotted to construct village office in the plot sanctioned by Eramala Grama Panchayat in Eramala Grama Panchayath of Vadakara constituency? Will you clarify;

(B) The Rental building where the existing village office operates is not sufficient for all the staff and the concrete is crumbling making it inaccessible even for people to enter. Will steps be taken to construct the building on the land allotted by the panchayat with immediate release of funds? Can you provide details?

Answer

(A&B) For construction of Eramala Village Office Building, administrative sanction has been given for Rs 20 lakh.

Revenue Day

145 (3067)

Shri. M. P. Vincent:

Shri. C. P. Muhammad:

Shri. P. A. Madhavan:

Shri. Anwar Sadat: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly reply

for the following questions:

(A) whether revenue day has been declared and celebrated;

(B) if so, what are the details of the celebrations;

(C) Can you please explain what Action plans have been formulated in the regard for the effective functioning of the Revenue Department;

(D) What further action is to be taken on this?; May I have the details?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) February 24 is designated as Revenue Day. As part of this, it is provided to the public through revenue offices to improve the service and to stimulate the enthusiasm of the employees. Best Deputy Collector in every district of the state, Tehsildar and three village officers who have rendered excellent service and were given awards. The District Collector who has rendered the most commendable service in the State also awarded on that day. The best officials in the survey department have also been given awards on the same day.

(C) In connection with the celebration of Revenue day celebration all employees based on their performance are given excellence awards. This will encourage the employee to provide the best service to the general public so that the public can get fast and efficient services.

(D) It is proposed to conduct seminars on various schemes implemented by the Revenue Department and workshops on effective management for disaster mitigation activities.

Arrears on Land Acquisition Charge item

146 (3068) Shri. Babu M. Palissery: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly reply for the following question,?

According to the latest figures, what is the government's liability for land acquisition charges?

Answer

Government arrears on land acquisition charge Liability is given below as district wise:

1	Thiruvananthapuram	682,71,53,837.00
2	Kollam	22,73,05,152.00
3	Pathanamthitta	9,83,81,137.00
4	Alappuzha	7,24,00,000.00
5	Kottayam	16,13,67,874.00
6	Idukki	1,65,13,087.00
7	Ernakulam	112,55,03,348.00
8	Thrissur	9,00,00,000.00
9	Palakkad	1,46,84,035.00
10	Malappuram	10,33,26,532.00
11	Kozhikode	80,59,97,572.00
12	Wayanad	Nil
13	Kannur	2,56,77,284.00
14	Kasaragod	3,44,98,855.00
	Total amount	9,60,28,08,713.00

Land acquisition of Thuravoor Hospital in Aroor Constituency

147(3069) Shri. A.M Arif: To the following questions, will the ministers of Revenue and Coir kindly reply?

(A) What is the current status of acquisition of land for Thuravoor Hospital in Aroor Constituency?

(B) At what stage is the current case related to land acquisition?

(C) Will steps be taken to form a committee under the chairmanship of the District Collector to coordinate the land acquisition process?

(D) Can immediate steps be taken to acquire land for the development of Thuravoor Hospital?

Answer

(A) The land acquisition process for Thuravoor Community Health Center has been completed and the award has been passed. However, before the Honorable High Court have banned the acquisition vide order number WPC No.28198/11 as per the interim order.

(B) The writ petition is still pending

(C&D) There is no follow-up as the high priced process is complete. Once the stay is removed, the space can be acquired and transferred. The collector has written to the advocate General seeking reversal of the stay and the Hon'ble High Court has filed an IA for early posting. The land will be acquired and handed over after taking immediate action to settle the case.

Farmers seeking title deed for the land in Ranni Taluk

148(3069) Shri. Raju Abraham : To the following questions will the ministers of Revenue and coir kindly reply?

(A) Can Panchayat specify how many farmers are left to get land title deeds in Ranni Taluk and how many hectares of land yet to be given such titles?

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(B) Can you please tell me which villages in the taluk are the recipients of agricultural land under the Grow More scheme. How many of them are eligible for the title and the total number of hectares of land to be leased in this manner?

(C) Whether action has been taken to solve the problem of farmers in Athikkayam, Thekkethotti and Churakuzhi areas?

(D) Whether the tax on land which was earlier taxed at Churakkuzhi has been canceled; If so, how many families' taxes have been canceled? Can you explain the reason for this?

(E) Whether any action has been taken to restore the canceled levy of the holding farmers in churakuzhi area ; if so, what steps have been taken? Can you specify the period for which the tax payment is required to be reinstated?

ANSWERS

(A) In the panchayaths of Ranni taluk, the following holdings are there for getting the title deeds :

Panchayat	No of Holdings	Area (H)
Perunad	730	283,00.00
Naranamuzhi	579	163,06.34
Vechuchira	490	177,00.22
Pazhavangadi	254	33,42.06
Vadasherikara	54	15,00.00

(B) In Ranni Taluk, under the grow more food scheme, 69.00.00 hectares of land in kollamula village(Perunnad gramapanchayat – pambavaali) on 290 holdings has to be given ownership.

(c) Steps have been taken to resolve the Deed issues in Athikkayam – Thekkethody,Choorakuzhy areas in Ranni Taluk.

(d) Land tax payment of 88 families in Choorakuzhy area has been cancelled . Their deeds have been cancelled as per Thiruvalla Revenue Divisional Officer's order (No. 5711/11/b 1, dt 25-02-2012) based on District Collector's report (that they have transferred the deeds against existing rules) and Govt. letter No.20335/C2/81/ R D No., dt 6-8-1981.

(e) Steps have been taken to issue deeds to 224 people after measuring the land and preparing necessary documents.

River Management Fund

149(3071)Sri.M.M.Hamza : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

- (a) Could you please furnish the details of funds received to State River Management from each district during the period 01-07-2011 to 31-10-2014 ;
- (b) Please furnish the details of River Management funds utilized , since this Govt came into power.

Answers

- (a) Details of funds are given as appendix 1*
- (b) Details of funds are given as appendix 2*

“* kept in the library

Criteria for Compensation for Damage of Crops in Natural Calamities

150 (T 3072) Sri. Raju Abraham : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions ;

- (a) Any new criteria has been implemented to calculate compensation for damage of crops due to natural calamities ;
- (b) Earlier, compensation for a damaged coconut tree was Rs 800. But now , as per new criteria, it is only Rs.85. Has this come to your notice ?
- (c) Could you please make a suggestion to calculate compensation for Coconut Tree, Arcanute tree and plantain based on numbers ,instead of area?

Answers

(a & b) Financial Relief from State Disaster Relief Fund (which is 75% Central share & 25% state share) has been provided based on different criteria given by Central Govt ,from time to time. There is no provision to provide compensation from this fund. Temporary financial relief is provided like this. Financial Relief for damage of crops due to natural calamities , is provided as per G.O (Ms.) No.361/2014/DMD,dt. 21/08/2014.

(c) Not in consideration, at the moment.

Encroachments(Illegal Acquisitions) at T.V.Puram, Vaikom

151(3073) Sri.K.Ajith : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Locals of T.V.Puram , included in Vaikom constituency, have given a complaint against the efforts of the land mafia to level the Manthuvallichira canal , which is used to draw water from pazhuthuvally area to Lake. Has the concerned department checked it ?

'T' denotes questions which are kept pending

(b) Have the department noticed land encroachment in this area ? Any action has been taken ; please explain;

(c) Will you be conducting an enquiry about these encroachments and take necessary steps ; please explain ;

Answers

(a) No complaint has been received by the locals regarding the levelling of Manthuvallichira canal by land mafia. But, as the canal levelling attempt was noticed, Vaikkom village office has issued an order to stop the same.

(b) The Tehsildar has received a report from the village office regarding encroachment in the lake shore area

(c) Will enquire and take necessary steps. As per section 218 of Kerala Panchayatiraj Law, encroachment of Public Water Resources under Civil Administration will be treated seriously and take necessary action to evacuate such unlawful possessions. Will give necessary instructions to the concerned departments for this;

Average Population in Village Office Limits

152 (3074) Sri.K.AhammedKabeer; The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Could you please clarify the average population in village office limits ;

(b) Whether a limit of 21400 is set in village limits by centre ;

(c) Will you be taking steps to set up village offices as per this limit ; please explain ;

Answers

(a) As per 2011 census, the total population in Kerala is 33387677 and number of villages is 1664.

Average village population has not been collected and compiled in Land Revenue Department.

(b) Not applicable

(c) Not in consideration at the moment

Harrison Malayalam Plantation

153(3075)Sri.V.Sasi : The Hon'ble Coir & Revenue Minister is requested to answer the following questions:

(a) Whether special officer report has been submitted regarding Harrison Malayalam Plantations land ; if so, will you be able to furnish the details ;

(b) Any steps have been advised in that report ; if so, please furnish details ; please provide copy of the report;

Answers

(a& b) As per G.O (MS) 1612/2013, dt 25-04-2013, a special officer has been appointed and steps have been taken to recover the Govt land possessed by Harrison Malayalam Plantation.

Leased Land in Malappuram Civil Station Limits

154(3076)Sri. Abdurahiman Randathani : The Hon'ble Coir & Revenue Minister is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Please clarify whether any Govt land in the limits of Malappuram Civil Station, has been leased out to any organisations of trusts ;

(b) Then, please furnish the details of the organisations, the area of leased out land and lease period;

(c) Is it possible to furnish the copies of the orders regarding the lease of Govt land to these organisations ?

(d) For what purpose, the lease has been given; details please ;

Answers

(a) No

(b-d) Not applicable

Distribution of deeds in Peerumedu Taluk

155(3077)Smt.E.S.Bijimol : The Hon'ble Coir & Revenue Minister is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) How many deeds have been issued in PeerumeduTaluk since this Govt came into power ?

(b) How many deeds were issued in Ayyappankavil and Chakkumpallamtaluks ?

(c) How many applications have been received in PeerumeduTaluk for deeds ?

(d) Will the Govt take steps to open a Land Assignment office to issue deeds in Peerumedu ?

Answers

(a) 740 deeds have been issued in Peerumedutaluk since this Govt came in to power.

(b) In Ayyappankovil village, 430 deeds as per 1993 rule and 25 deeds under ' Land for Everyone-Kerala ' project

- (c) In Peerumedu Taluk, 663 applications, as per 1993 rule, 6,792 applications , as per 1964 rule and 3,547 applications as per 'land for everyone- Kerala' project are received for issue of deeds.
- (d) With the existing facilities, steps have been expedited for the issue of deeds.

Land Acquisition for Malappuram – Kottappady Bye pass, Asarikadavu bridge approach road

156(3078) Sri.P.Ubaidulla : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions.

- (a) What is the present state of land acquisition for Malappuram-Kottappady Bye pass and Asarikadavu bridge approach road ?
- (b) How long will it take to complete the acquisition process and issue of compensation reward ; Please explain;

Answer

- (a) Steps for submitting the draft declaration for Land Revenue Commissioner's approval regarding Malappuram- Kottappady bye pass land acquisition, has been taken. The Govt. has already given permission to acquire land for Asarikadavu bridge approach road, as per G.O (RT) No.4267/14/Rev, dt 01-09-2014. As per this order, the cost of land to be acquired is being calculated.
- (b) Compensation towards land acquisition for Malappuram-Kottappady bye pass can be completed within the time limit of market price law, approving the draft declaration and compensation reward for Asarippady -Thalappavukadavu bridge approach road acquisition can be processed within six months of fund availability.

Works included in Monsoon Disaster – Natural Calamity Fund in Kayamkulam Constituency

157(3079):Sri.C.K.Sadasivan : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

- (a) Could you please furnish the details of works done utilising Monsoon Disaster-Natural Calamity Fund, since this Govt has come into power ?
- (b) Could you please explain the present status of each work ?
- (c) Among this, please furnish details of completed works and works which are not yet started.

Answers

(a) There is no provision to utilise Monsoon disaster – Natural Calamity fund on constituency basis. Hence such details are not available.

(b & c) Not applicable

About tax collection in village offices

158(3080) Sri.M.Ummer : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

- (a) Only one single receipt book is used in Village offices to collect tax payments. Have you ever checked the practical difficulty faced by the public due to this system ?
- (b) Friday, being the account checking day, it is not possible to issue receipt even for Court purposes. Have you ever noticed this ?
- (c) Whether the Govt will look for an alternative to enable collection of payments on Fridays also ? Please explain

Answers

- (a) No practical difficulty is noted or reported
- (b) Didn't come to my notice
- (c) Not considering at the moment

Land for Kothamangalam Municipality

159(3089) Sri.T.U.Kuruville : The Hon'ble Coir & Revenue Minister is requested to answer the following questions :

- (a) Could you please furnish the reasons for the delay in executing the decisions made in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister regarding the proposed waste land for Kothamangalam Municipality ;
- (b) Someone with vested interests are trying not to execute the orders issued as per the Ministerial meeting on 04-09-2011. Has this ever come to your notice ? Then, will the Govt be taking strong measures to execute the same ?

Answers

- (a) As per G.O (Ordinary) No.4927/13/Rev, dt 07-09-2013, 1.0076 hector of waste land has been acquired by Revenue Department on 13-01-2014, which has been conveyed by Kothamangalam Tehsildar. As per the same order, The Forest Department is being advised to inform their requirement of land. In this context, Sri.Baby.M.G has filed a case(No.214/14) in the National Green Tribunal, Chennai ,which is still open.
- (b) Didn't come to my notice

For the Renovation of Chemanchery Sub Registrar Office

160(3082) Sri.K.Dasan : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) An application was given by MLA to Hon'ble Minister for Registration regarding the renovation of historical Chemanchery Sub Registrar Office . Please clarify whether any steps have been taken in this file by Revenue Department ;

(b) Whether the Revenue department has received the necessary documents regarding the relinquishment of Building , from Panchayath Department ; whether the necessary steps have been completed by Revenue Department at Koyilandy Talkuk office, for the Govt approval of this project

(c) How many cents of land is to be released to NHAI for National Highway development , from the 13 cents of proposed land Sub Registrar office ? Any information regarding this ? Any documents available ?

(d) Whether the Revenue Department has taken necessary steps to build new building for Chemanchery Sub Registrar Office , in the remaining land ; Please clarify when can a detailed proposal be given to the registration department, regarding this.

(e) Have you noticed the delay in Revenue Department regarding this project ?

Answers

(a) No files are available in Revenue Department regarding the renovation of Sub Registrar office, Chemanchery.

(b) Steps are being taken at Koyilandy Taluk office and Revenue Divisional Office, on the Relinquishment application by the Panchayath.

(c) The area of land to be released for NH Development cannot be determined at the moment, as the apportionment works of NH development are stopped at the moment.

(d& e) No proposals available at the moment.

Bhoomi Kerala Project

161(3083): Sri.M.S. Jayalal : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Could you please furnish the details regarding the issue of deeds in Kollam Taluk under the Bhoomi Kerala Project;

(b) Some inassesable and disputed lands were also included in those beneficiaries; Have you noticed the same ? How many such deeds have been issued in Kollam Taluk ? Details please;

(c) Will the Govt be taking necessary measures to resolve such issues and finding alternatives with immediate effect ;

Answers

(a) How many deeds were issued in Kollam Taluk in the first phase of 'Land for Everyone' - Kerala project ?

(b& c) Details are being collected

Deeds for Residents of Kappalandimukku Colony

162(3084) Sri.P.K.Gurudasan :The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

People doing scavenging jobs in Kollam municipality are the residents of Kappalandimukku Colony for decades. But they haven't received deeds yet. Will the Govt be taking necessary measures to issue deeds to them ?

Answers

Deeds cannot be issued to residents of Kappalandimukku Colony, as it is located near National Highway.

Steps to Control Sand Mining from Rivers

163(3085) Dr.K.T.Jaleel :

Sri.Raju Abraham :

Sri.M.Chandran :

Sri.K.Kunhammed Master : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Is there any planning to give permission for sand mining from rivers in the state ; any steps have been taken regarding this ; have you assessed the fact that , it will cause environment hazards;

(b) Have you noticed that large scale illegal sand mining from rivers is happening in the state ? Have you ever checked the complaint that the illicit relationship between the officials and the sand mafia is responsible for this ? Then, why no action has been taken against this so far ; please clarify ;

(c) Whether the Govt was able to execute the River Bank Protection law, effectively; any special force has been formed for the same; please clarify

Answers

(a)As per G.O(KY) No.13/2014/En, dt 15/11/2014, temporary permission has been given for sand mining from rivers for three months, where sand auditing is not completed. Mining permission is given as per clearance from Weather & Environment department.

(b) Not came into notice. Through combined squad efforts of police, revenue and mining & geology departments, strong measures will be taken against illegal mining activities.

(c) Formation of special force as per revision of River Bank Protection & Sand Mining Control law, is been discussed.

Sports Authority of India Trivandrum Club Society

164(3086) Sri. Mathew. T. Thomas :

Smt. JameelaPrakasam :

Sri. Jose Thettayil :

Sri.C.K.Nanu : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Is there a society by name ' Sports Authority of India Trivandrum Golf Club' is functioning in Trivandrum Golf Club, which was recently taken over by Sports Authority of India ?

(b) In that case, whether the Bylaw of that society has got approval ;

(c) Then, is it possible to produce the copy of that approved by law ;

(d) Whether the ad-hoc committee is running the administration in the club ;

(e) Then, who handed over the administration to the committee?

(f) Who are the members of the ad-hoc committee ?

(g) Members of the old private club, who fought a case against the Govt is also included in the ad-hoc committee. Have you noticed that ? Who was given the administration charges of the Golf Club ?

as per the contract between Sports Authority of India & Golf Club ? Please explain the circumstances under which the administration rights have been given to ad-hoc committee;

Answers

(a) Yes

(b& c) Didn't come to my notice that the said society has got registration.

(d-g) Apex committee is running the administration in the golf club. This committee was appointed by the Govt, with the Chief Secretary as the chairman.

Director General SAI Co Chairman

Secretary, General Administration Department

Secretary, Tourism Department

Secretary, Sports Department

District Collector, Thiruvananthapuram

President, Kerala Sports Council, Thiruvananthapuram

Executive Director (Operations)

Director, Infra

President, SAI, Thiruvananthapuram Golf Club

Secretary, SAI, Thiruvananthapuram Golf Club

Centre-in-Charge, SAI Golf Academy

Sri.P.M.Abraham, (I.A.S. Retd)

Sri.Joseph.J.Chackola

Principal, LNCPE Member Secretary

From the above list, Sri.P.M.Abraham . I.A.S (Retd) is the former president of the private club and Sri.Raghuchandran Nair, Secretary, SAI is the secretary of the private club, Trivandrum Golf Club.

Arrears of Urgent Reconstruction of Roads

165(3087) Sri.K.Kunhiraman(Uduma): The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions:

- (a) Could you please furnish the details of arrears(in Crores) regarding the reconstruction of roads and buildings, which were affected by Monsoon;
- (b) How much was the arrears when the former Govt left power; details please ;
- (c) Any steps have been taken to pay the arrears ? Details please ;

Answers

(a& b) Given as appendix *

(c) Arrears have be cleared on priority basis , as per the submission of bills of completed works and availability of funds.

Acquisition for the development of ManoramaKavala, Cherthala

166(T3088) Sri.P.Thilothaman : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Whether Alapuzha District Collector has convened a meeting of the merchants regarding the land acquisition for the development of ManoramaKavala; when was it ? Who presided over the meeting ? Please furnish the copies of the minutes of the meeting ;

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(b) Whether , in that meeting, it was declared that a package will be announced to rehabilitate the evacuated merchants ; then, is it possible to clarify which package was announced by the District collector , by which order ;

(c) As per G.O(M.S) 419/2011 RD, dt 15-11-2011,a rehabilitation package will be announced for the merchants, who will be evacuated as a part of land acquisition . Is there any other G.O which will offer extra financial benefits for the merchants ? If so, is it possible to produce a copy of that order ?

(d) Is there any contempt of court case has been filed by the merchants' association, blaming that directions in the court order (regarding rehabilitation) were not followed ? Please provide details;

(e) Is it possible to check whether any Govt department is involved in intentionally delaying(by giving impossible promises) the court proceedings to protect the vested interests of someone who is torpedoing the development proceedings of ManoramaKavala ;

Answers

(a) A meeting of the merchants' organisation was convened by the District Collector of Alapuzha on 27-09-2013. He himself presided over the meeting. Copy of the minutes is given as appendix.

(b) The District Collector had declared that, rehabilitation package will be announced, as per Govt policy, for those who lose their shops and establishments. The rehabilitation package as per G.O (MS)419/2011/RD, dt 15-11-2011 was submitted by the District Collector to the Govt.

(c) Presently the rehabilitation package is being prepared as per G.O (MS) 419/2011/RD, dt 15-11-2011.

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(a) A Contempt of Court case has been filed in connection with the case(No. WP(C) 15413/14) filed in the Hon'ble High Court by the President of Chamber of Commerce. In this connection, the Hon'ble High Court has given instruction to revenue department to consider the demands in the application submitted by the President, chamber of commerce, Cherthala, and intimate the client about the steps taken in this regard, within one month. As soon as the verdict was received, the district collector was given necessary instruction and the same was intimated to the client as well.

But, in between this, the client had filed a contempt of court case. However, an affidavit has been filed in the Hon'ble High Court, stating that the court verdict has been executed on time.

(b) No efforts to torpido the development process of manoramakavala has been noticed

R M F Projects for Protection of Bharathapuzha

167(3089) Sri.M.Hamza :The Hon'ble Coir & Revenue minister is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Please explain the steps taken by this Govt towards protection of Bharathapuzha ;

(b) Please explain the steps taken by this Govt towards the protection of Bharathapuzha and river banks;

(c) Please provide the details of the projects planning to execute to protect the rivers from pollution and encroachment , by utilizing the river management fund;

(d) How much fund is available in RMF, Palakkad , at the moment ? Please furnish the details during the period 01-07-2011 to 31-10-2014.

Answers

(a)By including in the River to River project, which is meant for the protection of degrading rivers, it has been decided to beautify the river banks from Tirunavaya to Kuttipuram, in Malappuram District.

(b) Police picketing has been arranged in Trichur, Palakkad districts and special squad has been formed in District – Taluk levels, in order to prevent the illegal mining and trafficking in Bharathapuzha. Concrete pillars has been kept to prevent vehicles entering the river for loading sand. State high level committee will be examining the possibility of giving approval for Bharathapuzha protection projects, as per availability to Govt.

(c) River management fund is being utilised for works which are connected to River banks protection project , agreeing to rules of mining control & river banks protection act and approved by District Expert Committee and State High Level Committee.

(d) Rs.13,04,73,179 is available in Palakkad River Management Fund , till 31-10-2014. Details of the River Management Fund are being collected for the period 01-07-2011 to 31-10-2014.

Deeds for Residents of Govt land in Chalakudy Taluk

168(3090) Sri.B.D.Devassy : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) What is the the status of measures taken for issuing deeds to residents of waste lands in different villages of Chalakudy Taluk

(b) Will the Govt be taking immediate measures to issue deeds on applications where all necessary reports have been submitted.

(c) Will the Govt be taking necessary measures to issue deeds for the other applications, based on the reports of the concerned departments ?

Answers

(a) 1. Measures have been taken to issue deeds and assign lands , with approval from land assignment committee, in 30 cases, under Revenue Department,

2. In all deed cases included in Public Works Department and Irrigation Department, joint investigation has been completed. But NOC from the concerned departments are still pending.

3. Subsequent steps will be taken on lands like cattle rearing fields, causeways, ponds etc which are under local bodies, made available from time to time after divesting.

4. Subsequent steps are being taken on 7 cases which has got approval from Archeology department.

(b) Issuing of deeds will be considered on all cases, after getting NOC from concerned departments, where joint investigation has been completed .

(c) Suitable measures will be taken to issue deeds on the remaining applications, based on the NOC and reports from the concerned departments, and the prevailing laws and Govt orders.

Income Limit for allotment of Military Land

169(3091) Sri.K.Kunhiraman : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) what is the income limit for allotment of Military Land in the state ?

(b) Many were unable to apply as the income limit is not increased on timely basis. Has this been come to your notice ?

(c) Then, will the govt be considering increasing the limit ; Details please ;

Answers

(a) Priority has been given to assign 10% of assignable land to ex- service men, as per provisions of land assignment act 7(2) I of 1964. Income limit has been increased from Rs75,000 to 1 lakh, for applying for this, as per G.O(P) No.450/14/RD, dt 28-10-2014.

(b) Income limit has been increased to Rs.1 lakh as per G.O(P) No.450/14/RD, dt 28-10-2014

(c) Not in consideration at the moment.

River Management Fund in Kozhikode District

170(3092) Sri.A.PradeepKumar : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) For what purposes, the river management fund has been utilised in Kozhikode District; please explain;

(b) Whether the Govt had given approval for this ? Then, could you please produce a copy of that order ;

Answers

(a) In Kozhikode district, river management fund was not utilised for any different purpose

(b) Not applicable

Circular Regarding Mutation

171(3093) Sri.M.V.SreyamsKumar : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

- (a) Is there any order in effect to collect the cost of excess(as per the document) land for the mutation of the land ? Is it possible to produce a copy of that order ? Whether that order has got retrospective effect ?
- (b) Whether this order is applicable to mutation applications where registrations were completed prior to the order date .
- (c) Then, please clarify whether retrospective effect was given to tax in sequential order ;
- (d) Please clarify whether this order is applicable to lands where resurvey has been completed and tax is being paid on regular basis.

Land for Everyone Project- Kerala in Ambalapuzha Constituency

172(3094) Sri.G.Sudhakaran : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

- (a) How many applications were received from Ambalapuzha Constituency to receive benefits under 'Land for Everyone – Kerala ' Project ?
- (b) Whether a list of deserving applicants were prepared ; Is it possible to produce a copy of that list ;
- (c) Please furnish the details of applicants who were benefitted through this project .

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(a) No constituency-wise list was prepared in 'Zero Landless Kerala' project. 7495 applications were received in Ambalapuzha Taluk, under Ambalapuzha constituency. After extending the date from 01-02-2014 to 31-03-2014, 477 more applications were received.

(b) List of 7236 beneficiaries in the first phase from 7495 applications, is available in www.zerolandless.kerala.gov.in website. The process of selecting beneficiaries from 477 applications in the second phase, is in progress.

(c) Land has been allotted to 19 beneficiaries from priority list in Ambalapuzha Taluk, in first phase. List given as appendix.

Tour T A claims settlement details of Chirayankeezhu Taluk office employees

173(3095) Smt.E.S.Bijimol : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Despite being ready on time, the Tour T A bills settlement of Chirayankeezhu Village Office employees was delayed and instead Taluk employees T.A bills were settled. Whether this has come to your notice;

(b) Whether any order has been in effect, to settle T A bills, against the priority list ; Is it possible to produce a copy of the same; otherwise, will the Govt be taking action against the defaulters.

(c) Eventhough, files regarding T A allotment & settlement were available at Trivandrum Collectorate, Revenue Commissionerate and Govt. Secretariat, no timely action was taken in Chirayinkeezh Taluk. Please give an explanation ;

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(d) Taluk department has failed to answer the queries from the Govt . Have you noticed this ? Will there be any action against those responsible for the intentional delay of the files ?

(e) Though allotment was available for releasing the TA of Village employees for the period 05/09 to 03/11, it was kept on hold and the T A of Taluk employees were released, instead. Please explain the reasons for this ;

(f) Why so much delay was happened in resolving the issues of TA of 05/09 to 03/10 ? Please explain;

(g) Will the Govt be giving instruction not to delay release of TA, despite allotment , in future;

Answers

(a) No. Tour TA of Chirayinkeezhu Taluk office employees comes under the head 2053-00-094-99-04-01 and that of village employees under the head 2029-00-101-99-04-01. No T A was released to Taluk employees from the funds of Village employees.

(b) No case of TA release against priority list was noticed. As adequate funds were not available in the head 2029-00-101-99-04-01, T A bills during the period 05/09 to 03/10 were not settled.

(c) By the time when the funds were available, as the bills were expired, it was submitted for Govt approval and the Govt had given instruction to make necessary corrections in them. On this, the land revenue commissioner had given instruction to the District Collector to resubmit TA bills.

(c) T A bills of Village employees for the period 05/09 to 03/10, will be settled as received from Govt after corrections. There are 1600 village offices functioning in Kerala.

(d) The Land Revenue Commissioner had given instruction to the District Collector to answer the queries received from the Govt on 12-05-2014.

(e) Settlement of T A bills of Village employees was delayed due to inadequate funds in the concerned head of account. But, by the time when the funds were available, the validity of those bills were expired. So, in order to prevent lapse of those funds, claims of village office employees w.e.f 04/10 were settled. If this measure was not taken, those funds would have been lapsed and there could have been a situation where village office employees will never get any settlement.

T.A claims of Taluk office employees were never settled from the head of account 2029-00-101-99-04-01, holding the claims of village employees.

(f) Settlement of T A claims of Village employees for the period 05/09 to 03/10 was delayed for want of claims on time. As the validity of those bills was expired, a proposal was submitted to the Govt for approval. As some corrections were required in those proposals, directions were given to Land Revenue Commissioner to do the needful to resolve the same.

(g) No cases of intentional holding of TA claims were reported.

Illegal Possession of Govt. Land

174(3096) Smt. K.S.Saleekha : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

- (a) How many acres of Govt Land is under illegal possession of individuals / organisations ? District-wise details expected ;
- (b) In this, how many acres of land has acquired by Govt. so far; district –wise report please ;
- (c) When can the remaining land be acquired ? What are the measures taken regarding this ?
- (d) How many acres of Govt land has been given on lease to individuals / organisations ? How much yearly income is generated through this ? Details please ;
- (e) How much land is available where the lease agreement period is over ; District –wise details please ;
- (f) How much amount is pending to the Govt as per lease agreement ?
- (g) Whether steps have been taken to acquire lands of defaulters, cancelling the lease agreement ; details please ; For how many acres of land, the Govt have renewed the lease agreement ; what was the lease amount ? Please provide district-wise details; Whether Harrison Malayalam Company is keeping revenue land using fake documents ; then, how many acres ; Any measures will be taken to acquire that land and allot to land less people; details please ;

Answers

(a – g) Details are being collected .

175(3097) Sri.B.D.Devassy : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) The Hanging Bridge at Thykkootam Kadavu, KadukuttyPanchayath , Trichur district built by KEL, included in the Natural Calamity Relief Project,was reported some constructional defects in the preliminary examination. Whether the necessary measures have been taken for a detailed examination and fixing the defects ?

(b) Will the Govt be taking necessary measures to open the bridge for public, after fixing the defects;

Answers

(a& b) The Executive Engineer, Kerala Roads & Bridges has been assigned to check the Constructional defects of the Thykkootam hanging bridge, by Kerala Electrical & Allied Company . On the basis of this, KEL representatives have been asked to fix the defects of the bridge and make it ready for public use.

Smart Villages

176(3098) Sri. P.C Vishnunath :

Sri.T.N.Prathapan :

Sri.V.P.Sajeendran :

Sri.A.T.George : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Is there any project has been started to form smart villages ; Please explain;

(b) What are the objectives of that project ? Please give details

(c) What are the steps taken to run that project ? Details Please ;

Answers

(a& b) Yes. Smart Revenue Office Project has been announced to make village offices public friendly by providing Speedy, Modern, Assured, Responsible and Transparent services to public. As per this project, services from Village Offices can be made available to public at 'any time any where'. E-Governance and M-Governance will be utilised to the maximum, for the successful running of this project.

(c) In the first phase of this project, 14 village offices were selected and among this, the construction of 13 village offices had been handed over to habitat group and the remaining one, Amarambalam Village office, Malappuram District had given to District Nirmithi Kendra. Rs. 1 crore 60 lakh had been approved and construction have been already started.

In the second phase of this project, 16 village offices in 10 districts (except Ernakulam, Kozhikode, Malappuram & Kasargode) had been selected and it has been decided to construct 15 villages offices using Plan Fund and 1 using MLA fund. Rs.3.29 crores was approved for this project and measures have been taken to start construction .

Govt Outlying Land in Panchayaths of Koyilandy Taluk

177(3099) Sri.K.Kunhammad Master : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) In Kizhariyur, Meppayyur, Perambra, Nochadi, Koothali, Cheruvannur, Changaroth, Chakkittappara, Arikkulampanchaths of KoyilandyTaluk, how many acres of Govt outlying land is available ;

(b) Please explains the measures taken to protect those lands ;

Answers

(a) KizhariyurPanchayath : 135.7238 hectare

ArikkulamPanchayath : 78.6955 " "

PerambraPanchayath : 124.45 ""

NochadPanchayath : 82.384 ""

CheruvannurPanchayath : 27.20 ""

MeppayyurPanchayath : 62.82 ""

ChakkittapparaPanchayath : 1903.00 ""

ChangarothPanchayath : 129.79 ""

KoothaliPanchayath : 7.40 ""

Total : 2551.4633 ""

(b) Village officers were instructed to protect Govt Outlying Lands as per Kerala Land Conservation Act. Measures have been taken as per this act.

178(3100) : Sri. K.Kunhammed Master : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) How many raids have been conducted by Revenue Squad under Koyilandy Tehsildar and how many loads of river sand, sand , bricks were captured ? Please give details ;

(b) Could you please provide the details like, the name of the vehicle owners, cases charged, fine collected etc ;

(c) Please provide the details(Numbers) of seized vehicles kept in the premises of the village office, which are blocking ways of the public;

(d) Will you be taking necessary measures to auction the captured sand and remove the vehicles ?

Answers

(a) There were 350 raids conducted by the revenue department under Koyilandy Tehsildar, since June 2012. Details of sand, soil, bricks etc. are given below.

Year	Sand, Clay Sand, Port Sand	Soil	Bricks
2012	27 vehicles	18 vehicles	
2013	23 vehicles	58 vehicles	
2014	16 vehicles	45 vehicles	

(b) A total of Rs.16,33,000 was collected as fine. (Details of vehicle owners are given as appendix)*

(c) 26 vehicles , 600 ton sand

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(d) Necessary measures have been taken to sell the sand captured as per Kerala Riverside Protection & Sand Erosion Control Act (Amendment) section 23 a (6) to Nirmithi Kendra Store.

The Sand will be handed over to Nirmithi Kendra store once the cases on the seized vehicles are settled. Steps will be taken to remove the vehicles as well.

Illegal Possession of Land

179(3101) Smt.K.S.Saleeha : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Since this Govt has come into power, a lot of illegal possession of lands and other frauds have been happened with the aid of the Revenue department officials . Details please ;

(b) How many complaints have been received to the Govt. regarding illegal possession of land, shops , buildings etc, through forgery and aid of revenue officials and goons.Any action has been taken on these complaints ; details required ;

(c) As per the Revenue department, how many people have lost land in these frauds? How many committed suicide ; how many got attacked & killed ? Details required ;

(d) Is there any measures have been taken by revenue department to return the properties of the fraud victims ? details required ;

(e) Whether the Govt has taken any action against those revenue officials who were accomplices in these cases ; Please furnish the details of those corrupted officials ;

(f) Is it possible to amend the existing rules to prevent such frauds and return the properties of the victims ;

Answers

(a) Didn't come to my notice.

(b) As per reports, no such complaints have been received from any districts except Kollam. Though, no complaints were received against officials, 14 complaints were received against blade mafia since 'Operation Kubera' was imposed. Those complaints were handed over to police department to take necessary action.

(c-f) Not applicable

Mini Civil Station in Payyannur

180(3102) Sri.C.Krishnan : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Please clarify whether rooms have been allotted for Govt offices in the upcoming Mini Civil Station ;

(b) Whether any steps have been taken to allot rooms for Govt offices in the upcoming Mini Civil Station, as per availability

Answers

(a & b) No. Necessary measures have been taken to allot rooms for Excise Range Office, Labour office, Land Tribunal, Payyannur, Irrigation, Commercial Tax, Food & Safety, Vocational Higher Secondary Regional Office, Re survey , Additional govt Pleader , Agriculture Department, Dairy Development , in the upcoming Mini Civil Station.

181(3103) Sri.K.V.Vijayadas :The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

- (a) Is there any current proposals to form new taluks ? Then, please provide details ;
- (b) How many new taluks have been formed since this Govt has come into power? Details please ;
- (c) What are the criteria applied for the formation of new taluks and village offices ? Details please;
- (d) Is there any such proposals pending in the constituencies of Palakkad District ? Then, please provide details ;

Answers

- (a) Presently, no matter regarding the formation of new taluks are in consideration .
- (b) 12 new taluks have been formed since this Govt has come in to power. Details are given as appendix *
- (c) Situations created as per the formation of Constituencies, Administrative facilities, Existing taluks and villages in the state, their area, population, backwardness of the area, Existing Three Tier Panchayathiraj system, geographical boundaries of land, scope of development,
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Travel convenience of people , demands of people's representatives– Checking all these factors as well as considering the financial status of the Govt, new Taluks will be formed.

(d) No. Among the 12 new taluks formed, a new taluk has been formed with Pattambi as the centre.

Amount collected as rent through Govt. Golf Club dining hall , Trivandrum

182 (3104) Sri.Mathew.T.Thomas :

Smt. JameelaPrakasham :

Sri.Jose Thettayil :

Sri.C.K.Nanu : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Please clarify whether the dining hall of Trivandrum Golf Club is giving for rent, after taken over by Sports Authority of India; details please ;

(b) How much amount has been collected as rent , so far; please explain;

- Answers

(a & b) Details are being collected.

Issue of deeds for the residents of Elamkunnappuzha Village

183(3105) Sri.S.Sharma : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Please furnish the details of steps taken to issue deeds for the residents of Elamkunnappuzha Village

(b) Please clarify how many applications are received for the issue of deeds from that village ;

(c) Please state the reasons for the delay in issuing deeds

(d) Considering it as an island, with sea and backwaters forming the boundaries and permanently inhabited for a long time, will the Govt will be taking steps to issue deeds for the residents ? Please provide the details ;

Answers

(a) Necessary steps have been taken , as per land assignment act 1964, to issue deeds for those who are staying in outlying Govt lands, based on their applications on priority basis.

(b) 68 applications

(c& d) Most of those applications are coming under the limits of coastal protection act, and hence delayed.

Zero Land Less Keralam

184 (3106) Sri.K.Kunhiraman, Uduma : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) How many deeds were issued in Kasargode district, under Zero Landless Kerala Project ? How many within the district and how many outside the district ? Details please ;

(b) Have you noticed the complaint that public lands were also allotted under Zero Landless project in Kasargode District ? Details please ;

(c) Have you noticed the complaint that most of the allotted land are uninhabitable ; Details please ;

Answers

(a) Deeds have been issued to 10271 beneficiaries in Kasargode district in the first phase of of Zero Landless Kerala Project . Deeds arenot issued to any beneficiaries from other districts, in Kasargode District.

(b) No complaints regarding allotment of public land under Zero Landless Kerala project have been reported.

(c) Lands which can be assigned as per Land Assignment Act and inhabitable are allotted in this project. But 111 applications are received in the district for changing the allotted lands.

Zero Landless Kerala

185 (3107) Smt. K.S.Saleekha : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Any individuals or establishments approached the Govt to donate lands for the landless ? How many cents of land ? Please give details ;

(b) Please furnish the details of necessary steps taken by the Govt to allot lands for the landless people under this project ; Details please ;

Answers

(a) Details of individuals / establishments who have promised to donate land for this project, are given below :

Pathanamthitta District

Sri.K.A.Varghese, KannamalaVettil

Kalluppara Village, MallappallyTaluk27 Cents

Ernakulam District

M/s. Kurumba Educational& Charitable Trust 3 cents each for 50 people

Trichur District

Smt. Bindu, W/o. Sri.Givarghese, Retd.Village Officer, Kattoor

Marokki House

Thanikkudam1.21 R

TrichurTaluk

Palakkad District

Sri.Vasudevan Nair, Vallikkattil House, OttappalamTaluk 10 cents

Wayanad District

Sri.Salim& Smt. Shemina

Kuthirakulambil House 0.0430 hectares

Vaduvanchal

Kannur District

Smt.Naseema P.V, Retd. Village Officer, ThalasseryTaluk1.21 R

Sri.PuthusseryMahindran, Keerthanam House, Mananthery 2.45 R

ThalasseryTaluk

Kasargode District

Sri.Shaji.P, CharathuVeedu, Punchakkara, Vellarikkundu

Taluk1 acre

(b& c) The Govt. is aiming to issue lands for all beneficiaries of this project. The District Collectors are instructed to find suitable inhabitable Govt. lands. Besides this, by recovering encroachments and leased lands (where lease contract is expired) , steps are being taken to find suitable lands for this project.

Zero Landless Kerala Project

186 (3108) Sri.E.P.Jayarajan :

Sri. P.T. A. Raheem :

Sri.K.Radhakrishnan :

Sri.S.Rajendran : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) How many persons were benefitted through this project, so far ? How many of them have received the lands allotted.

(b) How many people are intended to be benefitted in the first phase of the project ? Have you achieved the target ? Otherwise, please state the reasons.

(c) In the allotted lands, most of them are uninhabitable and not nearby ? Whether people are showing reluctance to accept the lands;

(d) How many people are intended to be benefitted by the completion of this project ? How much land will be required for this? Have the Govt got adequate land as per the requirement ?

(e) Whether any land has been purchased by Govt for this project ; How much funds were utilised for this purpose ; How much amount was allocated for this entire project ?

(a) Land has been allotted to 36,491 people in 14 district in the first phase of this project. District Collectors are taking necessary measures to issue notices to those who have not yet received the deeds. The process of handing over of the land has been in progress for the remaining people, as per rules. The exact number of people who have not yet received the deeds, can be determined only after this process is completed.

(b) 1 lakh people were intended to be benefitted in the first phase of the project. But , as there were, court cases and protests from local bodies on most of those lands, the targeted figure could not be achieved.

(c) Inhabitable and assignable lands were selected for this project. Beneficiaries were allotted lands in their own or nearby villages. So, the complaints that most of the allotted lands were uninhabitable and far away, are not valid. It has been noticed that some beneficiaries are showing reluctance in accepting the lands.

(d) The Govt is aiming to issue lands for all the beneficiaries included in the project. About 10,000 acres of land will be required for this. The district – wise auditing of Govt lands which can be utilised for this process is going on.

(e) No land has been purchased by the Govt for this project. Rs 10 crores has been allocated for this project in the current financial year.

Vehicles seized for illegal sand mining

187 (3109) Sri.M.Ummer : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) The seized vehicles have been wrecked at the police station and collectorate. Have you noticed this ?

(b) Why these vehicles are not released to the owners on time ?

(c) How much amount can be collected to the Govt. by auctioning these vehicles ? Please provide the details ;

(d) Will the Govt be taking immediate steps to remove the seized vehicles from the collectorates and police stations ?

Answers

(a) Yes

(b) Releasing of vehicles is delayed in the following situations : (1) No request given by the owner

(2) Cases are not settled (3) Fine is not paid on time

(c) There is no provision to auction the vehicles before the cases are settled. So, the amount can be collected through auctions of vehicles, is not calculated

(d) Immediate steps are being taken to remove the vehicles from the collectorates and police stations.

Mullapperiyar Dam – Safety of Locals

188 (3110) Sri.K.K.Jayachandran : The Hon'ble minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following :

(a) Due to the precarious condition of Mullapperiyar Dam, how many people were evacuated to ensure safety ;

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(b) What facilities are provided for those who are evacuated ?

(c) Whether free ration and free treatments have been arranged ; Otherwise, will you be arranging the same soon ;

Answers

(a) No one has been evacuated.

(b & c) Not applicable

Handing Over of Land to Vadakkanchery Sub Treasury & Fire Force

189(3111) Sri.A.K.Balan : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Whether any order has been issued to give possession of 10 cents of land from PWD Guest compound, Vadakkanchery, to treasury department ; Is it possible to produce a copy of that order ? Otherwise, please state the reasons for not handing over possession of land;

(b) Whether the allotted land for Fire Force from KSRTC Sub Depot, Alathur Taluk has been legally handed over ; Is it possible to produce a copy of the order, if available ; Otherwise, please state the reasons for not handing over the land ;

(c) When did the application for the above mentioned matters receive at Revenue Department ? Please state the reasons for not taking necessary steps on this.

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Answers

(a) Yes, copy of the order is given as appendix

(b) No. Handing over could not be completed for want of formal documents from Fire & Safety Department.

(c) Application from Treasury Department was received on 02-06-2005 and from Fire & Safety Department , on 16-11-2009. Handing over process could not be completed as necessary documents from Fire & Safety Department was not received.

Monsoon Damage & Relief Measures

190(T3112) Smt. Geetha Gopi : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Please furnish the details of measures taken to provide relief measures to the farmers who lost their houses. How much fund will be required for the same ;

(b) Have you noticed the applications from farmers of Nattika Constituency for relief funds ? What are the relief measures taken ? Will you be taking immediate steps to ensure that the relief measures are made available to the farmers ?

Answers

(a& b) Financial have been provided for damage and loss of houses due to monsoon.No financial help has been provided only to farmers . Like that, no financial help has been provided on constituency basis. Financial help will be provided as per criteria, after checking the applications.

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' T ' denotes questions kept pending .

Research On Rivers

191(3113) Sri. Anwar Sadath :

Sri. Joseph Vazhakkan :

Sri.C.P.Muhammed :

Sri.V.P.Sajeendran : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following :

(a) Any plan has been made for research on rivers ?

(b) What are the objectives to be achieved through this research ? Please explain;

(c) What activities are being carried out as a part of this project ?

(d) What are the measures taken in administrative level, for the implementation of this project ?

Answers

(a) Yes

(b – d) A River Management Research & Training Centre under Revenue department has been proposed in order to conduct scientific research & training to protect rivers. This proposal has been approved by the Govt and the district collector is assigned to take necessary steps and give report on this. G.O (MS) 503/14/Rev No. * has been issued on 04-12-14, regarding this.

Losses to the State due to Monsoon & Drought

192(3114) Sri.K.K.Jayachandran : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Could you please furnish details of losses(in Crores, Year-wise) to the State due to Monsoon & Drought , during the regime of this Govt.

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(b) Please provide the details regarding the losses (period-wise) and the central aid received.

Answers

(a – b) The details of losses to the State due to Monsoon & Drought and Central Aid received, during the regime of this Govt are given below :

Calculated Loss(Crores)	Central Aid Received (Crores)	
Monsoon (2011-12)	712.06	109.69
Monsoon (2012-13)	1428.75	15.96
Drought (2012-13)	2488.18	80.05
Monsoon(2013-14)	503.86	0.00
Monsoon (2014-15)	495.32	details not available

Fee for Certificates

193(3115) Sri. K. K.Jayachandran : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) What is the fee structure for receiving certificates of Revenue Department, through Akshaya Centres ?

(b) Have you noticed that some Akshaya Centres are charging excess fee for such certificates ?

(c) What are the measures taken to prevent this practice ? Details please ;

(d) Will you be considering displaying boards at Askhaya Centres with details of Fee for each certificate ?

Answers

(a) For submitting online applications through Akshaya Centres, Rs.17(Rs. 15 for Akshaya entrepreneurs, Rs. 5 for Stamp and Rs.2 department service charge) is to be paid as service charge and Rs.2 for scanning each document.

(b) No. The District Collectors are given instruction to take action, if any such complaints have received.

(c) District E-Governance societies have been formed in all districts to provide such services effectively. District Akshaya Coordinators are being asked to check the activities of Akshaya Centres and if any irregularities are noted, to be recommended to the District Collectors for suitable action. Instructions are also given to display boards with details of fee of certificates in the centres.

(d) Instructions are given to display boards with detail of fee of certificates in the centres and the Akshaya Centre Coordinators are to make sure that the centres are following this rule strictly.

Deeds for Farmers (Migrants since 1970) of Kongad Constituency

194 (3116) Sri.K.V.Vijayadas : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Is there any proposal for issuing deeds for nominal Migrant Farmers (since 1970) of Kongad Constituency ? Details please ;

(b) Please provide the details of steps taken on the applications in this case

Answers

(a) Yes

(b) Details are being collected

Action taken on the application by Sri.K.Babu for Registration of land

In the survey No.57/16, in Pullumbara Village

195 (3117) Sri.Koliyakkode .N.Krishnan Nair : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) How much land had been leased out to Smt.TheviCherupennu, MalavilaPuthanveedu, Pulayarukunnu, Pullumbara, NedumangadTaluk in Survey No. 57/16 ? When did the lease come into effect ? What is the lease period ? Please give details ;

(b) Please state the conditions of that lease

(c) After Smt.Thevi Cherupennu's death in 26-03-2000, whether her son Sri.K.Babu , Pulayarukunnu Thadatharikathu Puthenveedu, Vellumannadi P.O, had paid any lease arrears ? Whether this land has got lease arrears ? Please clarify

(d) Is there any legal barriers for Sri.K.Babu for the possession and owner ship of that land ? Please clarify

(e) Whether this land(S.N.57/16) had been acquired for Zero Landless Kerala project , 2015 ?

Then, to whom this land was allotted and details of allocation please ;

(f) Whether Sri.K.Babu had given application for registration of that land in his name ; What action had been taken on that application ?

(g) Is there any legal barriers for registering that land to Sri.K.Babu who has been possessing and caring that land for years ? Will the Govt be taking necessary steps to assign that land to him, who doesn't have any land of his own and belongs to a reserved community.

Answers

(a) 16 cents of land was given on lease for the period 1985 to 1990.

(b) Conditions of lease are as follows :

(1) Leased land can be used only for that purpose for which it was taken on lease. Land should not be transferred to anyone.

(2) Lease amount to be remitted as advance before 30th April of every year

(3) If any requirement comes, the Govt can recover the leased land

(c) Had remitted. No arrears pending

(d) As the lease period is expired, the land has been recovered and assigned to 5 persons through Zero Landless Project Kerala.

(e) The land as per Survey No.57/16, has been recovered and assigned to (3 cents each) Smt.Sudha, Murugalayam, Pullambara, Smt.Sarasu, Pullambara, Smt.Reesa, ManikyathilVeedu, Alamukku, Smt. Ivanjali, Thumbapurath Veedu and Smt.Omana, CharivilaPuthanveedu .

(f) Sri.K.Babu had given an application to Nedumangad Tehsildar, to get that land registered in his name , but as he already got registered lands in his name, it is not possible. This matter has been conveyed to him also.

(g) In his application submitted on 23-12-2013, Sri.K.Babu had confirmed that he is in possession of 5 cents of assigned land. As per resurvey records of 31st December 2003, the said lease property and 5 cents of his assigned land has been merged under resurvey No.57/16, block No.23. Thus a land of area 0.0985 R Hectre has been registered under new Thandaper 683 in the names of Sri.Nellanad Muriyil Malavila Puthanveetil Karumban Sundaresan, Karumban Babuand Thevi

Cherupennu. As per G.O(MS) 280/2011/Rev , assignment of land can be done only for the purpose of building house for landless people and 5 persons were already assigned lands under Zero Landless Kerala project , Sri.K.Babu's request cannot be accepted.

Steps for Protecting Gayatri River using River Management Fund

196 (3119) Sri.M.Chandran : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Will the Govt be taking any measures to protect Gayatri River in Palakkad district, using River Management Fund ;

(b) Whether encroachment near Gayatri River in Alathur area had been come to your notice ;

(c) Whether any survey had been conducted and auditing done in Gayatri River area to evacuate the encroachments

(d) Is there any legal barriers to utilise the River Management Fund to evacuate encroachments and protect the river, in Alathur area ?

(e) How much amount has been utilised in Palakkad District from the River Management Fund , in the current financial year ? Which are the projects benefitted through this fund ? Details please ;

Answers

(a) The proposal can be examined with estimate as per availability to Govt, after getting approved by District Expert Committee.

(b) Yes

(c) Survey procedures are progressing

(d) No

(e) Please see the appendix *

Land for Constructing Family Court Building in Malappuram

197 (3120) Sri.P.Ubaidulla : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) In which stage is the proposal for allotting 25 cents land for constructing family court in malappuram ?

(b) Even though the file had been submitted to the Govt . by the district collector, why the final decision regarding the handing over of the land is getting delayed ; Could you please check and clarify ?

(c) Could you please expedite the handing over process

Answers

(a – c) The proposal regarding the handing over the land, is given to the Land Revenue Commissioner for submission after necessary corrections. Necessary steps for handing over of land will be taken after receiving the proposal from the Land Revenue Commissioner.

Illegal Flat Construction in Govt. Land near Anayara World Market

198(3121) Sri.B.Satyan : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Have you noticed the illegal flat construction by a private company in Govt. land near Anayara World Market, Trivandrum ;

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(b) Any inspection had been conducted ? Please give details ;

(c) Whether the canal had been levelled or not ;

(d) Any action had been taken so far ? Please give details ;

Answers

(a) Already came into my notice .

(b) Inspection had been conducted. Tehsildar had been instructed to calculate the level of encroachment.

(c) Along with the encroachment, the canal had been levelled as well.

(d) As per the report of the Kadakampally Village Officer, as the encroachment had been confirmed, immediate steps will be taken to recover the same, after calculating the level of encroachment.

Widening of PMG – Pattom Road

199(3122) Sri.A.A.Azeez :

Sri. Kovoov Kunjumon : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Whether any order had been issued to acquire land for the widening of PMG-Pattom road ; when was it ?

(b) Whether that order had been cancelled later ;

(c) Whether the widening process of this road had been stopped ; then, please state the reasons;

(d) Details of people whose land had been reduced from records for this project ;

(e) As this project had been given up, whether the acquired land will be returned to the owners and allow them to remit tax ;

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(f) What are the complaints pending in the department , in this regard ?

(g) Please explain the actions taken on those complaints ;

Answers

(a) Steps had been taken for the widening of Thiruvananthapuram PMG – Pattam Road through the office of Special Tehsildar – LA-NH

(b) No steps had been taken to withdraw the order regarding land acquisition.

(c) As funds were not made available on time(in Kesavadasapuram-PMG Reach 3) from the office of Executive Engineer-NH(who was the in charge of funds) , this land acquisition order become invalid.

(d) Details of the lands included in this project is given as appendix *

(e) After releasing the withdrawal announcement, the new LA sketch to be cancelled and the older one to be retained. Then only the owners of the land will be able to remit tax for the land, included for LA also.

(f& g) In this regard, 7 complaints through land records maintenance and 6 complaints from individuals including R.S.P.State Secretary , have been received. For the complaints through land record maintenance, concerned officials have conducted an inspection and prepared sketch and sub division statement. This has been submitted to the Village officer , after getting signed by Additional Tehsildar and District Survey Supt, to take necessary steps to enable tax payment. Steps have been taken to resolve the complaints with the District Collector.

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Development of Manorama Kavala, Cherthala

200(3123) Sri.P.Thilothaman : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following :

What is the present status of the land acquisition process for the development of Manorama Kavala, Cherthala ? What is the reason for not issuing order from Revenue department for this ? Whether Alleppey District Collector have submitted the necessary documents and reports for the timely acquisition of land, through negotiable purchase method ? Whether the collector have submitted any compensation or rehabilitation package for the merchants who will be affected by this acquisition. Please give all details ;

Answers

Alleppey District Collector had submitted a proposal on 09-10-2014 for acquiring 9.38 R land for the development of Manorama Kavala, Cherthala, which is under consideration. 9 merchants running shops in their own building and 98 merchants running shops in rented buildings , will have to be evacuated. The District Collector has submitted proposal for the rehabilitation of these merchants and 75 employees working in these shops. The Govt is considering that also. Cherthala Unit President of Chamber of Commerce had filed a contempt of court case against the Revenue Principal Secretary. Govt will be taking a decision after checking the collector's proposal and court's instruction.

Resurvey Procedures

201(3124) Sri.Palode Ravi : The Hon'ble Minister for Coir & Revenue is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) When did Resurvey procedures start in Kerala ?

(b) How many villages have completed Resurvey ? How many partially done ? Please provide district – wise details.

- c) How much has been spent on re-survey so far?
- d) Will you clarify the steps taken for the re-survey of all the villages;
- e) Whether complaints have been received about Nedumangad, Karipur, Karakulam, Vattapara, Vembayam, Thekkady, Manikkal and Koliakode villages in Nedumangadtaluk and Pallipuram, Andoorkonam, Melthonnakal, Keezhthonakkal and Ayiruppara villages in Thiruvananthapuram taluk; How many complaints; please explain village-wise figures;
- f) What steps have been taken to resolve the grievances;
- g) Will action be taken to organize a re-survey court headed by the District Collector to resolve the grievances?

Answer

- a) Re-survey Procedures in Kerala 6 -10 -1965 GO. (KAI) 781/65 / Started under Revenue.
- b) Re-survey completed villages - 821

Partially Completed Villages - 164

District wise figures are appended as Appendix I and II. *

- c) Rs.21,41,35,008 were spent on re-survey procedures.
- d) Currently, re-survey in the state is done on government land and only on private land once the application is received
- e) Details of the number of complaints received are given in Appendix III. *
- f) Complaints in the villages were handed over to the Revenue Administration after the re-survey completed by the concerned Additional Tehsildars. The re-survey superintendents of the taluks have also been temporarily authorized to approve the survey sub-division sketch to resolve the re-survey complaints in a timely manner. It was decided to prepare an action plan to resolve all the remaining re-survey complaints in the LRM within three months and to include them in the Revenue Survey Adalat conducted in the districts.

- g) Steps are being taken to conduct Revenue Survey Adalats in all the districts of the State under the leadership of the Minister of Revenue.

Procedure for Giving Thandaper number

202 (3125) Sri.Kovoor Kunjumon: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the following questions:

- a) In the former Survey No. 220/2 -15 in Mavelikkara Palamel Village, whether 14.75 cents of property has been acquired for the Kallada Irrigation Project from the property of 45.5 cents in the name of Smt. Kalyaniyamma and son Sri. Anand, Thandaper No. 7694;
- b) The rest of the land has not been given a new Thandaper number after the re-survey and the error in the re-survey should be rectified. Whether the complaint filed by Sri. K.Raveendran on 26-12-2012 has been noticed;
- c) If so, what action has been taken on the complaint?
- d) Will action be taken to transfer the remaining property after acquisition for the irrigation project in the name of the Thandaper owners?

Answer

- a) Has been taken over.
- b) Has been noticed.
- c) The site was acquired during the period 1978-79 for the Kallada Irrigation Project Canal. Complaints can only be resolved by locating the land acquired for the canal only after obtaining a sketch and memorandum of acquisition of land for good price. The Alappuzha District Collector has informed that steps are being taken to make copies of the sketch available and action will be taken to rectify the problem as soon as it becomes profitable.

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- d) Will be inspect and take necessary action.

Land for construction of Ayayil Bridge

203 (3126) Shri.A.T. George: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the following questions:

- a) Can the process of acquiring the land for the construction of the Ayayil bridge connecting Neyyattinkara Municipality and Perunkadavila Grama Panchayath be completed immediately?
- b) Can you explain the delay in completing the good price process?

Answer

(a&b) The Public Works Department has requested the Executive Engineer to purchase the property for the construction of the Ayayi lbridge connecting Neyyattinkara Municipality and Perunkadavila Grama Panchayat at a good price and issue a notification under Section 6(1) of the Survey and Boundaries Act. The acquisition proceedings were delayed due to filing stay of acquisition proceedings in high court by Sri. Shaji and Smt.Veena under WP(C) 16600/10th number.Now that the case has been dismissed in the High Court, the request for a new acquisition will be granted by the Public Works Department and action will be taken under the existing Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land and Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013.

Legal Metrology Headquarters, Thiruvananthapuram District

204 (3127) Sri. V.Sasi: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the following question; How much was allotted to the Legal Metrology Headquarters in Thiruvananthapuram District during the previous Government: Has the said amount been spent: At what stage of the construction of the said building?

Answer

An amount of `2.25 crore has been sanctioned as 100% CSS for the Legal Metrology Head quarters in Thiruvananthapuram District during the previous Government. The amount has been handed over to the construction agency PWD. The tender process for the building has been completed and construction work has started.

Penalty for delay in stamping the meters of auto rickshaws

205 (3128) Sri. Raju Abraham: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the following questions:

- a) Has it been noticed that the Legal Metrology Department imposes a fine of Rs.2000 / - on those who delay in stamping the meters of autorickshaws in the State; Whether such fines are levied as directed by the Government;
- b) Has any law been amended to impose a fine of Rs. 2,000 on unstamped autorickshaws?
- c) Whether any action has been taken on the part of the government to avoid fines beyond the capacity of poor autorickshaw drivers; if so what are them; If so; whether the government has given written instructions to the departmental officials not to take a fine of Rs. 2000 from the autorickshaw drivers;

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- d) Whether such a fine is imposed on all weighing instruments that are coming delayed;
- e) Can you clarify the amount of such fines levied from each district in the last one month?
- f) Can you clarify what steps you intend to take to avoid this?

Answer

- a) Yes. There is a provision for collecting fine in the Legal Metrology Act (Central Law) 2009.
- b) No.

(A) The following are some of the important steps taken during the tenure of this Government to strengthen the coir sector.

1. The working capital limit under the Rehabilitation Plan has been increased:
2. 9,54,73,406, 8,96,92,648, and 1,45,25,260 were sanctioned as working capital for all the working groups under the Rehabilitation Scheme in the years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively and an amount of 8,84,250 has been sanctioned as working capital for the current year.

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3. The minimum wage in the coir sector has been increased to Rs 300 and the minimum wage in the manufacturing sector to Rs 360.
4. In the coir and de-fibering sector, the government has implemented an Income Support Scheme which provides a good share of wages directly to the workers.
5. To strengthen coir and husk procurement, revolving funds of up to Rs 1,00,000 is given to coir groups. The revision is being implemented by increasing the incentive of green husk from 10 paise to 15 paise and of dry husk from 7.5 paise to 10 paise and thus increasing the daily allowance paid to a member collecting husk from Rs 100 to Rs 150.
6. Coir Co-operative Societies have been allotted 1,27,50,175 for infrastructure development in 2011-12, 2,07,59,149 in 2012-13, 11,20,75,971 in 2013-2014 and 5,30,88,482 so far in the current year.
7. The Coir Kerala International Exhibition was successfully organized in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 with the objective of developing the domestic and foreign markets for coir and coir products.
8. Steps have been taken to boost domestic and foreign markets.
9. During 2013-14, Rs 4,86,20,000 was sanctioned to Coirfed to provide coir at subsidized rates to Coir Co-operative Societies and public sector undertakings.

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10. The Government has approved a proposal of Rs 90,90,000 with the Coconut Development Board to make husk-collected coir.
11. The Kerala State Coir Corporation has sanctioned 18,39,60,000 for the year 2012-13, 4,62,37,000 for the year 2013-14 and 2,00,00,000 for the year 2014-15 for the implementation of the Coir Purchase Price Stability Scheme.

(B) As result of these measures, the activities of the Coir Co-operative Society have been intensified and the situation has been created to provide employment to more workers. Below are some of the key benefits:

1. The implementation of wage hikes in the coir sector has significantly reduced the number of workers leaving the sector. As the wage hike was implemented, more workers came to the coir sector as volunteers. It has also created more working days in the coir sector.
2. Coir Co-operative Societies have been provided working capital under the Rehabilitation Scheme which has been able to increase production further. Under the scheme, working capital has been provided to 388 groups in 2011-12, 440 groups in 2012-13 and 78 groups in 2013-14.
3. Subsidized coir to the groups to alleviate the coir shortage has also largely alleviated the crisis in the region. Coirfed provided 43710.82 quintals worth Rs 12,04,81,802 from November 2013 to May 23, 2014 and 16040.45 quintals worth Rs 4,35,56,658 from 6-8-2014 to 5-9-2014.

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4. Domestic and foreign sales were able to increase.
5. An amount of 5 crore has been sanctioned as working capital to Coirfed for coir procurement during 2012-13 and 2013-14.
6. In the field of coir, modern units were started.
7. The sales turn over under the Purchase Price Stability Scheme increased to 5093.92 lakh, 5996.17 lakh and 8749.98 lakh during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively.
8. The Income Support Scheme is being implemented effectively.
9. A Coir Machinery Factory has been set up at Alappuzha to manufacture all types of modern machinery in the coir sector.
10. In the field of coir, modern units were started.
11. Steps have been taken to strengthen the infrastructure and make the Coir sector Co-operative Societies more efficient.

COIR DOMESTIC MARKET

207 (3130) Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair:

Sri. Palodu Ravi:

Sri. Haibi Iden:

Sri. Therambil Ramakrishnan: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the following questions:

(A) What action plans are planned to tap the potential of the domestic market in the coir sector; can you explain;

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- (B) What assistance is intended to be provide
(C) d to higher producers and traders to achieve this objective;
(D) How many crores of rupees is the target to find in the domestic market;

ANSWER

(A) Organizing exhibitions such as 'Coir Kerala' and 'Coir Kerala Fair' and participating in exhibitions, diversifying and marketing products to maximize the potential of the domestic market in their coir sector. In addition, buyer sellers meet in various parts of India to boost the domestic market. Apart from this, coir fairs are organized in many parts of Kerala. Coir Kerala is organized in Alappuzha every year from 1st to 5th February. Through this fair, the domestic and foreign markets in the coir sector have been able to grow. In addition, the "One Coir Product in One Home" Campaign has been launched through the press and visual media to strengthen the marketing of coir products.

Steps are being taken to sell coir products in collaboration with other public sector undertakings, government hospitals, government departments and local bodies involved in the Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. All these are useful things to strengthen the domestic market.

(B) As part of strengthening the domestic market, public sector undertakings in the work coir sector which are setting up agency showrooms, are providing a fixed percentage incentive. In addition, an Income Guarantee Scheme is being implemented for workers in the coir sector. Provides Market Development Assistance to small manufacturing groups. Various incentive assistance to manufacturers and traders of such coir products under the Price Stabilization Scheme as part of the promotion of handloom product exports in the Coir sector.

Is being provided. Under this scheme, the products are procured from the producer small co-operative societies at a fixed price and the Coir Corporation pays the exporters. Under this scheme,

an Incentive of 3% to small producers' co-operatives society, 7.5% to exporters and a service charge of 3% to the coir corporation are giving from government funds.

(C) The target is to find a market share of about 3000 crore in the domestic market.

Fibrous Husk Storage

208 (3131) Shri TN Prathapan :

Shri. ShafiParampil:

Shri. MM Wahid:

Shri. Ludy Lewis: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether a new fibrous husk procurement scheme has been implemented; Explain:

(B) What are the objectives to be achieved through the scheme: What are the details:

(C) Can you elaborate on what is involved in the procurement of fibrous husks:

(D) Can you clarify what has been implemented in the scheme:

Answers

(A) Fibrous husk procurement scheme has been revised and implemented from 16-1-2012. The revolving fund of 5.00 lakh provided to the fibrous husk procurement consortium for procurement of fibrous husks and 50% grant of freight charges will be continued and the scheme will be revised and implemented from 16-1-2012 including the following:

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1. A revolving fund of a maximum of Rs. 1 lakh will be provided to the Coir Co-operative Society for the procurement of husks.
2. The maximum daily wage given to a peeling activity group per day has been increased from Rs.100 to Rs.150
3. Incentive for procuring husks has been increased by 10 paise to 15 paise for green husks and 10 paise for dry husks from 7.5 paise.
4. If the workers in the said group collect the husk through the group which are supposed to be collected by the co-operative society members in coir field having de fibering machine

then the workers gets Rs.100 daily as incentive for the husk collected as same as the activity group members.

5. Modified the structure of the Project Level Husk Procurement Committee and the Monitoring Committee

(B) One of the problems facing the coir industry is the scarcity of fibre. The Husk Procurement Scheme has been in operation since 2010 with the objective of producing at least 50% of the husk of coconut produced in Kerala. This plan has been revised with this objective in mind.

(C) To all mills engaged in the manufacturing of fibre and all the institutions and consortiums associated to the procurement of fibrous husk have the eligibility for the financial assistance. The scheme was modified by increasing the benefits and changing the field level committee with an aim to strengthen the procurement of the fibrous husk.

(D) Steps taken to provide increased incentives to the Co-operative Private Sector. It is given to de-fiberizing mills. The government is considering a new proposal to develop a new scheme to significantly change the existing scheme for stockpiling husk. Approval has given to a proposal with the Coconut Development Board for Rs 90,90,000.

Non availability of fibours husk, the raw material of coir

209(3132) Shri.k. Ajith: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the following questions?

- (A) Have you noticed the scarcity of husk, the raw material for coir in the coir sector?
- (B) Whether steps have now been taken to procure Husk from the State; If not, will action be taken?
- (C) Can you clarify what steps the government is taking to make fibre available to coir unions?

Answer

- (A) We are experiencing the shortage of Husk's availability in the coir de-fiberizing sector.
- (B) The government is taking various steps to procure the husk. Husk procurement consisted of 36 Husk procurement consortiums. A working capital of 180 lakh has been sanctioned for the

consortiums at a maximum of Rs.5 lakh per each consortium. In addition to consortiums, the Husk procurement scheme is being revised by increasing the incentives for coir co-operatives using small and large de-fibering machines and for direct husk procurement

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(C) For solving the problem of scarcity and price hike of fibre, During the year 2013-14 Rs 4,86,20,000 has allotted to coirfed to make fibre available at the subsidized rate to the public sector institutions in the coir field and also to coir co-operative societies . The coirfed provided 43710.82 quintal fibre worth Rs.12,04,81,802 from 2013 November to 23rd May 2014 and 16040.45 quintal fibre worth Rs.4,35,56,658 from 06-08-2014 to 05-09-2014 in the subsidized rate. Developed the National coir research and management institute(NCRMI) for solving the scarcity issue of fibre. Mini de-fibering machines capable of 3000-4000 husk choking every day have been distributed in the Coir region from 2009-10. Steps have also been taken to produce a modified model of this machine. The government has approved the implementation of a project related to the Coconut Development Board in connection with the procurement of fibrous husk. A new project with significant changes have been made to the existing plan is under consideration of the Government for the procurement of fibrous husk and to convert it into fibre.

Action Plans to strengthen the Coir Sector

210(3133) Shri.C.P.Muhammad:

Shri.Dominic Presentation:

Shri.Sunny Joseph:

Shri.P.C.Vishnunath: Will the Minister of Revenue and Coir kindly answer the following questions:

(A)What action plan was formulated during this Government to strengthen the coir sector:

(B)Has there been an increase in the budget allocation for the coir sector during this period: Can you explain?

(C)Can you tell me what percentage increase has not been made in each financial year:

(D) Had this led to many gains in the coir sector?. What are the details?

Answer

(A).The following are some of the important steps taken by this government to empower the coir sector.

1. The limit of working capital has been increased as per the reclamation scheme
2. Under the Rehabilitation Scheme, working capital was sanctioned Rs.9,54,73,406, Rs.8,96,92,648, Rs.1,45,25,260 in the years 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and Rs. 8,84,250 in the current year respectively.
3. The minimum wage in the coir sector has been increased to Rs. 300 and the minimum wage in the manufacturing sector to Rs. 360.
4. Income Support Scheme implemented in such a way that the government itself pays a good share of wages in the coir and de-fibering sector directly to the labor force.
5. To strengthen coir and husk procurement, coir spinners were given Rs.1,00,000 as revolving fund and increase the incentive of fresh husk from 10 paise to 15 paise and for dry husk from 7.5 paise to 10 paise and increase the daily wage for the husk collecting member from Rs.100 to Rs.150.
6. Coir Co-operative Societies have been allotted Rs.1,27,50,175 for infrastructure development in 2011-2012, Rs.2,07,59,149 in 2013-14, Rs.11,20,75,971 and Rs.5,30,88,482 so far this year.

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7.The Coir Kerala International Exhibition Fair 2012, 2013, 2014 was successfully organized with the objective of developing the domestic and foreign markets for coir and coir products.

8. Steps have been taken to boost domestic and foreign markets

9. Coirfed has been allotted Rs 4,86,20,000 in 2013-14 to make fiber available at subsidized rates to Coir Co-operative Societies and Public Sector Undertakings.

10. The government approved Rs 90,90,000 proposal with coconut development board to procure husk and make fiber out of it.

11.Kerala State Coir Corporation has been sanctioned Rs.18,39,60,000 for 2012-13,

Rs.4,62,37,000 for 2013-14 and Rs.2,00,00,000 for 2014-15 for implementation of Coir Purchase Price Stability Scheme.

(B). There has been a significant increase in the budget allocation for the coir sector during this period. Rs.90,05,01,000 in 2011-12 plan items including Central share has been increased to Rs.104,70,00,000 in 2012-13, Rs.116,37,00,000 in 2013-14 and Rs.121,93,90,000 in 2014-15

(C).The budget for the coir sector has increased by 16.27 per cent over 2012-12, 2012.13, 11.4 per cent over 2012-13, 2013-14, an increase of 4.7856 per cent over the previous year (201314) and the current financial year (2014-15).

(D). Due to the popular measures, the activities of the coir co-operative societies were intensified and the situation was created to provide employment to more workers. Below are some important achievements

1. The implementation of wage hikes in the coir sector has significantly reduced the number of workers left from job in this sector. As the increase was implemented, more workers came to the coir sector as volunteers. This has created more working days in the coir sector.
2. Coir co-operatives were given working capital under the Rehabilitation Scheme which was able to increase production further. Under the scheme, working capital has been provided to 388 societies in 2011-12, 440 societies in 2012-13 and 78 societies in 2013-13.
3. The crisis in the region has been largely alleviated by providing subsidized coir to the societies to address the coir shortage. Coirfed provided 43710.82 quintals worth Rs.12,04,81,802 from November 2013 to 23 May 2014 and 16040.45 quintals worth Rs.4,35,56,658 Due to this, the shortage of coir was solved to some extent.
4. Domestic and foreign sales were able to increase.
5. More coir has been procured during 2012-13 and 2013-14 due to the allocation of 5 crore each as working capital to Coir Fed for coir procurement.
6. Initiated the launch of modern style units in the area
7. The sales turnover under the Purchasing Price Stability Scheme (PPSS) has been increased to Rs.5,093.82 Lakh, Rs.5,996.17 Lakh and Rs. 8,749.98 Lakh in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively.

8. Implementing the Income Sports Plan effectively
9. Coir Machinery Factory opens in Alappuzha for forging all modern machinery in the coir sector.
10. Initiated the launch of modern units in the coir sector
11. Coir Public Sector Undertakings, Coirfed and Co-operative Societies have been strengthened by strengthening the infrastructure.

Vacancies and Recruitment in Supplyco

211(3134) Shri. Mons Joseph : Can the Minister of Food and Civil Supplies Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions?

- (A) Can you please clarify the number of vacancies currently available in the posts of Junior Assistant, Senior Assistant 1 and Senior Assistant 2 for direct staff in Supplyco, which is an impediment to filling the vacancies?
- (B) What is the current impediment to the implementation of GO No. 30/10 on promotion in Supplyco:
- (C) Can you clarify the present status of the procedure for implementing the Common Service Rule in Supplyco:
- (D) Has the Productivity Council, which was appointed to study staff strength at Supplyco, submitted its study report: can you explain:
- (E) Can you explain which of the decisions taken by Supplyco in August 2014 to settle the strike:

(F) Do you intend to abolish the existing foreign service system and transfer directly to the post of Junior Assistant in PSC: Can you elaborate?

(G) Can you clarify in what stage are the procedures for implementation of Participatory Pension in Supplyco: Can you clarify at what stage is the follow-up to the file approved by the Finance Department that there is no financial obligation to sanction 96 new Junior Assistant posts to Supplyco?

Answer

(A) There are currently no vacancies for the posts of Junior Assistant, Senior Assistant I and Senior II.

(B) GO (MS) No. 30/10 /FCSD of 4-9-10 has been stayed as per GO (MS) No. 27/11 / FCSD dated 6-7-2011 as the Finance Department has not approved the Recruitment Promotion Rules.

(C) Retired Additional Secretary Mr. S. Vijayakumar has been appointed as Consultant to prepare and submit the rules as part of the implementation of the Common Service Rule in Supplyco and he has prepared the draft rules and published them for the opinion of the service organization trade unions. Steps are being taken to formulate a draft law incorporating the pay scales raised by them after initial discussions on the changes and amendments to be made in the said Act.

(D) The final report has not yet been submitted.

(E) From assistants directly employed in Supplyco to Junior Assistants have been promoted to 14 vacancies and to 36 posts which have been temporarily sanctioned under GO (MS) No. 44/14 / FCSD dated 23-10-2014.

(F) This issue is not under consideration here.

(G) It was informed that in the discussions with the Hon'ble Chief Minister's union leaders regarding the Supplyco employees strike, the inclusion of participatory pensions for Supplyco employees should be considered and in the discussions with the Hon'ble Chief Minister's union leaders regarding the Supplyco employees strike, the inclusion of participatory pensions for Supplyco employees should be considered. The decision will be made after receiving suggestions from the Supplyco Managing Director regarding the popular pension scheme. 100 Senior Assistant posts are temporarily sanctioned in Supplyco as per GO (MS) 43/09 /FCSD dated 31-12-2009. However, the report of the Productivity Council appointed to study the posts of Supplyco requires further action in this regard.

Supplyco outlet at Chokli in Thalassery Constituency

212(3135) Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: Will the Minister of Food and Civil Supplies Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Has there been a request to open a marketing center for Chokli Supplyco in Thalassery constituency?
- (B) If so, can you explain what steps have been taken accordingly?
- (C) Can you explain when the center can start?

Answer

- (A) Yes
- (B) The feasibility study report on the above subject has been made available to the Kozhikode Regional Manager. But the building found by the Gram Panchayat to start the Maveli store has a total area of only 288 sq.ft. According to Supplyco's standards, a 500 sq. ft building is required to open a maveli store. The Thalassery depot manager has directed the Grama Panchayat to locate the 500 sq.ft building and submit a report.

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(C) The Maveli Store will be set up on the basis of the feasibility study report and the availability of staff on the basis of the basic facilities to be provided by the Grama Panchayat for setting up the Maveli Store, i.e. 5 years rent free building (500 sq. Ft.) and Rs. 1 lakh for computer and furnishing.

Taluk Supply Office within Vellarikkundu Taluk

213(3136) Shri. E. Chandrasekharan: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Can you clarify the number of ration card holders in the newly formed Vellarikkundu Taluk;
- (B) Did the Government has taken note of the need for a Taluk Supply Office here;
- (C) whether steps will be taken to start a supply office considering the need;
- (D) Can you explain the criteria for starting a supply office?

Answer

(A) There are a total of 32159 ration card holders.

(B&C) Yes. Steps are being taken to start the new taluk supply office considering the need.

(D) There are no specific criteria for starting a Taluk Supply Office. One taluk is allotted as one supply office. At present, Kanhangad has to travel about 40-56 km for government purposes from the hilly region, which is densely populated by the

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Backward and poor people. With the inception of the Vellarikkundu Taluk Supply Office, the Government Supply Office has been set up in the vicinity of about 70,000 colony residents and tribal people registered in 79 ration shops in 7 panchayats.

B.P.L, A.P.L Information of ration card holders

214 (3137) Shri. R. Rajesh: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you clarify the details of existing B.P.L, A.P.L ration card holders in the state?

(B) Can you clarify the details of B.P.L, A.P.L ration card holders in Mavelikkara Taluk.

Answer

A) A.P.L. -6251164

B.P.L.	-	481703
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A.A.Y	.-	585028
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Total		<u>8317895</u>
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(B) There are a total of 93936 cards in Mavelikkara Taluk.

A.P.L.	-65389
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B.P.L	.-21290
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A.A.Y.	- 7257
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Total	<u>93936</u>
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Storage of paddy

215(3138) Shri. E. P. Jayarajan: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions;

- (A) How much paddy was stored in the state till 2014-15;
- (B) How much was the given price for the paddy procurement;
- (C) Through which agencies was the paddy procured;
- (D) What is the total amount of paddy produced;
- (E) Can you clarify the amount paid to the various agencies procuring paddy and the amount due?
- (F) Can you clarify when the amount due will be paid to the various agencies which have procured paddy?

Answer

(A) During the first season of 2014-15 till date (412-2014) 133384.665 M.Ton of paddy has been procured.

(B) Supplyco is procuring paddy at the rate of Rs. 19 per kg as per Government Order No. SA (MS) 3/2014 dated 16-8-2014.

(C) The Civil Supplies Corporation has been procuring paddy directly from farmers in the State since 2006 as directed by the State Government.

(D) Supplyco has procured paddy worth 253.43 crore during this season (up to 4-12-2014).

(E) Government has to pay 150.93 crore so far to the Supplyco for the second season of 2013-14 and the first season of 2014-15 for the procured paddy.

(F) Payment will be made to Supplyco as and when funds become available.

Food Security Act - Criteria for issuing priority cards

216(3139) Shri. Mullakkara Ratnakaran:

Shri. K. Ajith:

Shri. G. The. Jayalal:

Srimati. Geetha Gopi: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Syphilis, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) whether it intends to issue priority cards under the Food Security Act; If so, what are the criteria adopted for issuing the said cards;
- (B) Will it be revealed that the Center has proposed to implement the Food Security Act from now on?
- (C) Whether the Central Food Department has required accurate figures of BPL and APL prior to the implementation of the Food Security Act; If so, whether it has been provided;
- (D) whether steps have been taken to issue new ration cards in the State accordingly; If so, what stage is it at?

Answer

(A) Yes. S.U. (Hand) No. 141-2011, L.S.A.D., G.O. (Kai) No.1121 dated 27-4-2012. The application form prepared on the basis of the following orders was handed over to the existing cardholders through the ration shops, the completed applications were taken back through the specially organized camps along with the photograph of the senior woman in the family and the data entry was made by SO (kai) No. 16I / LSAD 141-2011. Priority cards will be issued on the basis of the priority list approved by the Panchayat Committee after receiving and resolving the grievances and complaints by publishing the draft priority list prepared by ranking as per.

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(B) The Center has given time till April 2015 to implement the Food Security Act.

(C) No.

(D) The application form for renewal of ration cards is being printed and sent to various districts. Distribution of forms through ration shops will start from 1-1-2015.

BPL / APL on ration card Error

217 (3140) Shri. Chittayam Gopakumar: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions :

(A) B.P.L. APL in the ration card of the families in the category. Please specify who currently has the decision-making power to rectify the error;

(B) whether a copy of the effective orders relating to the said will be made available;

(C) the details of the procedures for making such corrections;

(D) the procedures of multiple departments in this regard - whether it has been noticed that there is a delay in the decision of the application at present due to the need;

(E) If so, will a decision be taken to set up a special section comprising of allied departments to process applications in a timely manner as such delays will create a situation where the poor half will be denied medical benefits?

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Answer

(A) In District Collectors

(B) SO (Hand) No. 382011 / TCSV dated 5-11-2011. Copy is appended. *

(C) The applicant shall have a BPL prepared by the Local Self Government Department. If not included in the list, the application is submitted to the District Collector and the District Collector conducts a detailed inquiry into it. BPL If possible, BPL should be included in the list. If the card qualifies, BP, L. BPL is also based on the order to issue the cards. The cards are issued by the concerned Taluk Supply Officers.

(D) Decision of application may be delayed due to the need for a detailed inquiry.

(E) BPL is currently used to treat AIDS and cancer patients, those undergoing dialysis, those who are unable to live without assistance and those who are bed ridden. G.O. (kai) No. 27-4-12 for inclusion in the list. 1122 / LSAD. Those who are eligible on the basis of the order issued under BPL. The card is being issued. In addition, the Public Distribution Department is in the process of renewing the card in connection with the implementation of NFSA-2013. Upon completion, the card will be renewed to those who qualify. For this reason there is no need to form a separate section for issuing cards

Corruption in the Food Department

218(3141) Shri. Babu M. Palissery:

Shri. K. V. Vijayadas:

Shri. K. Dasan:

Shri. K. K. Narayanan: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether action has been taken at the departmental level against officials facing vigilance probe into allegations of corruption in the Food Department;

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(B) whether the said officers have been promoted in the Department and appointed to important posts;

(C) whether there have been allegations of illicit interventions and financial dealings for promotions and appointments;

(D) whether it has been assessed that the promotion of such ineligible and corrupt persons in the leading institutions will lead to the corruption of the activities of the department itself;

(E) Can you explain the Govt. stand in this regard?

Answer

(a) Disciplinary action may be taken against officials facing corruption charges in the Food Department under KCS & CCA Rules, 1960, KSR Part 3, Rule 3 and Rule 59 (b) after the Vigilance Department recommends disciplinary action after completion of the said investigation.

(B) If the eligible employees included in the DPC promotion select list, they will be appointed to the existing vacancies as per the provisions of KS & SSR Part 1, Rule 28.

(C) Not noticed.

(D & E) The answer does not apply in the light of 'C'.

Illegal smuggling of Ration Goods

219(3143) Shri. Kovur Kunjumon: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether the district will specify the number of cases registered for smuggling of ration items;

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(B) The number of ration shops whose licenses have been revoked in connection with the case; What legal action the department has taken; Explain;

(C) Can you explain the present condition of the seized rations?

Answer

(A-C) The number of registered cases is supplemented by the number of ration shops whose licenses have been revoked and the current status of the seized ration items. *

Vehicle Tracking System

220(3144)

Shri. Shafi Parampil:

Shri. Hibi Eden:

Shri. Sunny Joseph:

Shri. K. Muraleedharan: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) whether it intends to implement a vehicle tracking system for the distribution of ration items; Will you clarify;

(B) explain its objectives and mode of operation;

(C) explain what is in place in the system to prevent the smuggling of food grains and kerosene for public distribution;

(D) the agencies with which it is cooperating; Can you give details?

Answer

(A) Feasibility study on installation of vehicle tracking system in vehicles carrying ration items is underway

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(B-D) The objective of this system is to monitor the transparency of vehicles carrying food grains and kerosene for public distribution and to ensure transparency.

Operation of Ration Shops

221 (3145) Shri. K. Muhammadunni Hajj: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions;

(A) What steps do you intend to take to modernize the ration shops and ensure that the goods are properly delivered to the beneficiaries?

Answer

(A) Determined to implement end-to-end computerization in the State as part of the comprehensive modernization of the public distribution system for the modernization of ration shops and to ensure that the goods are delivered to the beneficiaries accurately, the detailed project proposal was provisionally approved by the cabinet vide G.O (kai) No. 18/14 of F.P.D.D. dated 31.5.14.

1. Digitize the information of ration beneficiaries completely.

2. F.C.I. The first a. R.D. Fully computerize the supply chain up to and including food grains to be delivered directly to the ARDs through a government system.

3. A.R.D. Distribution of food grains through ration shops by scientifically identifying the beneficiary through modernization

Make arrangements to do so.

4. Establish a transparent grievance redressal mechanism for the beneficiary.

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By implementing this, the real beneficiary will be scientifically identified and the foodgrains allotted to them will be made available through ration shops. Through the implementation of the scheme, the public will have access to a transparent online system for the availability of rations irrespective of the quantity and weight allowed by the Government.

End to end plan for food distribution

222(3146) Shri. K. Achuthan:

Shri. Benny Behanan:

Shri. Therambil Ramakrishnan:

Shri. Shafi Parampil: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) whether an 'end-to-end' scheme for food distribution has been formulated; Explain;
- (B) what objectives it intends to achieve; What are the details;
- (C) the arrangements made for the distribution of rations under the scheme; Explain;
- (D) what steps have been taken for the implementation of the scheme; Can you clarify the details?

Answer

(a) It has been decided to implement end-to-end computerization as part of the comprehensive modernization of the public distribution system in the State.

(B)Through this project below goals are intended to be achieved:

1. Completely digitalized the information of ration beneficiaries.
2. Completely computerize the supply chain from FCI to ARD and set up a system to deliver food grains to the ARDs through a government system.
3. Scientific identification of beneficiaries through ARD upgrades and prepare a system for provision of food grains distribution through ration shops.
4. Set up the system for transparent grievance redressal mechanism for the beneficiary.

(C) Beneficiary information has been fully digitized for ration distribution. It needs to be fully linked to Adhar. The food grains from the FCI are delivered to the ration shops through a govt. system and the food grains allotted to the customers are scientifically identified and distributed to the Epos machine installed there. The system will have each steps of the public distribution network for a transparent portal for viewing. In this way the public distribution network will be transparent.

(D) The detailed project proposal prepared at the departmental level as part of the project implementation has been approved provisionally as per the date of 31-5-14 G.O(kai) no.18/14 F.P.D.D. At **the administrative level, a technical committee chaired by the Chief Secretary, chaired by the State Secretary and chaired by the SpeMT, is constituted to take decisions at various levels related to the implementation of the scheme.**

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies has been appointed as the nodal officer for the implementation of this scheme.

The work of digitizing the information of ration beneficiaries the implementation of the scheme has been completed. Steps are being taken to computerize the distribution network

Amount to be paid to farmers on paddy procurement items

223(3147) Sri. K.V Vijayadas :Will the Minister for food, civil supplies, consumer protection and registration kindly answer the questions:

(A) How many rupees are due to the farmers of Palakkad district for storage of paddy? Can you give the details?

(B) Will arrangements be made to pay money the farmers while storing paddy in the coming years? Whether money will be allotted for this from the next budget?

Answer

(A) During the first season of 2014-15, 828342.76 quintals of paddy was procured from Palakkad district to (04-12-2014), Rs.140.25 crore has been paid to paddy farmers. 17.12 crore is yet to be paid as arrears.

(B) Arrangements will be made to pay the procurement price to the farmers as soon as the paddy is procured in the coming years. Supplyco has entered into memorandum of understanding with nationalized banks such as Canara bank, Bank Of India and Palakkad Thrissur district cooperative bank for this purpose. Based on this, the procurement price of paddy is paid directly to the farmers account as per the instruction of supplyco. Supplyco bears the interest of the banks on the money thus provided.

Besides, the corporation take loan directly from banks and pays farmers paddy prices. In the coming years, more financial institutions will be reached and steps will be taken to expedite the procurement price to the farmers.

In the last two financial years (including 2014-15) the state budget has allocated 180 crore each. As this amount is insufficient, there is a delay in paying the price of paddy to the farmers. Supplyco storing about 5.5 lakh MT of paddy annually. The State Govt. is required to allocate about 300crores for this purpose. Therefore, action will be taken to allocate more amount in the budget and procure to store paddy in a timely manner and immediately transfer the money to the farmers account.

**Price of subsidized and non-subsidized products
sold through supplyco**

224(3149) Sri.Kodiyeri Balakrishnan:

Smt. K KLathika :

Smt. K S Saleekha :

Sri. C. Krishnan :Will the Minister for food,civil supplies,consumer protection and registration kindly answer the following questions:.

- (A) What is the current price of subsidized and non-subsidized products sold through supplyco:
(B) In 2011 January how much the price in particular products, can you reveal?

Answer

(A&B) Sales are generally low at supplyco outlets,people do not ask for more items like urad dal, mustard,jeera, fenugreek, stuk urad, bodhana rice and exemption from subsidy, instead the subsidized varieties of green dal, chickpeas , jaya rice,kuruva ricw,coconut oil

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which are widely used by the people of Kerala, have been included. Details of January 2011 and current subsidized non-subsidized prices of the above essential commodities details are adding. *

Per capita consumption of rice

225(3150) Sri.Kodiyeri Balakrishnan :Will the Minister for food,civil supplies,consumer protection and registration kindly answer the following questions :.

- (A) Can you disclose the number of tonnes of rice required per year according to the percapita consumption in the state:?
- (B) Can you explain how many tonnes of rice is produced in the state every year:
- (C) Can you explain how many tonnes of rice is giving from the central gov. to the state every year :
- (D) Can you explain how many tonnes of rice comes to Kerala every year from other states?

Answer

- (A) According to the Indian Council for Medical Research the monthly consumption of food grains as per person is 13.8kg. Accordingly the state required 55,31,040 MT of food grains per year.
- (B) As on 2013-14 the state produced 5,64,325 tonnes of rice.
- (C) During the financial year 2014-15 13,46,663 tonnes of rice was available from the Central Government.
- (D) Information is being collected.

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Procedure to start Maveli store

226(3151) Sri. Varkkala Kahar:

Sri. P A Madhavan:

Sri. Anwar Sadath :

Sri. R Selvaraj: Will the Minister for food, civil supplies, consumer protection and registration kindly answer the following questions :

- (A) Whether the Civil Supplies Corporation has formulated a market intervention plan:
- (B) Can you explain the objectives of the project?
- (C) What items are intended to be distributed through the scheme:
- (D) Will the scheme facilitate the provision of goods to the people at lowest and affordable price?

Answer

(A – D) The Market Intervention Scheme implemented by supplyco is working effectively to control the rising prices in the market and there by provide relief to the public.

The following activities are being carried out for an effective market intervention plan:

1. Supplyco cells 13 items of essential commodities at subsidized prices ensure the availability and retention of consumer durables.

2. Various types of rice (matta rice, jaya rice, kuruva rice) interest to the local people are being distributed at the rate of Rs.25 per kg and pachari at the rate of Rs.23, per card per month 10kg.

- 3 It avoids scarcity by delivering goods without interruption to the market at affordable prices through more outlets. Apart from this, there are 23 mobile Maveli stores operating for the distribution of daily necessities in the tribal coastal areas.
4. There sales were controlled by ration cards to ensure that the essentials were available to the real consumer, thereby eliminating the possibility of misuse of the essentials.
5. To curb the rise in prices of wheat flour, Supplyco and ration shops has been distributing fortified Atta at Rs. 15.
6. Apart from rice and groceries, FMCG products are also being supplied to consumers at a discount of up to 15% on Mrp. This encourages other retailers to sell goods from MRP at lower prices, there by maximizing customer benefits.
7. Tea , coffee powder , curry powder, bay leaf, Tamarind , cardamom, appam powder and puttu powder are being marketed under the name Sabari at a discount of up to 20% from the general market.
8. Special festive markets are held to control price rise during the festive season.

9. Steps are being taken to open new Maveli stores to expand Supplyco's operations to more locations.

10. To ensure quality, all products are sold only subject to the quality certificate of the Quality Control Committee. In this way measures are being taken to effectively control the market and control price hike

Fraud in quantity and weight of goods delivered through civil supplies corporation outlets

227(3152) Sri. K Suresh Kurupu: Will the Minister for food, civil supplies, consumer protection and registration kindly answer the following questions

- (a) Who is responsible for the delivery of daily necessities from the Taluk Depots of the Civil Supplies Corporation outlets;
- (b) Has the contractor been assigned the responsibility of delivering the goods from the Changanacherry depot;
- (c) Has there been any fraud activities in the quantity and weight of goods delivered from taluk depots to outlets;
- (d) Has there been a complaint that the quantity and weight of daily necessities distributed through outlets are low;
- (e) Whether action has been taken to investigate these types of frauds in the Civil Supplies corporation and to take strict action against the guilty employees, disclose the details?

Answer

- (A) The depot manager and the concerned stock custodians at the depot are responsible for delivering daily necessities from the Taluk depots of the civil supplies corporation to the outlets.
- (B) The contractor has not been assigned the responsibility of delivering the goods from the Changanacherry depot.
- (C) The junior manager(M&I) inspects the stock and ensure the accuracy of the quantity and weight of goods delivered from the taluk depots to the outlets. In addition, managers are advised to unload the goods received from the taluk depots at the outlets only after verifying the weight and signing the relevant GIS (Goods Issue Sheet).
- (D) The few such complaints received have been investigated and resolved by the junior managers of the respective depots. In addition, a consumer committee has been set up at the outlet level to address such grievances.
- (E) If such irregularities are found in the inspection of junior managers, action is taken. Junior managers of all supplyco depots inspect atleast 12 outlets under their respective depots every month. In addition, depot Managers, Regional Mangers and Vigilance officers are conducting inspections. Strict action will taken against the guilty officials if any irregularities are founds.

Activities of Vigilance Committees in the department of Civil Supplies

228(3153) Sri.M A Vaahid: Will the Minister for food, civil supplies, consumer protection and registration kindly answer the following questions :

- (A) Have the vigilance Committees functioning under the civil supplies Department found any irregularities in the distribution of ration items; if so please provide details?

Answer

(A)

No. although it is within the purview of the vigilance committees to rectify irregularities in the distribution of food grains and to detect and prevent ration irregularities, such irregularities have not yet been reported by the vigilance committee.

Details of irregularities at he Civil Supplies godown in Alappuzha District

229(3154) Sri. R. Rajesh: Will the Minister for food, civil supplies, consumer protection and registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A)

What are the irregularities in the civil supplies godown in Alappuzha district and who are the officials who committed the irregularities? The details of the action taken against the guilty officers will be made available: Is there any investigation into this:

(B)

Have you noticed that essential items are not available in Nanma stores in Alappuzha district; action will be taken to get the essentials immediately?

Answer

Sri.V T Syamraj, a non maveli custodian at Cherthala depot in Alappuzha district, has been suspended from service and disciplinary action has been found for destroying computer system, components at the depot and violating the 31-3-2014 annual census. Sri.Binuraj J M Assistant Managers like Sri.Sooraj P T, Sri.Joseph P P, Sri.Selvakumar Assistant Manager Sri.Sathyan M V has also taken disciplinary action. Police have registered a case in this regard.

Sri.Padmakumar SAI, who was in the custody of Mveli at the Alappuzha district depot, was found to be in the shortage of stock, he is suspended from his post and the investigation is going on.

(B) Nanma store is not under the food department, the Managing director, consumer fed said that due to financial constant's, these institutions under the co-operation department were unable to deliver the required items on time.

230(3155) Dr. T M Thomas Issac: Will the Minister for food, civil supplies, consumer protection and registration kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Can you provide district based figures on the amount of paddy collected from farmers to supplyco.
- (B) Has the procurement price of the second crop of last season been paid in full;
- (C) How much amount is paid to farmers and what amount have to pay in arrears;
- (D) Can you clarify how much the government has to pay to supplyco for the procurement of paddy?

Answer

- (A) 2014-15 first season ,58.63 crore is due for procurement of paddy from supplyco farmers.

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District wise figures are given below:

S.No.	District	Amount to be paid
1	Alappuzha	301800841
2	Kasargod	1087788
3	Kollam	207043
4	Kottayam	111464241
5	Palakkad	171292581
6	Thrissur	23750
7	Wayanad	378618
	Total	586254862

(B) The price of paddy procured last season has been fully paid.

(C) The value of paddy procured during the second season of 2013-14 is 759.37 crore which has been fully paid to the farmers.

(D) Supplyco has to be paid 150.93 crore from the State Government for paddy procurement. Out of this, 100.62 crore is to be paid for the paddy procured during the last season.

CENTRAL FOOD SECURITY ACT

231(3156) Sri.M.Chandran: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registrations kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Whether the Central Food Security Act intends to diversify the cards for implementation in the states:
- (B) If so, since when do you intend to implement it:

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(C) Will it be implemented in Kerala as it has been made clear that Central Government will provide subsidy only through banks:

(D) Can any steps be taken to address the difficulties faced by poor card holders in implementing subsidy through banks: Can you clarify?

ANSWER

(A&B) Yes. When the Food Safety Act is implemented, there will be cards in the form of priority cards and general category cards. Existing A.A.Y cards will be included in the priority category. Steps have been taken to renew the existing cards to identify the preferred categories. The process has started with the new cards coming into effect from 1-9-2015.

(C&D) The Central Government has not instructed to provide subsidy through the bank.

INTEGRATED PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM BASED ON COMPLETE- BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION

232(3157) Sri.A.T.George:

Sri.Anwar Sadat:

Sri.P.C.Vishnunath:

Sri.Shafi Parambil: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection

And Registration kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Is it intended to implement an integrated public distribution system based on complete biometric identification:
- (B) If so, can you explain its objectives and how it works:
- (C) Can you clarify the benefits that a customer gets from this:

- (D) What steps have been taken for this: can you inform:
(E) What kind of central assistance is available for this: can you clarify?

ANSWER

- (A) It has been decided to implement end to end computerization of the public distribution system through Aadhar or alternative means such as smart cards. Beneficiary Aadhar data is also collected in connection with the ration card renewal. No decision has been made regarding complete biometric identification.
- (B) Defalcation of ration items can be completely prevented by identifying each beneficiary and ensuring that the rightful share is received accurately. A complete D-duplicate database will be available in the Department of Civil Supplies to prevent multiple people on the same card. This database can be shared with other departments to ensure that the benefits of the various schemes is received by the individual
- (C) When a complete computerization of the public distribution system is possible, it can be ensured that a beneficiary receives the full share he is entitled to. It is possible to directly understand the customer's eligible share, rates received and yet to be received and to ensure that they are not sold.
- (D) Beneficiary information has been fully digitized for ration distribution. It needs to be fully linked to Aadhar. Food grains form F.C.I are delivered to the ration shops through a government system and the food grains allotted to the customers are scientifically identified and distributed through the e-pos machine installed there.

Each step of the public distribution network will have a transparency portal and a viewing system. In this way, the public distribution network will be made more transparent. The detailed project prepared at the departmental level as part of the project implementation has been approved in accordance with G.O. (KITE) No. 18/14/

F.G.D.D of 31-5-14. The SpeMT, chaired by the Chief Secretary, and the Technical Committee chaired by the Civil Supplies Commissioner, have been set up at the administrative level to take decisions at various levels related to project implementation. The Civil Supplies Commission has been appointed as the Nodal Officer for the implementation of this scheme.

- (E) 50% of the cost for component-1 of the end to end computerization scheme (digitization of beneficiary information, implementation of supply chain management etc.) will be borne by the Center. Out of 12.17 crore for this purpose, 7.30 crore has been sanctioned by the Center till date.

SUPPLYCO MAVELI STORES- LOW QUALITY GOODS

233(3158) Sri. A. M. Arif: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection

And Registration kindly answer the following questions:

Will Supplyco inform whether action has been taken against the employees for procuring low quality goods for distribution in Maveli stores?

ANSWER

The equipment required for distribution in Supplyco Maveli stores is procured at the Head Office level and depot level. Purchasing is done through E-tender at the Head Office level. Quality terms for it have been published. No complaints were received from the employees regarding the purchase of sub standard equipment. However, action will be taken against the concerned officials/suppliers if any quality difference is found in the samples collected after inspection at Maveli Stores, super markets and depots.

PADDY PROCUREMENT IN PALAKKAD DISTRICT

234 (3159) Sri. V. Chentamarakshan: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Can you explain how many tones of paddy was procured in Palakkad district during the last season:

(B) Whether the procurement price of the entire farmers has been paid in full: can you explain how many crores of rupees you have to pay now:

(C) Can you explain when you can pay the price of the whole paddy procured by the Supplyco?

ANSWER

(A) During the season (First crop 2014-15) 82834.276 MT of paddy was procured from Palakkad district till 4-12-2014.

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(B) 140.25 crore has been paid to the farmers so far (till 4-12-2014) for the price of paddy. 17.12 crore is yet to be paid as arrears.

(C) Paddy procurement subsidy from the State Government owes 150.93 crore to Supplyco today. This amount will be paid to Supplyco once the funds become available.

SUPPLYCO PADDY PROCUREMENT IN PALAKKAD DISTRICT

235 (3160) Sri. M. Hamsa: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) In Supplyco paddy procurement in Palakkad district, do farmers have to be paid arrears: If so, what amount is due:

(B) How much paddy was stored during the period 1-7-2006 to 31-3-2011: what amount was paid:

(C) How many tones of paddy were stored during the period 1-7-2011 to 31-10-2011 : what amount was given to the farmers : how much is in arrears:

(D) When the arrears will be settled : may I have the details

ANSWER

(A) During this season 82834.276 MT of paddy was procured by Supplyco form Palakkad District. So far Rs. 140.25 crore has been paid to farmers for paddy. 17.12 crore is yet to be paid as arrears.

(B) The details of paddy procured from 1-7-2006 to 31-3-2011 and amount paid to farmers are given below:

Season	Quantity (MT)	Amount Provided	Arrears
2006-07 Ist	35080.000	298181152	0
2006-07 IIInd	61901.349	526158273	0
2007-08 Ist	45960.311	413642799	0
2007-08 IIInd	76189.559	761895590	0
2008-09 Ist	50552.146	556073606	0
2008-09 IIInd	118688.431	1305572741	0
2009-10 Ist	64638.926	775667112	0
2009-10 IIInd	97674.364	1172092368	0
2010-11 Ist	40674.952	528774376	0
2010-11 IIInd (up to 31.03.11)	42383.551	593369709	0
TOTAL	633743.589	6931427726	0

There is no arrears to be paid to the farmers for the stock of paddy procured during the mentioned period.

(C) The following are the details of paddy procured from the first season 2011-12 to the first season 2014-15 (31-10-2014) and the amount paid to the farmers.

Season	Quantity (MT)	Amount Provided (In crores)	Arrears
2011 Ist	87579	131.36	0
2011-12 IIInd	132484	198.72	0
2012-13 Ist	65308	111.02	0
2012-13 IIInd	35688	60.66	0
2013-14 Ist	85957	154.72	0
2013-14 IIInd	127645	224.52	0
2014-15 Ist (31.10.2014)	82834	140.25	17.12

(D) It will be paid without delay.

NEW SUPPLY OFFICE OFFICE IN KONDOTTY

236(3161) Sri. K. Muhammadunni Haji : Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you elaborate on the steps taken on the proposal to start a new supply office in Konddotty Taluk:

(B) Can you clarify when the said taluk office can be started?

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ANSWER

(A&B)On the proposal to set up taluk supply offices in all the 12 newly formed taluks in the state, including Kondotty Taluk, the final decision can be taken only after assessing the financial implications. Tests are underway for this.

RISING PRICES OF DAILY NECESSITIES

237(3162) Sri. K. Kunjuraman : Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

Can you clarify the percentage increase in the prices of daily necessities supplied by the Civil Supplies Corporation since this government came to power?

ANSWER

Mustard, cumin, fenugreek, peas and bodhana rice which are generally in short supply and not generally demanded by Supplyco outlets, will be exempted from subsidy from 1-8-2012. Instead chickpeas, big peas, jaya rice, kuruva rice, coconut oil which are highly demanded by Supplyco outlets will be included.

Additions include details of the 13 subsidized food items currently being distributed at subsidized rates, the subsidized prices incurred by this government when it came to power, and the revision of prices.*

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LAW TO CURB INFLATION IN CONSUMER GOODS AND FOOD ITEMS

238(3163) Sri. P. A. Madhavan:

Sri. I. C. Balakrishnan:

Sri. Dominic Presentation:

Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair : Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Do you intend to bring in legislation to control the prices of daily necessities and food items; can you explain;
- (B) What provisions and restrictions are intended to be included in the act to curb inflation; can you explain;
- (C) Will the merchant negotiate with the industrialist and the hotel owners before enacting the law; can you explain;
- (D) Can you clarify at what stage legislative process is; can you inform the details?

ANSWER

(A-D) Consideration is not given to legislating to control the prices of consumer goods and food items. The draft is being considered for price controls based on the quality, comfort and quality of the food in the hotels. Negotiations have been held with the hotel owners in this regard.

FIGURE OF PADDY PROCURED FOR THE FIRST CROP IN THE STATE

239(3164) Sri. M. Chandran: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) How many tonnes of paddy has been procured for the first crop in the state this year; specify district wise figures;

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(b) What is the amount to be paid to the farmers for the paddy procured:

(c) What is the amount due to the farmers for the procured Paddy? Will district level figures be available?

ANSWER

(a) In the first season of 2014-15 till 04-12-2014, 133384.665 m. tons of paddy procured. District wise figures are given below.

Serial No	District	figures (m. ton)
1	Alappuzha	33922.924
2	Ernakulam	135.921
3	Idukki	10.627
4	Kannur	24.954
5	Kasargod	57.252
6	Kollam	10.897
7	Kottayam	14137.863
8	Malappuram	58.195
9	Palakkad	82834.276
10	Thrissur	2036.847
11	Thiruvananthapuram	46.947
12	Wayanad	107.962
	Total	133384.665

(b&c) 133384.665 m.ton collected paddy so far from farmers during this season. Out of the price of 253.43 Crore of the paddy 58.63 Crore (as on 4-12-2014) is due.

Serial No.	District	Amount to be paid
1	Alappuzha	301800841
2	Kasargod	1087788
3	Kollam	207043
4	Kottayam	111464241
5	Palakkad	171292581
6	Thrissur	23750
7	Wayanad	378618
	Total	586254862

Four new Maveli Stores in Attingal Municipality

240(3165) Mr. B. Sathyan: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(a) The present status of the application submitted by the Attingal Municipality for the opening of Maveli stores at four centres; can action be taken to open the said Maveli stores this financial year itself;

(b) Will action be taken to fulfil the promise made by the Hon'ble minister?

ANSWER

(a) The Attingal Municipality has received an application to open a Maveli store in four centres in Attingal. Feasibility study on the said application has been made available to the Thiruvananthapuram Regional Manager for submission of report.

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Further steps can be taken to start the said Maveli stores on the basis of the feasibility study report and the willingness of the Corporation to provide Rs.1 lakhs.

(b) Proposal to convert Chathampara Maveli store into a supermarket has not been received from the Panchayat. Further action can be taken in this regard on the basis of Panchayat proposal, availability of convenient building and feasibility study report.

Process of supply of essential commodities through Supplyco to curb price hike.

241(3166) Mr. VSasi: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(a) What steps have been taken to reduce the rise in prices of essential commodities in the State;

(b) 13 items subsidized through Supplyco such as Greengram, Blackgram, Pea, Bangalgram, dhal, chilli, coriander, sugar, Jaya Rice, Karuva Rice, Matta Rice, raw Rice Sortex, Coconut oil as on 12-06-2014 will the price and current price be disclosed;

(c) Which public distribution agencies are relied upon to intervene in the market to curb inflation?

(d) Can you disclose the amount of money that supplyco has allowed for market intervention over the last 10 years?

ANSWER

(a) A slight inflation has been noticed in the State. In Kerala, a consumer State, there has been an increase in prices due to scarcity of essential commodities in other states, crop failure, climate change and increase in freight rates. The market intervention scheme implemented by Supplyco is working effectively to contain the rise in the market and thereby provide relief to the public. In case of effective market intervention, the following activities are being carried out for the scheme:

1. 13 items of essential commodities are being sold through Supplyco outlets at subsidized prices to maintain the prices of daily necessities.
2. Various types of Rice (Brown Rice, Jaya Rice and Karuva Rice) of local interest to the people are being distributed at the rate of 25/- per Kg and Raw Rice at the rate of Rs.23 are giving 10 Kg per card per month.
3. Eliminates shortage by delivering goods without interruption in the market at reasonable prices through more outlets. Apart from this, there are 23 mobile Maveli stores operating in the tribal coastal areas for the distribution of daily necessities.
4. Their sales were controlled through Ration cards to ensure that the goods were delivered to the real consumer and thus the possibility of misuse of the goods was completely eliminated.
5. Fortified Atta is being distributed at Rs.15/- per Kg packet through Supplyco outlets and Ration shops to curb the rise in prices of wheat flour.

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6. In addition to Rice and Groceries, FMCG products are supplied to customers at a discount of up to 15% over MRP. This is what motivates other retailers to sell goods from MRP at a lower price, thereby maximizing the customer's benefit.
7. Tea, Coffee powder, Curry powder, lentils, Tamarind, Elachi, Appomodi, Puttupodi are being marketed under the name of Sabari at a discount of up to 20% from the general market.
8. Special festive markets are conducted to control price rise during the festive season.
9. Steps are being taken to start Maveli stores to expand Supplyco's operations to more locations.
10. All products are for sale only subject to the quality certificate of the Quality Control Committee to ensure the quality. In this way, measures are being taken to effectively intervene in the market and control inflation.

Measures are being taken to avoid any situation where quality stock can be brought in to the market at such a low price and inflation may occur.

In addition, The Civil Supplies Department conducts rigorous inspections and raids to curb inflation by creating blackouts, hoarding etc. and take action against irregularities.

(b) Details are appended as Appendix (1)*

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(c) Effective measures are being taken to control inflation through Supplyco under the Food Department.

(d) Details are appended as Appendix (2)*

Appointment of Assistant Salesman in Supplyco

242(3167) Mr. T.V Rajesh: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(a) When the PSC Rank list for the post of Assistant Salesman in Supplyco came into force; how many were appointed; how many vacancies have been reported to PSC;

(b) Whether the details of the case pending in the High court in connection with the appointment to the post of assistant salesman will be made available;

(c) Whether there is a recruitment ban in Supplyco; if so, will action be taken to remove the ban and appoint the maximum number of candidates in the rank list?

ANSWER

(a) The PSC rank list for the post of Assistant Salesman in Supplyco is appended*. To date, 1328 vacancies have been filled. 1328 vacancies have been reported to PSC including N.J.D vacancies and vacancies due to resignation.

(b) Case No. WP(C) 2221/2014 before the High court regarding the appointment to the post of Assistant Salesman has not been decided yet.

(c) No.

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Co-operation with the United Nations to implement a comprehensive computerization plan

243(3168) Mr.R. Selvaraj:

Mr.I.CBalakrishnan:

Mr.VarkkalaKahar:

Mr. T.N Prathapan: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(a) Whether it intends to seek the assistance of the United Nations of the comprehensive development of the public distribution system in the state and for the implementation of a complete computerization plan;

(b) Whether a memorandum of understanding has been signed with the World Food Program for this; what are the details?

(c) What assistance is provided by the said agreement; explain;

(d) The areas in which assistance is being provided for modernization; can you clarify the details?

ANSWER

(a) The World Food Program (WFP), an affiliated of the United Nations, is cooperating for the comprehensive development of the public distribution system.

(b) A memorandum of understanding was signed with the World Food Program on 26-02-2014. Assist in strengthening the PDS and preparing documents such as RFP (Request for Proposal) for various purposes of the department. This includes ensuring effective collaboration with the various stakeholders of the project, sharing project information effectively implemented in the World Food Program alternatives, and providing other technical advice.

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(c& d) World Food Program a project advisor has been appointed entirely for the Civil Supplies Department. A study on the financial viability of ration traders is being conducted under the auspices of the WFP. WFP is ready to provide technical advice on door-to-door delivery, which is intended to be implemented through Supplyco. For this, Mr. Bernard Chomilier visited the state in November 2014. A detailed questionnaire has been prepared to assess the financial viability of the ration traders and the final report is being prepared by conducting a survey with the help of Kudumbasree. WFP can be used to test e-pose machines and prepare test-documents for computerization of ration shops.

Supply of cooking gas

244(3169) Mr. M.P Vincent: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

Will action be taken to SMS the consumer on the day of delivery of cooking gas cylinder: can you explain?

ANSWER

According to the state level coordinator of the oil companies, there is no provision for this at present. The oil companies will be asked to take steps to send an SMS to the consumer's mobile on the date of delivery of the cylinder.

Subsidized items in Supplyco

245(3170) Mr. V.K Abdul Khader: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(a) How many daily necessities were subsidized Supplyco during the previous Government?

(b) Whether the number of subsidized items has been reduced since this Government came to power;

(c) If so, how many items have been reduced and the reasons for reduction?

ANSWER

(a-c) The following is the list of goods which were previously subsidized (supplyco outlets) at subsidized rates (up to 31-7-2012) and which are currently being subsidized from 01-08-2012.

Serial no. Information on goods

Serial No.	Information on goods distributed at subsidized Rates during the tenure of previous Government.	Information on goods distributed at subsidized Rates during the tenure of this Government.
1	Plow (ball)	Plow (ball)
2	Plow (split)	Beans
3	Beans	Nuts
4	Nuts	Chilly
5	Chilly	Choriander
6	Choriander	Sugar
7	Sugar	Raw Rice
8	Raw Rice	Matta Rice
9	Matta Rice	Jaya Rice
10	Piece nuts	Karuva Rice
11	Bodhana Rice	Bangal Gram
12	Fenugreek	Greengram
13	Mustard	Coconut oil
14	Cumin	

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During the period 2006-2010, Chickpeas and Groundnuts were distributed by the Government of India to the state governments at subsidized rates. Thus, subsidized pulses and Groundnuts were sold by Supplyco at subsidized rates during the period as they were received from the Central Government.

From 1-08-2012, Plow shares, Mustard seeds, Cumin seeds, Fenugreek seeds and Bodhana Rice which are generally in short supply and in high demand at Supplyco outlets, Will be exempted from subsidies. And is included in the item.

Consumer goods of more demand and sale are exempt from the subsidy. Subsidy exempted items are not demanded by people more.

Items exempted from the subsidy are sold at free sale subsidized rates inclusive of shipping and handling costs along with the purchase price through supplyco e-tendor. These prices are up to 10% lower than the general market price. There are currently no sales restrictions for these items.

Contamination in Coconut Oil

246(3171) Mrs. K.K Lalitha: Will the Minister of Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

- (a) Which companies sell coconut oil through Supplyco;
- (b) Which of these companies coconut oil was found to be contaminated with Paraffin Wax;
- (c) What legal action has been taken against the said company;

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(A) So far in the financial year, coconut oil has been sold by the following companies through Supplyco.

1. A & T Gold
2. Akshaya
3. C. M.
4. Fortune
5. Athulya
6. Kerafed Kera Coconut Oil
7. Kera Drops
8. Kera Shudhi
9. Kerala Drops
10. Keram
11. Kera Sree
12. Parachute Coconut Oil
13. Pavan
14. Pulari Coconut Oil
15. Premier
16. Samridhi
17. Samthripathi
18. Sydco
19. Shudhi
20. Liberty
21. Parishudham
22. T. K. Shudhi

Apart from this, Supplyco also sells its own brand of Sabari Coconut Oil. Sabari Coconut Oil is currently manufactured and supplied by Esain Trading Company, which has been awarded the contract through e-tender.

(B&C) Tests carried out at government labs and other accredited labs in Kerala have not found any presence of paraffin wax in coconut oil sold through Supplyco.

MONTHLY RATION ALLOTMENT TO THE STATE

247 (3172) Sri. Mullakkara Ratnakaran: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following question:

Can you provide the total ration of rice, sugar, wheat and kerosene available at the State on a monthly basis from the Central Government?

ANSWER

The quantities of rice, wheat, sugar and kerosene available from the Central Government for the month of December 2014 are given below:

Item	Per Month (M.ton)
A.P.L Rice	59333.750
B.P.L Rice	37953.125
A.A.Y Rice	20855.000
A.P.L Wheat	11777.000
B.P.L Wheat	6963.000
Sugar	4103.000
Kerosene	10016 kilo litre

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HOARDING, INFLATION AND SHORTAGE OF FOOD

248(3173) Sri. P. Thilothaman: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following question:

Can you clarify what steps are being taken to address the hoarding, inflation and food shortages that may occur in the market in the event of food poisoning tests and controls?

ANSWER

The Department of Civil Supplies conducts intensive inspections and raids to check and anticipate hoarding, inflation and food shortages that may occur in the market in the event of food poisoning tests and restrictions. During the inspection, the stock board and the stock of food items in the shops are inspected. Thus, hoarding of food items can be prevented. In addition to this, a licensing system is in place for storage and marketing of essential items and stock limits are being set and implemented. The Kerala Essential Commodities (Maintenance of Accounts and Stock Board) Ordinance 1977 and 1980 take action against traders who do not display the price list.

MARKET QUALITY AND PRICE LIST DISPLAY

249 (3174) Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair:

Sri. Dominic Presentation:

Sri. Varkala Kahar:

Sri. A. P. Abdulla Kutty: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) What is the system in place to check whether the market standard and price list are displayed in the shops in the state; Can you explain;

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- (B) What legal action is currently being taken against shopkeepers who do not display these; Can you provide details;
- (C) Will strict action be taken to check the display of market quality and price list;
- (D) What system is intended to be put in place at the administrative level for this; please provide details;

ANSWER

- (A) Strict inspections are being carried out to ensure that the price list of the goods sold in the retail establishments is displayed. In addition, inspections are carried out in collaboration with the police, health, revenue, legal metrology and tax departments.
- (B) The Kerala Food Stuffs (Display of price by catering establishment) Order, 1977 and the Kerala Essential Commodities (Maintenance of Accounts and Display of Prices and Stocks) Order, 1977 and 1980 are also being prosecuted against retailers who do not display the price list. Notices are issued to retailers who do not display the price list, and food is confiscated and fined.

- (C) Inspections are being carried out to ensure that all retailers are displaying the price list. Action has been taken against 4598 traders who did not display the price list from January to November 2014.
- (D) Various programs have been formulated and implemented to create awareness among the exploitation of consumers by the retailers without displaying the price list and charging exorbitant prices. Legislation is being reviewed with various departments to unify the price of food in hotels with the intention of preventing hoteliers from charging for food without following any criteria.

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CONSUMER DISPUTE REDRESSAL FORUM

250 (3175) Sri. E. Chandrashekharan: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Can you elaborate on the eligibility criteria for the appointment of the President and members of the State Consumer Dispute Redressal Forum and what pain and other benefits are available to them;
- (B) Can you clarify the eligibility criteria for appointment of the President and members of the District Consumer Dispute Redressal Forum and the pain and other benefits granted to them;
- (C) Do the forum President and members receive the same qualifications for appointment;
- (D) If so, will steps be taken to address the huge pay gap for those who do a job;
- (E) Whether there is a decision or order not to practice in the District Courts and Lower Courts after the appointed work period; If so, can you provide copies for it;
- (F) Will steps be taken to provide pension to the members who have completed their term;
- (G) Has the National Consumer Forum given any suggestions for pay hike to the members of the District Forum; will you provide details;

ANSWER

(A&B) The State Consumer Commission appoints former or former High Court Judges to the post of President. In addition, the State Commission has one judicial member and three members, including a woman. The Judicial Member must have at least 10 years of experience as a Presiding Officer in District Courts or Tribunals.

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District Consumer Forums appoint District Judges or equally qualified Presidents. The general qualification is 35 years of age and a recognised University degree and at least 10 years of work experience in any of the social, economic and industrial fields.

Below are the salary details of the State Commission President, Judicial Member, other members, District Forum Presidents and Members:

Post	Salary	D.A.	H.R.A	C.C.A	Special Allowance	Total
President (State Commission)	40,000	80,000	24,000	180	12,000	1, 56,180
Judicial Member (State Commission)	37,455	94,910	1,680	350	4,100	1,18,495
Member (State Commission)	28,500	-	-	-	8,500	37,000
President (District Forum)	51,550	55,159	1,680	350	4,100	1,12,839
Member (District Forum)	23,500	-	-	-	8,500	32,000

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(C&D) Section 10(1) (a) (b) of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 prescribes different eligibility criteria for the President and the members.

(E) Information is being collected.

(F) Not currently under consideration.

(G) In a resolution passed in March 2013 by the National Consumer Dispute Resolution Commission it was suggested that the Consumer Forum members should be given equal pay to the Director of the Central Government and that the practices of states like Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Haryana should be followed until a decision is taken.

ACTIVITIES OF CONSUMER FORUMS

251(3176) Sri. Benny Behnan;

Sri. A. P. Abdullakutty;

Sri. Varkala Kahar;

Sri. V. D. Satheeshan: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer

Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Explain the activities of Consumer Forums;
- (B) What are the mechanisms in place to resolve complaints received in Consumer Forums; will you provide details;
- (C) Whether arrangements be made for adjudication of grievances within the stipulated time;
- (D) If so, what steps do you intend to take at the administrative level for this; will you provide details?

ANSWER

- (A) Since October 1991, there has been a Consumer Dispute Resolution Forum and a State Level Consumer Dispute Resolution Commission in each district to seek redressal of grievances under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

Cases seeking compensations up to Rs. 20 lakh can be filed in the District Forum. The State Commission also handles cases seeking compensations ranging from Rs. 20 lakh to Rs. 1 crore. Consumer Forums that have argued in verse issue the verdict. Consumers can quickly seek redressal from Consumer Forums by submitting complaints at nominal cost.

(B) The Consumer Dispute Resolution Commission has three members, including the President, a High Court Judge, a Judicial Member and a woman. A President in the capacity of a District Judge has two members (including a woman) in the consumer forums. The Consumer Court sends the verdict to the plaintiff and the opposing parties after hearing the parties directly.

(C&D) The camp setting of the State Consumer Dispute Resolution Commission is being conducted every month in Ernakulum and Palakkad Districts. Such Adalats help in resolving the travel difficulties of the consumers in the Northern districts and in resolving further disputes. In addition, the Ernakulum Consumer Forum will have a camp sitting in Piravom and the Idukki Forum will have a sitting in Thodupuzha. The procedures for holding the Kottayam Forum at Camp Sitting Pala, the Thrissur Consumer Forum at Sitting Chalakudy and the Kannur Forum Sitting at Thalassery are nearing completion.

CONSUMER REDRESSAL SYSTEM

252 (3177) Sri. K. N. A. Kadar: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

(A) What mechanisms are in place to address customer grievances;

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(B) Whether the required members, staff and facilities are present everywhere in the Consumer Dispute Resolution Forums;

(C) Whether special attention will be paid to create awareness among consumers about such systems;

(D) Is there a special mechanism in place to expedite the resolution of consumer disputes that require urgent resolution; if not, will special arrangements be made for this?

ANSWER

- (A) Under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, the Consumer Dispute Resolution Forum and the State Consumer Dispute Resolution Commission are functioning in all districts to seek redressal of consumer grievances. The consumer can file a complaint directly to the Commission and in the forums without the assistance of an Advocate. Cases are settled at low cost and in a short time.
- (B) There is a vacancy for a member in the Kozhikode Consumer Forum. Steps are being taken to fill this gap. Steps have been taken in a timely manner to replace the District Forum Presidents and members who have completed their term service. Work is nearing completion on the new building for the Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Kottayam and Malappuram Forums. Infrastructure Development of Other Forums Steps are being taken to implement the funds sanctioned as part of the Central Government Strengthening Consumer Forum Scheme.
- (C) The State Consumer Protection Council and the District Consumer Protection Council are constituted to represent the public and representatives of voluntary consumer organisations as required by law for the implementation of consumer protection. A Consumer Helpline has been set up in the State with Central assistance to create awareness about Consumer rights. In addition, consumer clubs have been set up in state elected schools to educate students on consumer issues.

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- (D) The dispute has been settled expeditiously through the Adalats held monthly by the State Commission. In addition, there is a possibility of avoiding delays in resolving grievances through Consumer Forums for conciliation of grievances through NGOs working in the field of Consumer Protection. Currently, Consumer Dispute Resolution Forums are functioning in all the districts. Taluk level camp settings of Ernakulam District Forums have started in Ernakulam and Idukki taluks. The government is considering starting camp sittings in other districts.

OWN BUILDING FOR KOZHIKODE CONSUMER DISPUTE RESOLUTION FORUM

253(3178) Sri. P. T. A. Raheem: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

- (A) Has the Kozhikode Consumer Dispute Resolution Forum built its own building;
(B) Can you clarify that the functionality of the forum can be moved to the new building?

ANSWER

- (A) A new building is being constructed at Kanthamangalam for the Kozhikode District Consumer Dispute Resolution Forum. Construction work on the building is in its final stages.
- (B) An amount of 33,74,024 has been sanctioned for the Kozhikode District Consumer Dispute Resolution Forum to complete the construction of its own building. The building is being constructed by the Public Work Department. The Forum can be relocated to a new building once construction is complete.

CASES AGAINST TRADERS WHO DO NOT DISPLAY THE PRICE LIST

254 (3179) Sri. C. Divakaran: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions:

The number of cases registered against traders during the year 2013-14 for not displaying the price list; how much was the fine; can you clarify by district?

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Answer

During the year 2013-14 notice were issued to 4434 traders for non-display of price list and follow up action was taken. A fine of Rs.7,52,600/- was imposed. District wise details are given below.

District	Number of Cases in which Follow up Action has been taken	Amount Charged as Penalty
Thiruvananthapuram	370	259000
Kollam	239	49500
Pathanamthitta	160	65050
Alappuzha	138	8000
Kottayam	738	22500
Edukki	188	13550
Ernakulam	439	382500
Thrissur	140	25500
Palakkad	46	39000
Malappuram	88	3750
Kozhikodu	1064	11500
Wayanad	106	24350
Kannur	322	49500
Kasargod	396	32000

Food Price Unification and hotel grading

255(3180) Sri. K Muralidharan

Sri. V D Satheesan

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Sri. V T Belram: Will the Minister of food and Civil Supply and Consumer protection kindly reply to the following question:

What is intended to be included in the Legislation aimed at unifying the price of food items in hotels and bringing hotels in to the grading system?

Answer

Formation of Legislation for regulating the price of food items in hotels is under preparation with the Consultation of various departments

Modernisation Post in Registration Departments

256 (3181) Sri. V D Satheesan: Will the minister of food and Civil Supplies and Consumer affairs kindly reply to the following questions:

- (A) When is the current modernization Created to modernize and Simplify the existing registration process? Please clarify about what all jobs are given?
- (B) What work has this officer done as per the Order after Creating the post?
Has any report been Submitted to the govt. in this regard?

Answer

- (A) The post of Inspector General (Modernization) has been Created in the Registration Department as per the Order No. G.O [M.S] 98/2012 /7. Dtd : 8/6/2012.

The following duties have assigned to this officer.

- 1) Update the registration manual in timely manner.
- 2) Make recommendation to address inaccuracies in fair value valuation.

- 3) Make recommendation to deficiencies in the rule governed by the registration Departments.
 - 4) Recommendations for removal of barriers to implementation of the Comprehensive service Scheme under the NLRMP Scheme which will Co-Ordinate the activities of the revenue registration Department to enable Online mutation, Computerisation and E-governance revenue records.
- (B) Steps are being taken for the digitalization of the documents, Complete the data entry from 1990 to 1989 and digitalise the deed Data Stored in the register Volume at the Sub-registrar's Offices. For the Convenience of deed parties for deed registration, the token system for predetermining the date and time has been implemented on a trial basis in six Sub registrar offices in Thiruvananthapuram district. The process implementation of complete digitalization in the state is in progress

Preliminary Report on Computerization E-governance and fixing Deficiencies in fair value determination related to modernization has been submitted to the government on 7/3/2014 Preliminary Report on digitalization of register volumes included in NLRMP on 12/8/2014 and Preliminary Report on E governance on 24/10/2014.

Land Buying and selling

257(3182) Sri. Raju Abraham: Will the minister of food and Civil Supplies and Consumer affairs kindly reply to the following question:

- (A) Has the limit of Rs.1000 on stamp duty fixed for sale of land between relatives been changed? If so, can you explain the reason for the change?
- (B) On what basis, the stamp duty on share deed, donation, liability exit and determination involved in sale between relative has raised ? is there any limit to this now? If so, can you explain what it is?
Has the registration fee been increased for such inter –relative transaction as the stamp duty has been increased. If So, how much? can you explain what it is?

Answer

- (A) Yes, the limit has been changed on the basis of a policy decision of the government in the event of a significant reduction in government revenue due to special concessions granted to family members from 2011 to date.
- (B) The stamp duty has not been increased. The stamp duty on partition deed and cancellation of claim between families is Rs.1000 subject to 1% and Rs.1000 subject to 2% of the price for donation and other deed.

The stamp duty amended for partition deed and cancelation of claim from the maximum of Rs. 1000 to 1% of price and for donation and Financial determination was changed from the maximum 1000 as 2% of price

- (C) Registration fee is not increased dividend, Donation, Vacancy, Financial determination deeds. Registration fees is 25000 subject to 1%of the total cost. Limit of 25000 avoided and amended as 1% of the total cost.

The limit has been changed as per the policy decision of the government in the event of a significant reduction in government revenue due to exemption.

Unscientific computerization of the field of writing

258(3183) Sri. B. Sathyan: Will the food, civil supplied and consumer protection Minister please answer for the following questions:

- (A) Have you noticed that the newly introduced unscientific computerization and online culture in the field of writing has affected their work?
- (B) Will the government try to back away from the reform that is paving the way for the families of those working in the sector?
- (C) How much money has been spent on computerization in recent years and by which agency?

Answer

(A) Some complaints have been received from deed license holders and deed license holders' organizations that the computerization programs instituted by the Registration Department will affect the employment of deed license holders.

(B) No steps have been taken to convert the transactions related to registration into a fully online scheme. The registration department intend to do modernization process by protecting the job of the deed writers.

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The reforms are intended to enable Deed writers to participate as well. The goal of computerization is to provide services to the public without delay.

(C) To date `549.31 lakh has been spent on computerization of the Registration Department. The computerization is overseen by National Informatics (NIC), a central government agency.

Building for Balussery Sub-Registrar's Office.

259 (3184) Sri. Purushan Kadalundi: Will the Minister of Food and Civil Supplies Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions :

(A) Has it been noticed that the Balussery Sub-Registrar's Office has been functioning in a rented building for a long time ;

(B) What is the annual rent paid for this building ;

(C) Whether the Government is considering constructing its own building for the said Registrar's Office.?

Answer

(A) Yes.

(B) The annual rent of this office is `1,30,260.

(C) No.

Modernization in the Department of Registration.

260 (3185) Shri. P.K Basheer: Will the Minister for Food, Civil Supplies Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions :

(A) whether the post of I.G (Modernization) exists at the Headquarters of the Registration Department; If so, the post has been in existence since; Will you clarify;

(B) Can you clarify the responsibilities and duties of the officer? What work has been done in the registration department as part of modernization up to date; can you explain ;

(C) Please clarify district wise details of the district wise offices where computers and U.P.S have installed as a part of this modernization and unused now;

(D) if so, what steps have been taken to replace them; If not, will immediate action be taken in this regard?

Answer

(A) Yes. The post of Inspector General (Modernisation) has been introduced in the Registration Department as per Order No. GO (MS) 98/2012 / TD dated 8-6-2012.

(B) The responsibilities and duties of the officers are given below;

1. Update the registration manual accordingly.
2. Make recommendations to address inaccuracies in fair value determination
3. Make recommendations to address deficiencies in the rules governed by the Registration Department
4. To make recommendations to remove barriers to implementation of the Comprehensive Service Provision Scheme under the NLRMP Scheme to coordinate the activities of the Revenue Registration Departments to enable online mutation, computerization, e-governance etc. in revenue records.

In connection with the modernization of the registration department, 311 sub-registrar offices were computerized. The public has been provided with the facility to provide basic information through the Internet.

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The process of converting the deeds data stored in the register volumes in the Sub-Registrar's offices into digital form is in progress. The token system for pre-determining the

date and time for deed registration for the convenience of Deed parties has been piloted in six Sub-Registrar Offices in Thiruvananthapuram District. The above facility is being considered for full implementation in the state.

(C)

Thiruvananthapuram	02
Kollam	03
Alappuzha	05
Pathanamthitta	01
Idukki	01
Ernakulam	02
Thrissur	08
Malappuram	03
Kozhikode	05
Kannur	06

Total 36

(D) Steps are being taken to replace the damaged UPS equipment

Computer Maintenance in the Registration Department

261 (T-3186) **Sri. P.K Basheer**: Will the Minister of Food and Civil Supplies Consumer Protection and Registration kindly answer the following questions?

(A) the amount sanctioned by the State Registration Department for the annual maintenance of computers and related equipment for the financial year 2013-14; How much money has been spent on it till date? Will the details be available;

The "T" indicate the suspended question.

(B) Specify which agency is responsible for the annual maintenance of computer equipment and how much is spent on it:

(C) Have you noticed that people are not getting proper service due to malfunction of UPS system: If so, will it be clarified whether immediate action will be taken to purchase a new UPS?

(A) An amount of `101.17 lakh was sanctioned for the annual maintenance of computers and allied equipment in the State Registration Department during the year 2013-14. The entire amount has been spent during the financial year 2013-14 itself. 79.44 lakh for computer equipment and Rs. 21.73 lakh for UPS.

(B) HCL Infosystems is responsible for the annual maintenance of computer equipment and Hicken India Limited is responsible for the maintenance of UPS. An amount of `79.44 lakh was spent on computer equipment.

(C) Yes. Steps have been taken to enable the UPS system

Renovation of roads in Kollam district

262 (3187) Sri. G.S.Jayalal: Will the Minister of Public Works kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Which roads in Kollam district are being upgraded under the Central Road Fund scheme: Can you give details:

(B) Whether an application has been received for the acquisition of roads under Chathannur constituency under the said scheme: what action has been taken on it:

(C) Are there any special criteria for acquisition of roads under Central Road Fund scheme? If so, will it be notified?

Answer

(A&B) Roads being upgraded in Chathannur constituency of Kollam district under Central Road Fund (CRF) are as follows:

1. Pangode: Renovation of Puthur-Chiran Kavu-Ezhukon-Nedumon Kavu-Meeyannur-Chathannoor road-Estimation of 24 crore tender is in the final stage.

2. Renovation of Karunagapally-Amritapuri-Azheekal (Kayamkulam Harbor) Road - Estimated amount of `13 crore Steps for accepting tender are in final stage.

(C) Roads selected under CRF should be Major District Roads, State Roads and other important roads other than Rural Roads or Roads connecting Rural Roads, Tourist Areas or National Highways. It must be at least 10 k. meter long and should not have any liability.

Dangerous situation at Bovikanam Junction

263 (3188) Shri. K. Kunjiraman (Uduma): Will the Minister of Public Works kindly answer the following questions:

A) Have you noticed the frequent traffic accidents at Bovikanam Junction in Cherkalam Jalsur SH in Kasaragod District.: Can you give details:

B) To avoid accidents at this junction. Has PWD taken any action; Can you provide details:

C) Whether permission will be given to increase the parking area and place dividers and circles?

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Answer

(A) has been noted. It is the junction of Cherkalam-Jalsur Road and Bovikanam Kanathur Road. The bus stop here is at the junction so it is difficult to see the oncoming vehicles , when the bus stops there . Also a tree at the junction which can cause an accident.

(B) Steps are being taken to install a divider at the junction, cut down trees and demolish the bus stand to widen it. Construction will begin soon.

(C) Work was tendered for augmentation of parking area and installation of divider. The current space is insufficient to build the circle scientifically.

Current status of the monorail project

264 (T3189)Shri. B. Sathyan: Could the Minister of Public Works kindly answer the following questions?

(A) Mono Rail announced to start in the state; Can you explain the current status of the project?

(B) whether special officers have been appointed for the project: whether the office is open; Whether initial work has been done; Can you explain;

(C) where in the country the monorail project has been implemented; Who submitted the study report in this regard; Which agency; Can you explain;

(D) Who provided the technical advice on the project?

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Answer

(A) The monorail project was planned to be implemented in Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikode. KMCL for projects. Tender was invited on 1-10-2013 and re-called tender as only one institution was interested. Re-tender opened on 30-5-2014 but received only one more tender. Technical tender DMRC submitted by Bombardier Transportation India Pvt. After a detailed examination, the financial tender were examined. Bombardier Transportation India Pvt. Ltd. rejected the tender at the 10th Board Meeting on 28-8-2014 and submitted a detailed blueprint for another Mass Rapid Transit System instead of abandoning the project. The government is examining the submission of the detailed design.

(B) A Special Purpose Vehicle named Kerala Monorail Corporation Limited has been set up under the Public Works Department for the Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikode monorail projects. Officers have been appointed to the posts of Managing Director, Chief General Manager (Construction), Project Manager (2 posts), Land Acquisition Officer and Deputy Manager (Project Co-ordination). A corporate office has been set up at Thiruvananthapuram and a project office at Kozhikode. A Land Acquisition Team has been appointed for the acquisition of private land for the project and for the acquisition of land owned by various Government Departments and Institutions on a lease basis.

(C) The monorail project is being implemented in Mumbai, India. The study was submitted by Larsen & Tourbo Ltd. (L&T). mm is a consortium consisting of Scomi Engineering Bhd.

(D) The DMRC, the General Consultant, provides technical advice on the project.

Women and Children's Hospital at Pariyaram Ayurveda College

265 (3190) Shri. T. V. Rajesh: Will the Minister of Public Works kindly reply to the question below:

Although an administrative sanction of 2.60 crore has been given for the construction of a women's and children's hospital at Pariyaram Ayurveda College, Kannur District, the Public Works Department (Building Department) has not yet started the work, so what steps have been taken to start the work? When the construction can be started, will you give details?

Answer

Investigation work is underway to design the structural details of the construction work of the Women and Children's Hospital at Pariyaram Ayurveda College, Kannur District. Work is expected to start within 6 months, including tender procedures.

Peringom Vayakara Govt. Construction of Higher Secondary School Indoor Stadium

266 (3191) Shri. C. Krishnan: Will the Minister of Public Works kindly answer the following questions?

(A) Peringom Vayakara Panchayat has received administrative sanction for inclusion in the Asset Development Plan for the year 2012-13. Can you explain the current condition of the Higher Secondary School Indoor Stadium;

(B) When can the construction of the said stadium be started?

Answer

(A&B) Quotation Approval for Construction of Vayakara Govt. Higher Secondary School Indoor Stadium in Peringom Vayakara Panchayath. Issued as per order. Accordingly, steps are being taken to start the work within a month as per the agreement.

Palakkad Bridge in Vallachira Grama Panchayat

267 (3192) Prof. C. Rabindranath: Could the Minister of Public Works kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Whether the need for construction of Palakkad bridge in Vallachira Grama Panchayat in Pudukkad constituency has been taken into consideration;

(B) If so, please explain the current situation;

(C) Will it be informed that the project will get administrative approval?

Answer

(A) Has been noted.

(B&C) The design of the proposed bridge is being prepared.

Kankol - Cheemeni road

268 (3193) Shri. C. Krishnan: Could the Minister of Public Works kindly answer the following questions:

(A) Can you elaborate on the current status of the Cheemeni Road development work which was included in the Constituency Asset Development Plan for the year 2013-14 and received administrative approval?

(B) Can you tell me when the said road work can start;

(A&B) The Superintendent of Engineers (Roads and Bridges), Kozhikode North Regional Office is in the process of verifying the estimated cost of Rs. 100 lakh for the improvement of Kankol-Cheemeni Road and issuing Technical Permits. The construction will be started as and when the tender procedures are over.

Defects in the construction of Nedumangad Karkot Road

269 (3194) Shri. A. T. George: Could the Minister of Public Works kindly answer the following question:

Can immediate steps be taken to rectify the defects in the construction of Nedumangad-Shorlakode road in Parassala constituency?

Answer

Nedumangad-Shorlakode Road CRF (CRF) has been included in the scheme. This was done after the storage work of the trench laid by the Kerala Water Authority pipeline for the Kalipara project from Kallikad to Aduvalli. & B.C. Powered by Blogger. The road was damaged due to a leak in the Kerala Water Authority's distribution pipeline in various parts after the completion of the said tarring works. In addition to the trenched section, the road was damaged elsewhere. This part of the city was formed by the heavy rains that caused rocks and mud to overflow from the high ground adjacent to the road in the T section. Stirred. Now it has been noticed that in addition to this, many other parts of the trench are falling due to leakage in the distribution line of the Kerala Water Authority.

BUSG (Built Up: Spray Grout) and levelling has done as instructed by the contractor who did the trenching work and the contractor who did the CRF to repair the damage to the T road. The repair work could not be completed as the rain continued. The repairs can be completed only after the rains stops.

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Bridge Across the Canal to Kothakurssi

2701(3195) Sri.M.Hamza : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Have you noticed the long standing demand of the locals to construct a bridge across the canal in the way from Pookkattukursipadi to Kothakurssi in Kanniyampuram – Panamatna, in OttappalamTaluk ?

(b) Have the Survey Report and DPR of that bridge been prepared ?

(c) How much is the estimate amount ? Please give details

(d) How many people will be benefitted by that bridge ? Please clarify.

Answers

(a-d) PWD has not taken any measures as that road is under the administration of Panchayath.

Urban Road Development Project

271(3196) Sri.Ludy Louis :

Sri.R.Selvaraj :

Sri.P.A.Madhavan :

Sri.A.P.Abdullakutty : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Whether an urban road development plan has been formulated in the state ?

(b) Could you please clarify what objectives are intended to be achieved through the formulation of the said project ?

(c) Can you explain how the said project is intended to be implemented ?

(d) Will you be considering to extent this project to all cities ? Details please ;

Answers

(a) An outline has been prepared for the implementation of Urban Road Development Plan in selected cities in the State.

(b) High quality roads, concrete gutters on both sides, road safety arrangements for the safety of motorists and pedestrians, high quality street lights, signalling systems at major junctions, highmast lights, safe and comfortable paved sidewalks for pedestrians, lawns and flower beds as part of beautification and planting & maintaining trees as part of environmental protection are the objectives of the project.

(c) It intends to implement these projects on BOT-Annuity basis with public-private partnership.

(d) Thiruvananthapuram Urban Road Development Project almost completed. Tender process are in progress in the first phase of Kozhikode Urban Road Development Project. Steps are being taken to expand the scheme to Kannur, Malappuram, Trissur, Kottayam and Kollam towns. This project is not currently being considered for expansion to other cities.

Ancillary Roads to Sabarimala Prescribed by The Kerala High Court

272(3197) Sri.RajuAbraham : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Which are the 17 ancillary roads to Sabarimala prescribed by the High Court of Kerala ? Are all these roads repaired annually before the Mandala period in connection with the Sabarimala Pilgrimage ? How much is spent on an average for this purpose, each year ? Please explain ;

(b) Can you clarify which ancillary roads were funded before this Mandala period ? Can you clarify the amount of funds allotted for each project and what works have been sanctioned ?

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(c) Instead of having to repair it every year, how many roads have been upgraded to BMBC standards as per the plan to protect these roads in the long run ? Which are those roads? How much was spent on this ?

(d) What steps are intended to be taken to implement the budget announcement that other ancillary roads will be tarred to BMBC standards ?

Answers

(a) A list of 17 ancillary roads to Sabarimala, recommended by the High Court of Kerala, is given as appendix.* All of these roads are repaired annually before Mandala period. The average cost for this is Rs.10 crores per annum.

(b) The list of activities undertaken prior to this Mandala period is given as appendix *

(c) The list of completed BMBC works (instead of carrying out repairs every year) is given as appendix III *. As per this, 124.60 kms of road has been completed at a cost of Rs.103.15 crores.

(d) Works for Rs.76.55 crores have been taken up for 115 kms of ancillary roads.

Green Construction Policy

273(3198) Sri.V.P.Sajeendran :

Sri.M.A.Vahid :

Sri.BennyBehnan :

Sri.JosephVazhakkam : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Whether a Green Construction Policy has been formulated in the State ; please clarify.

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(b) Can you elaborate on the details of this said policy ?

(c) Please explain what is included in this policy to address the energy crisis ? Please provide details ;

(d)Can you please elaborate on the plans that have been put in place to implement the policy?

Answers

(a)Yes. Kerala is the first state in India to formulate a Green Construction Policy. Govt. has given approval for this policy as per G.O(MS)No.28/2013/PWD, dt 07/03/2013.

(b) This Construction Policy has been implemented to address the growing energy consumption, water scarcity, shortage of construction material and climate change, to some extent.

Adopting this construction method can reduce energy and water consumption by upto 40%. By making the most of Non-Conventional Energy Resources, the dependence on Main Grid can be reduced. The policy provides for recycling of water and rain water conservation. Efficient pollution control and treatment plans are also included. These will be included in the existing construction regulations to ensure strict implementation. It has also been decided to include the provisions of the Energy Conservation Building Code in the Green Construction Policy. Thus only energy efficient electrical appliances can be used and thereby reduce the amount of electricity. The policy stipulates that the construction method should be adapted to the maximum surrounding area of construction and to maintain greenery and vegetation. The policy also seeks to create a better living environment by taking steps to achieve the key goal of reducing green house gas emissions.

The Policy stipulates the use of construction materials such as fly ash to reduce the consumption of limited raw materials and construction materials.

(c) Maximum ventilation and lighting can be ensured in buildings by adopting effective and efficient design. So, we can reduce the consumption of electricity by avoiding lights, fans & air conditioners during the day as much as possible. In addition, it is possible to control the temperature inside the building by protecting the trees and plants as much as possible. It is also possible to minimize power consumption by using equipments that meet CBSE standards. Power from non-conventional energy resources can be maximized. This can reduce electricity consumption by upto 40%. As a part of this project, installation of solar street lights have been planned in KSTP roads. Morgue at Alapuzha Medical College is fully solar powered.

(d) Tax exemptions have been proposed for such buildings to promote Green Construction. The Policy also provides for concessions in building codes. The Department of Public Relations is taking steps to make the public aware of the principles of Green Construction Policy. As a part of this, it intends to conduct documentary shows, video wall, painting and essay writing competition for children and distribute pamphlets. In addition, the first phase of training classes for technicians in the department has been completed. Steps are being taken to start next phase of awareness classes immediately for the benefit of public.

Job in Kerala State Construction Corporation

274(3199) Sri.JamesMathew : The hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) How many retirees are serving in Kerala State Construction Corporation ? Please provide the details.

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(B) How many of those who working in construction corporation are directly appointed; how many are looking for work on deputation;

(C) How many people are looking for work on contract basis;

(D) Who are providing services to corporate after their retirement from various services, can you explain the post, salary and period of service of each?

Answer

(A) Details are added as appendix "A"*

(B) 25(Twenty Five) people have been directly appointed to Construction Corporation by P.S.C; 7(Seven) employees are working on deputation basis;

(C) 57 peoples are employed on contract basis;

(D) Details are added as appendix "B"*

Kerala Construction Corporation

275(3200)Shri K.K Kunjamath Master: Will the Minister of Public Works please reply for the following questions.

(A) Can you clarify what concession are available for participating in tenders of Kerala Construction Corporation.;

(B) How many work the corporation undertook after this Government came to power; How many of them are completed; Clarify what are those;

(C) Have you noticed the Complaint that the actions taken over by the Construction Corporation is being given to Private Contractors on commission basis;

(D) Have you received the report from A.G mentioning the loss of 104.81 crores because it was given to others by the person got contract; can you make the copy available?

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(E) Clarify what are the steps taken for it;

(F) Whether action will be taken against the Corporation Authorities who have caused Crore of rupees loss to the Government by colluding with Private Contractors; Make details available?

Answer

(A) Kerala State Construction Corporation is prequalified to participate in Government tenders; The payment of E.M.D security deposit is excluded; 'A' class is announced as contractor; The contract will be considered, if the Kerala State Construction Corporation submits a tender at an additional rate of 10% in addition to other contractors;

(B)Since this Government came to power a total of 191 works have been undertaken in various departments; A list of actions is added as appendix I* of which 50 works are completed; The table is added as appendix II*.

(C) Not noticed, usually the work is done by the contractors in the corporation panel;

(D&E) C & AG has reported a net loss of Rs 104.81 core undertaking Government contracts for various public sector; It does not only affect the consumer corporation; This is a general report; Kerala State Construction Corporation is also included; This report is under review;

(F) It has been noticed that the act of Corporation caused losses to the Government in association with Private Contractors.

Construction Process of Mini-Civil Station

276(3201)Shri T.U Kuruvilla : Will the Minister of Public Works please reply for the following questions;

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(B) Can you clarify what steps will be taken to complete the construction of the Mini-Civil station is time bound;

(C) Will call a meeting of concerned officials to complete the construction of Kothamangalam Mini-Civil station as soon as possible to avoid interruptions?

Answer

(A) The structural and plaster works of the five story Kothamangalam Mini-Civil was also completed; Painting and electrical works in progress.

(B) The contractor has been instructed to complete the construction of Kothamangalam Mini-Civil Station on time.

(C) There are no barriers to complete the construction of Kothamangalam Mini-Civil Station

About the miserable travel through Aroor-Kumbalam collapsed Pazhaya Palam

277(3202)Shri A.M Arif : Will the Minister of Public Works please reply for the following questions.

(A) Have you noticed the miserable travel through Aroor-Kumbalam Pazhaya Palam;

(B) Can you clarify how much money was spent on repairing that bridge after the Government came to power;

(C) Will you accept the steps for immediate tarring of the bridge?

Answer

(A) Yes. *

(B&C) The bridge will be made a four lane National Highway 47, part of it was handed over to the National Highway Authority in 2004. An amount of 1.62 crore has been sanctioned for replacing the surface of the bridge with a new wearing coat. Steps are being taken to start the work.

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Kadangode-Odamuttu Road in Eramam-Kattoor Panchayath

278(3203)Shri C.Krishnan : Will the Minister of Public Works please reply for the following questions.

(A) Can you explain the current state of development of administrative approval for Kadabgode-Odamuttu road in Eramam-Kattoor Panchayath included in the asset development plan for the year 2013-14.

(B) Can you tell me when the road work can start?

Answer

(A&B) Kadabgode-Odamuttu road in Eramam-Kattoor Panchayath, as estimate of 85 lakh has been made for the development work procedures for granting technical clearance superintendent-engineer (Roads and Bridges) are being accepted at the Kozhikode North Regional office. The work will start once the technical approval and tender process is completed for this work.

National Highway Development

279(T3204)Shri B. Sathyan :Will the Minister of Public Works please reply for the following questions.

Have you considered the Cherthala-Thiruvananthapuram road doubling project had to be abandoned because the State Government is unable to acquire the land.

Answer

The National Highways authority withdrew from the project because of indefinite duration of land acquisition to develop National Highways in Kerala with a width of 45 meters.

'T' indicates postponed questions.

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Activity of Asset Development Scheme

280(3205)Shri Saju Paul : Will the Minister of Public Works please reply for the following questions.

(A) Whether the activity has been evaluated of the Asset development scheme implemented by the MLA's.

(B) Unnecessary department delay has been noticed in obtaining administrative approval for the scheme.

(C) The matter was under the consideration of the secretary of the department with the development of the Karthavupadi road inPerumbavoor constituency. Can you explain the reason for sending a letter to the Department Chief Engineer for report as per file No. 22.227/D3/2014.

Answer

(A) The performance of the asset development scheme has been evaluated.

(B) Unnecessary delay of the department in granting administrative sanction is not noticed.

(C) The lack of clarity about the executive agency in the LAC-ADS Guideline order and the Public Works Department roads and bridges under its category is suggested to take action by Public Works Department-National Highways section. The reason for the submission is being investigated.

Road Development ahead of the National Games

281(3206) Shri P.K Gurudasan :

Shri N. Krishnan Nair :

Shri V. Sivan Kutty: Will the Minister of Public Works please reply for the following questions.

(A) Whether there were plans for road development in advance of the National Games to be held in the State; Please provide details;

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(B) What are the road upgrades included in the plan?; At what stage are their operations;

(C) What will be the estimated cost of these schemes? Whether the amount has been sanctioned; Whether the inadequacy of funds has adversely affected the project;

(D) Whether it is expected that the upgrades and rehabilitation of these roads will be completed before the start of the National Games; Will immediate action be taken for this?

Answer

(A&B) Road development plans were drawn up ahead of the National Games. An amount of 4 crore has been sanctioned for National Highways Bypass 66 for the junction improvement from Kazhakoottam to Enchakal and 1.50 meter wide construction of pavement shoulder on both sides. And road projects have been undertaken in the districts Alappuzha, Thiruvananthapuram, Thrissur and Kozhikode. The details of other roads for renovation projects included.*

(C) An amount of 4 crore for National Highways project and 4310.50 lakh for roads has been sanctioned. Inadequacy of fund is not affected the project.

(D) Urgent action to complete the upgrade and rehabilitation of these roads before the start of the National Games is being accepted.

Renovation Works of Kollam-Theni road

282(3207) Shri P.K Gurudasan : Will the Minister of Public Works please reply for the following questions.

(A) Whether renovation works of Kollam-Theni road, the D.P.R prepared by the Central Road Ministry of Transport has been submitted for approval; If so, please provide details;

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(B) Whether details of expenditure of funds for renovation of Kollam-Theni road surface will be made available;

(C) Will immediate action be taken to remedy the dilapidated condition of more than 20km road from Kollam High school junction which has not even been repaired?

Answer

(A) No, initial steps are being taken for preparation of Detailed Project Document (DPR)

(B) Central Surface Ministry of Transport has sanctioned 22.37 crore for the work from Mankakuzhi on Kollam-Theni National Highways (NH-183)- 1.5km to Kochalummoodu, except the B.M & B.C for the distance from Kadapuzha bridge (23/500) to Kollakadavu bridge (53/500).

(C) Kollam-Theni National Highways (NH+183); From High school Junction (0/000) to Kadapuzha bridge (23/500) steps are being taken to carry out repairs. And the Ministry of Transport for Surface renovation, PR/IRQP included and sanctioned the above area in 2014-15. Steps are being taken to submit the estimate to the Union Ministry.

Thangalam-Kakkanad Road

283(3208)Shri T.U Kuruvilla : Will the Minister of Public Works please reply for the following questions.

(A) Can you explain the construction progress of Thangalam-Kakkanad road;

(B) Will you clarify what steps are being taken to provide the price of the land acquired for this road;

(C) Will war time action be taken to complete the construction of fast connection road of Kothamangalam with Ernakulam;

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Answer

(A) The phase one work of Thangalam-Kakkanad road length 800 m is completed. The land acquisition procedures of T-road is in progress. The compensation could not be fully paid. And administrative sanction of 5 crore has been given for the construction of the second phase. Tender procedures are in progress.

(B&C) Steps are being taken to make the funds available for additional liability related to land acquisition and administrative approval is given.

Kollam Bypass

284(3209)Shri P.K Gurudasan : Will the Minister of Public Works please reply for the following questions.

(A) Whether funds have been sanctioned for the construction of Kollam Bypass; If so, please provide details;

(B) Will the details be available of tender procedure for construction of Kollam Bypass;

(C) When will the work be started?

Answer

(A&B) Administrative sanction of RS 267.16 crore for construction of Kollam Bypass, the finance bid of the bypass was opened in 21-10-2014. The tender has been submitted to the Union Ministry of Transport with an additional rate of 27.61% for approval.

(C) It is hoped that the process of work Will begin within one month of receipt of tender approval.

Amount allotted for Public Work Department for works under Vaikom Subdivision.

285(3210)Shri K.Ajith : Will the Minister of Public Works please reply for the following questions.

(A) For various works during the last three financial years under Public Works Department (roads and bridges) in Vaikom Subdivision, will the work be re-specify the allocated amount and amount spend on it and year.

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(B) Clarify, which of the works have been completed and the works that cannot be initiated?

Answer

(A&B) The details are added as appendix.*

Action to improve road Transport Facilities in Kollam City

286(3211)Shri P.K Gurudasan : Will the Minister of Public Works please reply for the following questions.

(A) Explain what steps have been taken to improve road and transport facilities in Kollam City for the financial year 2014-15;

(B) Will you provide details of the roads being constructed using BM & BC in Kollam City during current financial year;

(C) Can you tell how much money has been allocated for this?

(D) Can you explain whether administrative sanction has been given for this works.

Answer

(A-C) For modernization of roads within Kollam City. And estimate of 8735 lakh has been prepared under various schemes. These are being tested as various levels. It can only be considered by administrative approval is granted only on the basis of the availability of funds.

Construction of Chelakkara Bypass

287(3212)Shri K. Radhakrishnan : Will the Minister of Public Works please reply for the following questions.

(A) Have you noticed that an exemption is granted for the construction of Chelakkara bypass in Chelakkara constituency from Kerala paddy field and wetlands protection act.

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(B) Can you elaborate on the steps taken by the Public Works Department for the construction of the bypass which has been stalled for years;

(C) Will action be taken by giving importance to the road, the administrative approval should be given as soon as possible to start construction on time;

Answer

(A) The information has been noticed.

(B) The soil testing report is submitted to the Design section; Design bit available;

(C) Upon receipt of the design, the Chief Engineer Will prepare an estimate and submit it for administrative approval and further action will be taken on the availability of funds;

Toll rates for private buses at Kumbalam Toll Plaza

288(3213)Shri N.M Arif : Will the Minister of Public Works please reply for the following questions.

(A) Have you noticed that the toll rates for private buses at Kumbalam Toll Plaza has quadrupled;

(B) Whether legal action has been taking against the protest of the private buses employees; If there, whether any steps will be taken to withdraw?

(C) Will immediate steps be taken to reduce the increased toll on private buses at Kumbalam Toll Plaza;

(D) Will there be a toll-free order from those who are living in 20 km area from the Toll Plaza;

(a) Toll charges for Private buses at Kumbalam Toll Plaza have not increased by 4 times.

(b) Toll collection at Kumbalam Toll Plaza is done by National Highway Authority of India. State PWD has got no control on this. NHAI had not taken any action against private buses.

(c) As per National Highway Fee Rules 1997, the central Govt is fixing toll rates at Kumbalam Toll Plaza. State Govt has got no rights to increase or decrease toll charges here.

(d) Cannot be considered at the moment.

**Construction of Road from Sankar Memorial National Museum
to Krishapuram Palace**

289(T3214) Sri.C.K.Sadasivan : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a)What steps have been taken by the Govt for the construction of road connecting Cartoonist Sankar Memorial National Museum and Krishnapuram Palace – National Highway, in Kayamkulam Constituency ?

(b) Please let us know the present condition of this road construction .

Answers

(a) The Govt. has received estimate of Rs 98 lakhs for the construction of road connecting Sankar Memorial National Museum, Krishnapuram to Krishnapuram Palace – National Highway (Palace Road) . Approval will be given as per availability of fund.

'T' denotes questions kept pending

Works of Noorady & Attalakkadavu bridges in Nenmara Constituency

290(3215) Sri.V.Chenthamarakshan : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) When can the works of Noorady&Attalakkadavu bridges in Nenmara Constituency be started ? Please clarify ;

(b) Is there any hindrances for starting the work, when the tender procedures are completed? Then, please provide details ;

(c) When can the works be finished? Please clarify

Answers

(a) Tender has been submitted for the work of Noorady Bridge. Selection notice has been issued for Attalakkadavu Bridge. Tender procedures are in the final phase. Works will be started once the tender procedures are completed.

(b) No interruptions at the moment.

(c) Works of Noorady bridge can be completed in six months, which is the period of agreement and that of Attalakkadavu bridge, in 24 months, which will be the period of agreement.

Alappuzha Bye Pass

291 (3216) Sri.G.Sudhakaran : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) When was the construction of Alapuzha Bye pass started ?

(b) What was the reason for the disruption of construction ? Please give details.

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(c) At what stage is the construction of Alapuzha Bye Pass ; Please explain

(d) Is there any proposal to control traffic block in Alapuzha town, connecting with the bye pass ?

Answers

(a) Land acquisition had completed in 1983, which was started in 1978. First phase of construction had started in 1990.

(b) Work had done in different phases. Two phases have been completed. Delay in the construction of Railway Over Bridge, in the third phase, caused the disruption in the construction.

(c) Tender for the construction of the bye pass has been received. As the quote was 31.92% more than the estimate, the tender has been submitted for the approval of Central Surface Transport Ministry.

(d) Traffic block in Alapuzha town can be resolved to an extent, once the bye pass is ready.

Construction of Public Toilets and Bridges in Alappuzha District

292(3217) Sri.R.Rajesh : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Please provide the details of recommendations by PWD regarding the construction of public toilets in Alappuzha; Which are the places proposed ; please give details.

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(b) Will the Govt be taking immediate steps to construct a bridge at Vazhupadi, Thazhakkara, Mavelikkara ? Is there any obstacles in starting the construction ? Could you please provide the details of the estimate prepared by the PWD;

Answers

(a) The Govt. has given recommendations to the district collector for the construction of public toilets in Alapuzha . The following locations are selected for the same :

1. In Cherthala National Highway, east side of road, north of X-Ray Hospital
2. In Muttam Bazar- Mill landing road, south of Manorama Kavala, west side of road
3. In Thavanakadavu junction, east of Cherthala – Arookkutty Road
4. In Cherthala – Arookkutty road, in front of IHRD Engineering college, east side of road
5. In Cherthala – Arookkutty road, north of Makkekadavu Junction, in front of JICA Plant, west side of road
6. In Cherthala –Arookkutty road, in front of Poochakkal KSEB office, east side of road
7. In Cherthala – Arookkutty road, in front of Thykkattusseri Block Office, east side of road
8. In Alapuzha – Madurai road, north side of Komalapuram Bridge, west side of road
9. In C C S B Road, west of Muppalam, north side of road

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10. In Collectorate Junction – Valiyakulam road, west side of road, in Water Authority compound.

11. In School Factory road, in front of model residential school, west side of road

12. In Ambalapuzha – Thiruvalla Road, near Karumadi Water Treatment Plant, south side of road
13. In Haripad – Viyyapuram Road, north of Town hall junction, east side of road
14. In Haripad – Narakathara Road, south of Subramaniaswamy Temple road junction, east side of road
15. In Alapuzha – Changanassery road, west of Kidangara Bridge, north side of road
16. In Alapuzha – Changanassery road, south side of east approach road of Pallathuruthy bridge
17. In Alapuzha – Thiruvall road, under Edathua bridge, 4th span, north side
18. In Kayamkulam – Thiruvalla road, south of Pulimoottil junction, east side of road.

Agreement has been made to construct toilet in Kayamkulam Civil Station compound. Approval for Rs.1 crore has been given to construct public toilet near Kodamthuruth Panchayath office in national highway, included in MLA's property development project.

(b) 139 cents of land to be acquired for the construction of Mavelikkara Thazhakkara Vazhupadi bridge. Rules are to be framed as per new act, for this purpose. An estimate of Rs.2134 lakhs (including Rs.230 lakhs for acquiring land) has been prepared.

Govt. Approval for the construction of Manjapra –Ayyampuzha Road & Kothayithode Bridge

293(3218) Sri. Jose Thettayil : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

- (a) When was the approval for Manjapra – Ayyampuzha Road & Kothayithode Bridge given? How much fund was approved?
- (b) Please state the reasons for not starting the work as per the approval;
- (c) When was the revised estimate for this work submitted? Whether the amount for land acquisition is mentioned in that;
- (d) Whether the revised estimate got approval? Then, whether the amount for land acquisition is mentioned in the order for revised estimate approval;
- (e) What are the steps pending to start the construction of the bridge?
- (f) Considering the precarious condition of the bridge, could you please clarify, when can the pending steps be completed;
- (g) Please clarify when can the construction of bridge be started, after completing the necessary steps.

Answer

- (a) Govt. Approval was given on Rs.168 lakhs , on 14-07-2009.
- (b) The construction of bridge could not be started as the required land was not available.
- (c) The Govt had received the proposal for revised estimate on 04-09-2013. Rs.10 lakh is included in the estimate.

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- (d) Govt. approval had given to the revised estimate of Rs.375 lakhs(including the fund for land acquisition) , as per G.O .No.1689/13/PWD dt.27/12/2013.
- (e-g) Land acquisition procedures have been completed.Tender procedures to be completed after giving approval to the estimate. Construction can be started within 3 months.

PWD works at Chadayamangalam Constituency

294(3219) Sri.MullakkaraRatnakaran : The Hon'ble minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

Please furnish the details (including funds utilised) of PWD works done in Chadayamangalam Constituency during the period June 2011 to November 2014.

Answers

The details of PWD works done in Chadayamangalam Constituency during the period June 2011 to November 2014, are given as appendix *

Punalur – Moovattupuzha State Highway

295(3220) Sri.K.SureshKurup : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

- (a) Whether the Muvattupuzha – Punalur state highway has taken over by KSTP ; when was it happened ?
- (b) Otherwise, what was the reason for that ; whether this road is still under state PWD ; then why no re-tarring was done for a long time ?
- (c) If KSTP has taken over the road and started work, please explain which are the areas covered and present condition of the work . Please provide the details of funds utilised as well ;

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(d) When will the work of Muvattupuzha State highway (which passes through Ranni constituency) be started ? What is the reason for the delay ? Please explain the steps taken to resolve this issue .

Answers

(a) The section from Thodupuzha – Moovattupuzha of Punalur – Muvattupuzha road had taken over by KSTP in 2002, including in their first project , and completed work in 2007. Remaining Punalur –Thodupuzha section will be completed, including in KSTP second project. In this, Ponkunnam – Thodupuzha section has been taken over in 28-05-2014 by KSTP and work is being done in different phases.Punalur – Ponkunnam Road , which is proposed to be built in PPP method, has not taken over by KSTP from PWD.

(b) The construction of Punalur – Ponkunnam road is being done by KSTP, included in their two projects(with private & public participation) as per the conditions of the agreement with the World Bank. Necessary steps for this have been taken at rapid pace. Road will be handed over to KSTP only after signing the agreement and completing the tender process. Re-tarring works are not done(as it will be a waste of funds) as KSTP will be doing the complete reconstruction of the roads.Still PWD had done the necessary repairing works to make the road fit for traffic. The road was completely ready for traffic during Sabarimala festival.

(c) The section from Muvattupuzha to Thodupuzha of Punalur – Muvattupuzha road was completed by KSTP in 2007, including in their first project. The work of Ponkunnam – Thodupuzha section (which is a part of the second project of KSTP) is being carried out in different stages, as per the agreement on 05-05-2014. The content amount for this is Rs.227.13 crores

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Canal constructions at Kolani bye pass andpykapravithanam and rock braking at Nellappara is being carried out. So far, Rs.3.5 crores has been spent in this agreement.

(d) As per the agreement with World Bank, the construction of Punalur – Ponkunnam road will be done in Public Private Participation (PPP annuity) method. A detailed plan of this road has been made ready. M/s L& T Ramboll JV with M/s Fortress has been appointed as Transaction Advisory Consultant to coordinate the construction activities done in PPP –annuity method and finding a Concessioner . The tender procedures are being carried out ata rapid pace.

Camp Shed Road inAngamali Constituency

296(3221) Sri.JoseThettayil : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Please provide the details of funds (Amount as well as the period of approval) approved for the land acquisition and construction of Camp Shed Road in Angamali Constituency.

(b) Is it possible to produce copies of Govt orders regarding this ?

(c) What is the time frame given for the construction of that road ?

(d) Whether termination order has been issued , in case the time limit in the contract is expired.

(e) Is it possible to explain the reasons for the delay in the construction .

(f) When will the works will be completed ; please clarify

Answers

(a& b) A fund of Rs.175 lakhs has been approved towards the land acquisition and construction of Camp Shed Road in Angamaly; as per G.O (Ordinary) No.1540/2011/PWD, dt 09-11-2011. Copy of this order is given as appendix.

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(c) Construction period has been extended to 31-12-2014 for B M & B C construction works.

(d) Not applicable

(e) The delay in removing the pipes of KWA and cables of BSNL and the poor financial condition of the contractor were the main reasons for the delay in construction.

(f) The work is expected to be completed before 31-1-2015

Development of National Highway and Land Acquisition

297(T3222) Sri.P.Sreeramakrishnan : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Whether the Govt has decided to give market price for the lands to be acquired, when the National Highway is expanded to 45 mts.

(b) Any decision has been taken by the Govt regarding the market price of lands to be acquired during the expansion of National Highways 17 & 47. Then, give details of price;

Answers

(a&b) While acquiring lands for NH development, the compensation rewards have been fixed as per the conditions of NH Act 1956. Still, as per G.O(KY) No.94/14/PWD, dt 25/10/14,the concerned persons have been given instructions to consider the conditions of R & R packages of the Govt. also while fixing the compensation rewards.

Guest House at Periya, Kasargode District

298(3223) Sri.K.Kunhiraman, Uduma : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Any subsequent steps have been taken by the Govt (No.10912/E3/13/PWD) regarding the Guest House at Periya in Kasargode District ;

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(b) At what stage is the process of allotting a Guest House in Periya, which has become the Head Quarters of Central University .

Answers

(a& b) The Chief Engineer, PWD building section has been instructed by the Govt to prepare an estimate to build a Rest House in Periya, instead of a Guest House. An estimate is being prepared to conduct an investigation.

Construction of National Highway

299(3224) Sri. AbdurahimanRandathani : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) How much fund has been received from the centre for the reconstruction and repairs of National Highways , since this Govt has come into power ?

(b) How much amount has been spent for the reconstruction and repairs of National High way?

(c) How much arrears is pending from the centre ?

Answers

(a) Rs.55.84 crores for expansion and Rs.274.86 crores for reconstruction of National Highway have been received from Centre since this Govt has come in to power.

(b) Rs.392.22 crores for construction and Rs. 133.14 for expansion and repairs of National Highways have been spent.

(c) An arrears of Rs.131.66 crores is pending from Centre.

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Second Phase of Karma Road Work in Ponnani Constituency

300(3225) Sri.P.Sreeramakrishnan : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Have you noticed that, the second phase work of Karma Road in Ponnani Constituency has been disrupted for want of funds ?

(b) Will the Govt be taking necessary steps to allocate funds for the second reach ?

Answers

(a) The said work has not been stopped at any time.

(b) Such recommendations can be considered as and when the Govt has received the estimate of the said work and availability of funds.

Works Under PWD in Chadayamangalam Constituency

301(3226) Sri.MullakkaraRathnakaran : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Please provide the details of approved works (funds as well) under PWD in the financial year 2014-15 in Chadayamangalam Constituency.

Answers

(a) By including in KSTP work, approval has been given for Rs.2,41,473 for constructing Centre Verge Median at Sreerangam Bend, in Chadayamangalam Constituency .

Development of ManoramaKavala, Cherthala

302(3227) Sri.P.Thilothaman : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) When was the approval for the development of ManoramaKavala, Cherthala given ? At what stage is the land acquisition process, at the moment? What are the obstacles? Please explain;

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(b) How much land will be required for the development of ManoramaKavala ? Any estimate has been made regarding this? Whether the necessary reports and documents have been given from PWD to get approval from the Revenue Department for land acquisition.

Answers

(a) As per G.O (Ordinary) No.354/13/PWD, dt 13-03-2013, the Govt have given approval for Rs.335 lakhs for the development of ManoramaKavala in Cherthala .Steps are in progress for the acquisition of land.

(b) 9.38 R (23.18 Cents) of land to be acquired in Cherthala North Village for the development of ManoramaKavala. The proposal given by the District Collector, with additional document , has been handed over to the Revenue Department for issuing order for land acquisition.

Project for Constructing Approach Road to Vadappozhi Bridge

303(3228) Sri.G.Sudhakaran : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) MLA had given an application for the construction of approach road to Vadappozhi bridge, in order to complete the coastal road work in Ambalapuzha Constituency. Has this come to your notice ?

(b) Any steps have been taken to complete the coastal road construction by including in RIDF project of NABARD ? Please give details;

Answers

(a) Came to my notice.

(b) The proposal of Rs.250 lakh for constructing approach road for Vadappozhibridge is being considered to be included in RIDF project.

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Damage to SreeShankara Bridge, Kalady

304(3229) Sri. Jose Thettayil : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Please provide the details of the meeting convened to discuss the immediate construction of approach road and parallel bridge in Kalady as no work has been started (though Rs.42 crores was approved) on the SreeShankara Bridge where some damages were reported .

(b) What are the steps taken to execute the decisions taken in the said meeting.

(c) Any fund has been approved for the survey of this project ? Otherwise, please state the reasons for that;

Answers

(a) The minutes of the meeting presided over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, on 24-09-2014 are given as appendix *

(b & c) An estimate of Rs.1.85 lakhs has been approved to conduct a survey for rearranging the alignment.

Melurkadavu Bridge in Dharmadam Constituency

305(3230) Sri.K.K.Narayanan : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Is there any obstacles in completing the work of Melurkadavu bridge in Dharmadam constituency.

(b) Then, what is the obstacle ; please explain ;

(c) When can the work of bridge and approach road be completed ? Please explain

(d) Any steps have been taken to complete the same ?

(e) Then, please provide the details ;

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(a) Yes

(b – e) Land Acquisition process for the construction of approach road, is in progress.

Projects by PWD in Kuttanad Constituency

306(3221) Sri.ThomasChandy : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Could you please furnish the work progress report of projects by PWD in Kuttanad Constituency?

(b) Please provide the details of projects which are yet to be started and not completed, even after the deadline is expired.

Answers

(a) The detailed report of the projects is given as appendix

(b) No works are pending after the deadline.

Construction of Mudappallur – Mangalam Dam Road in Alathur Constituency

307(3232) Sri.M.Chandran: The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Have you noticed that the construction of Mudappallur – Mangalam Dam Road in Alathur Constituency has been disrupted ?

(b) Then, could you please explain the reasons for the disruption ;

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(c) Whether the contract with the former Contractor has been cancelled ;

(d) What are the measures taken to complete the remaining work ?

(e) What is the present condition of the road, where work has been disrupted

(f) Please clarify when can the disrupted work be restarted ;

Answers

(a) Has been noticed.

(b& c) Despite extending the deadline twice, the company had failed to complete the work on time. In this circumstances, the company's contract has been cancelled on risk & cost basis, on 24-01-2014.

(d& e) K N R C Company, who is in charge of the construction of National Highway from Vadakkanchery to Valayar, has agreed to keep the said road available for traffic, till the work of National Highway is completed . On the basis of this, the road is making ready for traffic. Govt is also considering to assign the remaining work of the Mudappallur – Mangalam Dam road to KNRC Company, after they complete the work of National Highway.

Reconstruction of Vypin – Pallippuram State Highway

308(3233) Sri.S.Sharma : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) How much fund has been approved for the reconstruction of Vypin-Pallippuram State Highway ? In how many reaches, the tarring will be done? Please explain ;

(b) Please provide the details of Contractors (reach-wise) who have taken the contract of Vypin-Pallippuram National Highway .

(c) Please provide the details of deadlines given to each contractor for completing the work .

(d) Any extension have been given to deadlines ? To whom, extension has been given;

(e) When can we expect the tarring process to be completed ?

Answers

(a) The approved amount is Rs.6,33,11688 in three reaches.

(b) Details given below :

1. Ch.2/500 to 4/730, 7/300 to 9/00 – T.N.Shanavas
2. Ch.4/730 to 7/300, 9/000 to 11/000 & 12/260 to 13/250 – M/s.Greenworth Infrastructure
3. Ch.13/250 to 19/000 – T.N.Shanavas

(c) Details of deadline given to each for completing the work :

1. Sri.T.N.Shanavas - 24-02-2015
2. M/s. Green Worth Infrastructure - 20-07-2014
3. Sri.T.N.Shanavas - 24-02-2015

(d) No extension has been given to anybody

(e) Complete tarring works is expected to be completed in two months' time

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Precarious Condition of SahakaranaBhavan, Kozhikode

309(3224) Sri.A.Pradeep Kumar : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Was there any recommendation given in the report by Vigilance & Anticorruption Bureau (after conducting an investigation on the precarious condition of Sahakarana Bhavan, Kozhikode) regarding an inspection and report by the expert committee of engineers in PWD ?

(b) Then, is it possible to produce a copy of the report submitted by the expert committee ;

Answers

(a& b) It was recommended. But as PWD doesn't have the facility for the same, the investigation was done by M/s. Structural Engineering Research Centre, Chennai . Copy of their report is given as appendix *

Construction of Kalpetta - Meppady Bye pass

310(3225) Sri.M.V.Shreyams Kumar :The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a)Please give details of the operational progress of Meppady Bye pass.

(b) Whether the land acquisition process has been completed ; Otherwise, please state the reasons

Answers

(a) Preliminary steps are in progress regarding land acquisition.

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(b) No. Interpretation Document has been submitted to the District Collector as per G.O(Ordinary) No.431/2013/PWD dt 25/03/2013 for acquiring 4.6211 hectares of land for the construction of Meppady Bye pass. As per the instruction of the District Collector, a joint investigation has been conducted under Kottappady Village Officer . In this investigation, some survey numbers were found missing and some of them added by mistake. The survey numbers as per the available alignment were made available for further proceedings. But , the area of the lands were not included along with the survey numbers received from Revenue Department. This has been brought to the notice of Vythiri Tehsildar.

Works inKunnamangalam Constituency

311(3236) Sri.P.T.A.Raheem : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Please provide the details of works in Kunnamangalam Constituency for which instructions were given in the meeting held on 16-07-2014 presided over by the department minister , to review the PWD works in Kozhikode District.

(b) What steps were taken on each work ; please explain ;

Answers

(a& b) In the said meeting on 16-07-2014, instructions were given to expedite the public works related to road, national high way and buildings. Details of the said works and steps taken are given as appendix *

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Toll Collection in Bridges

312 (3227) Sri.K.Radhakrishnan:

Prof.C.Raveendranath:

Sri.A.M.Arif:

Sri.K.Kunhiraman(Thrikkarippur) : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Which are the bridges where toll collection has been introduced ? Whether free pass has been given to locals in any of these bridges ? How much amount was given to the Contract Company to compensate the same ? What was the criteria for fixing the compensation amount ?

(b) Has the decision to exempt bridges costing less than Rs.10 crores , from toll collection been implemented ? How many bridges have been exempted from toll, as per this decision ?

(c) Have you noticed any instances where toll collection is still continuing , even after the Govt declaration ? Any particular validity period has been given for toll collection ? Whether toll collection is continuing in bridges where validity period is expired.

(d) Will the Govt be taking necessary measures to stop the inaccuracies in toll determination and indefinite toll collection ;

Answers

(a) The details of bridges where toll has been introduced is given as appendix *. Free passes were given in some bridges. No compensation has been given to contract companies.

(b) Based on the decision to exempt bridges costing less than Rs.10 crores from toll collection, the process has been stopped in 7 bridges.

(c) Has come to my notice. Time limit has given for toll collection. Toll collection has been stopped where the time limit is over.

(d) No inaccuracies were reported in toll determination , in Roads & Bridges Development Corporation and state PWD departments. Toll collection is not been extended indefinitely.

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313(3238) Sri.P.T.A.Raheem : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Whether the Govt has instructed to submit a proposal to build a bye pass to control the traffic jam in Kunnamangalam

(b) Then, please provide the details of steps taken regarding this .

Answers

(a & b) No. But, steps are being taken to conduct a possibility survey to build a bye pass.

Thondilakkadavu Bridge in Kozhikode District

314(3239) Sri. P.T.A.Raheem : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) When was the administrative approval for Thondilakkadavu Bridge given ? Is it possible to produce a copy of that order ;

(b) Why the land acquisition process is not yet started ? Please clarify when can the L.A process be completed ; Any obstacles in this regards? Please clarify ;

(c) Why PWD is not marking the land and handing over to Revenue Department ? Any objections prevailing ? Then, what are the steps taken to remove the obstacles ; please explain;

(d) Any disputes between PWD and Revenue Department regarding this acquisition ?

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Answers

(a) Administrative approval has been given as per G.O(Ordinary) No.251/2011/PWD dt 10-02-2011. Copy of the order is given as appendix *

(b & c) The land measuring process was hampered by some land owners. Steps are being taken to resolve the issue amicably.

(d) No.

Pymbalassery Bridge in Kozhikode District

315(3240) Sri.P.T.A.Raheem : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) When was the work of Pymbalassery Bridge in Kozhikode District completed ?

(b) Whether the Govt is aware of the fact that, the compensation reward for land acquisition has not been distributed to the land owners ;

(c) Whether the Govt has noticed the difficulties facing by the people's representatives for getting those lands released in advance , due to the delay in the distribution of compensation reward;

(d) Whether the Govt has taken any steps to avoid the delay in the distribution of compensation reward ? Please give details .

Answers

(a) The work was completed on 04-02-2011.

(b) Had come to my notice.

(c) Yes

(d) Steps are being taken to distribute compensation reward without further delay

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Building for Dialysis Centre, Kuttiady

316(3241) Smt.K.K.Lathika : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Please clarify whether the estimate and project report is ready for the construction of building for Kuttiady Dialysis Centre, using the approved Property Development fund of Rs.1 Crore.

(b) Otherwise, please state the reasons for the delay of the same;

Answers

(a & b) The said estimate and report are not ready. Details regarding the facilities to be made available in the dialysis centre are still not received from the concerned authorities. Further steps will be taken as and when, it is available.

Daily Wage Workers of Guest Houses in Kozhikode District

317(3242) Sri.K.Dasan : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Have you noticed the non-payment of wages to daily wagers in the PWD rest houses of Vadakara, Nadapuram, Perambra, Quilandy, Kuttiady in Kozhikode District ?

(b) Could you please clarify how many months' wages are pending ? When are you expecting to clear the arrears ?

(c) Whether the Govt . is aware of the hardships of these employees, as their issues are not taken seriously .

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Answers

(a) Yes.

(b) Wages are due for Koyilandy Rest House employees for the months of October & November and the rest of employees , second half of October & November . Arrears can be settled as and when the casual labour register is made available (after marking the attendance) from Assistant Engineer, who is the in charge of all four section offices.

(c) The wages due will be cleared as per the availability of funds.

Mono Rail Project in Kozhikode

318(T 3243) Sri.A.Pradeep Kumar : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Why the Govt. was not ready to negotiate with, Bombardier company, the only one participated in the tender ?

(b) Whether the Govt. had allocated funds for this project ;

(c) Then, please provide the details;

Answers

(a) In the only tender received from Bombardier , through revised proposal, the quoted amount was 150.87% more than the estimate. So, it was only a remote possibility to reduce an amount which is more than the estimate amount, through negotiations. In the circumstances, the DMRC, after analysing the tender, have given suggestion to reject it.

'T' denotes questions kept pending

In the 10th KMCL board meeting, it was found that the huge amount quoted through negotiations, cannot be brought down near to the estimate amount. So it was decided not to conduct further negotiations with the company.

(b) Yes, funds were allocated for this purpose.

(c) Rs.18 Crores has been allocated for consultancy fee in 2013-14. In the state budget of 2014-15, for big budget projects in basic facilities development areas, Rs.1225 Crores have been allocated as special project share. The Mono Rail project is also included in this.

Mono Rail in Kozhikode Town

319(T 3244) Sri.A.Pradeep Kumar : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Whether it has been decided to start Mono Rail in Kozhikode ;

(b) Whether the decision has been taken based on any study report; please explain;

(c) Whether any discussion was conducted with people's representatives or Kozhikode Corporation Council, regarding this project ;

(d) Please provide the details of steps taken for starting this project ;

(e) How much was expected cost for this project ? How it was decided to be raised ?

(f) Whether the comprehensive mobility plan (which is required to get the central share for this project) has been submitted to the Centre ; Otherwise, state the reasons for same ;

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Answers

(a) Decision has been taken.

(b) Kozhikode Mono Rail project was declared based on the recommendations by Wilber Smith Company after their possibility study in December 2010.

(c) Dr.E.Sridharan, Chief advisor of DMRC has explained everything about this project in the meeting convened at Kozhikode Corporation office, presided over by the Hon'ble Mayor on 26-07-2013. In the meeting convened at Legislative Assembly Conference Hall, Thiruvananthapuram on 22-01-2014, Sri.E.Sridharan, Chief Advisor of DMRC, has explained everything about this project. Hon'ble Minister for PWD, Hon'ble Minister for Panchayath & Social Welfare, Hon'ble M.P,

Kozhikode, Hon'ble MLA, Kozhikode North & District Collector , Kozhikode were also present in the meeting.

(d) Proposals were invited by KMCL on 01/03/2013 and as only one company had shown interest, a revised proposal was given. But, again, only one tender was received(on 30-05-2014) through the revised proposal. DMRC has examined the proposals(technical as well as financial) by Bombardier Transportation India Limited. The company had quoted a huge amount which was much bigger than the total cost of the project. In the circumstances, tender was rejected in the board meeting on 28-08-2014 and decided to drop the Mono Rail project. In the 10th Kerala Mono Rail Corporation Board Meeting on 28-08-2014, it was decided to drop the Mono Rail Project and asked DMRC to prepare a plan for Mass Rapid Transit System , Light Metro Project.

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The 11th Kerala Mono Rail Corporation Board Meeting has approved the plan by DMRC and decided to appoint DMRC as the Turn Key Consultant of the project. As per this decision, Mr.E.Sridharan had convened a meeting of 12 companies with expertise in Light Metro Project on 19-11-2014. The Govt. is considering to give administrative approval for the detailed plan of Light Metro Project.

(e) The total expected cost for Mono Rail Project was Rs.1991 Crores. This amount is planning to be raised by State Government (20%), Central Government (20%) and Local Banks & Foreign Voluntary Agencies (40%).

(f) Comprehensive Mobility Plan of the towns is supposed to be presented by the concerned Corporations. But as the Corporations had pointed out possibility of time delay for this, Govt. Agency Natpachas assigned to study this plan, in the 9th Board Meeting of KMCL.

Kacherykkadavu Bridge in Pudukkad Constituency

320(3245) Prof.C.Raveendranath : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Have you noticed that the approval from Forest Department has received for the construction of Kacherykkadavu Bridge ?

(b) Then, whether steps have been taken to give administrative approval for this project

(c) Then, when can it be made available ;

Answer

(a) Has been noticed

(b&c) Steps are being taken to give approval .

Construction Works in Koyilandy Constituency using Property Development Fund

321(3246) Sri.K.Dasan : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Which are the Construction Works (using Property Development Fund) in Koyilandy Constituency got approval ? Please provide the details like Name of work & Fund approved;

(b) Which are the works already been tendered and which are remaining ?

(c) In the tendered works, which are the ones undertaken by contractors ? Please provide the details of operational progress of those works.

(d) Please provide the details of works to be undertaken by contractors. What steps are being taken to start works ?

Answers

(a& b) 8 construction works in building section have got approval in Koyilandy Constituency using Property Development Fund. Details of those works are given as appendix . * All works are being tendered.

(c) Among the tendered works, the list of works already undertaken by contractors , is given as appendix 2*

(d) Quotes have been invited for Muchukunnu Ayurveda Dispensary building, as tenders have not been taken by any contractor. Re-Tender has been given as there were no takers for the tender of Koyilandy Work Shop ITI.

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322(3247) Sri.K.Kunhiraman , Thrikkarippur : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

When can the construction of Kasargode –Thrikkarippur Polytechnic Staff Quarters and Students' Hostel (which is half way through) be completed.

Answers

Revised administrative approval for Rs.723 lakhs has been given for the construction of Kasargode- Thrikkarippur Polytechnic Staff Quarters and Students' Hostel, as per G.O(ord)No.2893/14/ , dt 06-12-2014. Tender process is being carried out. Construction work will be started as soon as the tender process is completed.

Kasargode – Mangalore National Highway

323(3248) Sri.N.A.Nellikunnu : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a)Kasargode – Mangalore National Highway is full of potholes and bumps and impassable for months. Has this come to your notice?

(b) What is the reason for ignoring this important National Highway ? What are the plans of the Govt. to repair this road and make it fit for traffic? Any estimate has been prepared for this ?Then,what is the estimate amount ?

Answers

(a) Some damages have been noted in certain areas of Kasargode – Mangalore National Highway.

(b) The reconstruction work from Thalappady to Uppala (Km 18/050 to 29/000) has already started. The top surface of the road has been reconstructed from Uppala to Kumbala(Km 29/000 to 41/000) in 2012.

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As this work comes under the guarantee period of the contractor, instruction has been given for repair work.Estimate is being prepared for widening and inter locking in Kumbala Town and renovation of Kumbala, Sheeriya and Neeleswaram bridges.

International Standard for Kozhikode – Balussery State Highway

324(T 3279) Sri.PurushanKadalundy : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Whether the Govt . is considering , upgrading Kozhikode – Balussery State Highway to international standard ?

(b) What are the steps taken for this ?

(c) Whether any instruction has been received to extend this highway(4 kms) uptoKinalur Commercial Development Centre ;

(d) Is this matter under consideration ?

Answers

(a) Yes

(b) This state highway is intended to be developed as a part of the rehabilitation package of State Highways. Tenders were invited to develop this highway in BOT/Annuity method, by giving contract, and many offered were received. But as the quoted annuity amount was very large, it has been decided to revise the rehabilitation package and steps are being taken to conduct the same in two phases.

(c) No

(d) Not in consideration

Renovation Works of Irikkoor –Blathur Road

325(3250) Sri.E.P.Jayarajan : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) How much fund has been approved for the renovation of Irikkoor-Blathur Road in Mattannur Constituency ?

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(b) Funds have been sanctioned to renovate which reaches of Irikkoor – Blathur road ?

Answers

(a & b) No fund has been sanctioned. Estimate for the renovation of Irikkoor – Blathurroad is being prepared at Chief Engineer level.

Renovation ofBalussery – Karumboyil -Vayalida Road

326(3251) Sri.PurushanKadalundi : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Have you noticed that the renovation work of Balussery- Karumboyil-Vayalida Road has been disrupted for years due the death of the contractor ?

(b) Traffic block was created in this road as the work equipments were gathered in the work place itself . A high level meeting was convened to discuss this situation and some decisions were made. Please provide details of progress;

Answers

(a) Has been noticed.

(b) The work equipments gathered in the road causing traffic block have been shifted to a safe yard. New estimate has been prepared for the pending work, as per the decision taken in the meeting.

Availability of Tar in each district in the State

327(3252) Sri.M.V.Sreyams Kumar :

Sri.N.Jayaraj :

Sri.P.C.George :

Sri.Roshi Augustine : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Which agency is supplying tar to PWD for construction of roads ?

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(b) Any shortage of tar in the state ? Whether the the construction and repair of roads affected by this? Please explain;

(c) How much is the share of tar in each district in the state ? How is the distribution? Please explain;

Answers

(a) The following companies are supplying tar to PWD for construction of roads:

1. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
2. Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals (MRPL)
3. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC)
4. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)

(b) No shortage of tar at the moment.

(c) Share of tar is allotted depending on the quantity of tar required for works contracted and approved, in each district. Tar is allotted directly from the department only for works with total cost less than Rs.1 Crore. For works where the total cost exceeds Rs.1 crore, the contractor is buying tar directly.

Reconstruction of Maniyambili Bridge

328(3253) Sri.A.M.Arif : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Are you aware of the Govt's decision to reconstruct Maniyambili Bridge in ArookuttyPanchayath of Aroor constituency ?

(b) How much is the estimated cost of that bridge ?

(c) Whether administrative approval has given to this work ? Then, is it possible to produce a copy of the said order? Otherwise, will you be taking necessary measures to get this work approved ?

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Answers

(a) Has been noticed

(b) Rs.59 lakhs

(c) No administrative approval has been given. Govt. has given instruction to submit estimate assuring adequate budget share. Administrative approval will be considered as and when the estimate is received and funds made available.

Road Construction in the State

329(3254) Sri.V.T.Balram:

Sri.VarkalaKahar:

Sri.TherambilRamakrishnan:

Sri.ShafiParambil: The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Whether it has been decided to raise road construction level to national standards ?

(b) Please clarify the objectives and details of this ;

(c) Please explain the facilities and quality obtaining through this;

(d) Please explain the details of measures taken for this ;

Answers

(a) Yes.

(b) The main objective of this is to construct roads as per the criteria given by Indian Roads Congress (long lasting surface and road safety measures) and availability of land.

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(c) Quality surface, proper road marking, safety boards, canals and side walls are also included in the facilities.

(d) In most of the new road construction projects, long lasting method using this BM & BC technology has been adopted.

Different PWD Roads in Mattannur Constituency

330(3255) Sri.E.P.Jayarajan : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) How much fund has been approved for the construction of PWD roads after May 2011 ?

(b) Please give details of fund allotted for each work and the present condition of the works;

(c) How much fund has been utilised after May 2011 for the repairs of PWD roads in Mattannur Constituency ? Please give details of funds utilised, work-wise;

Answers

(a – c) All details given as appendix *

Construction of Attingal Bye Pass

331(3256) Sri.V.Sasi : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions:

(a) Is Attingal Bye pass under consideration?

(b) Then, please give details of the present condition of the same ;

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(c) How much fund has been allocated for this ?

(d) In this fund, how much amount has been allocated to buy land at market price ;

(e) What is the present condition of land acquisition process ?

Answers

(a -d)Attingal bye pass was also included in the project of four line expansion of Cherthala – Kazhakkootam section of NH 47, which is a part of National Highway Development. But as this section has been removed from the NH Development Project as per Central Govt. declaration, expansion of this bye pass is not in consideration, at the moment. The Central Govt is being asked to review this decision.

(e) Attingal Bye pass was also included in the declaration for land acquisition for the four line expansion of Ochira – Kazhakkootam section of NH. But these declarations have been expired and National Highway Authority has been withdrawn from this project.

Vechuchira – Mannadissala Polytechnic Building

332(3257) Sri.K.SureshKurup : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Have you noticed that the construction of Vechuchira –Mannadissala Polytechnic building has been disrupted ? Then, could you please state the reasons for the same;

(b) Any steps have been taken to resume the construction ? Then, please give details;

(c) Could you please confirm when can the construction be completed and Polytechnic ready for operation.

Answers

(a) Has been noted. The poor financial condition of the contractor is the reason for the delay.

(b) Steps have been taken to resume construction. Being unable to complete the work on time, the contractor will be removed on 'work & cost 'and necessary measures will be taken to complete the work.

(c) Steps will be taken to tender the work with new rate and complete it as soon as possible.

Construction of Pallippuram Convent Beach Bridge

333(3258) Sri.S.Sharma : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Please provide the details of steps taken to get NABARD fund for the construction of Pallippuram Convent Beach bridge. Whether any fund has been received from NABARD for the said work; then, please give details ;

(b) Whether advance possession of land made available for the said work; how much land of how many people ; please give details ;

(c) If possessions are still pending, please give details of land owners and area of land ;

Answers

(a) A project report of Rs.1809 lakhs(for the construction of Pallippuram Convent Beach bride) is under consideration of NABARD to include in RIDF-XX.

(b) Advance possession of 28 cents of land (of 55 persons) has been made available.

(c) No possession is pending .

Renovation of Chathanur – Paravur Road

334(3259) Sri.G.S.Jayalal : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) The first section of Chathanur – Paravur Road, which is under Chathanur Road Section, has been impassable for months. Still no action has been taken to resolve this issue. Whether the Govt. is aware of this ?

(b)Tender and Quotation processes have already been completed for the renovation of this road. Whether the Govt .will be giving any instruction to the concerned authorities to do maintenance of this road, considering the fact that the completion of renovation work will take more than one year.

(c) What steps will be taken by the Govt. in this regard, where a lot of public protests and strikes of people representatives are happening regularly ?

Answers

(a & b) Temporary maintenance of the road is being carried out.

(c) Even though the Govt. has received tender proposal of this road, the Chief Engineer, roads division, has been instructed to submit the same after calculating the difference between the LMR, DSR 13 and the original estimate. As and when this is made available, necessary steps will be taken to start work, after approving the tender.

Steps to improve the Quality of Muttangal - Nadapuram Road

335(3260) Sri.E.K.Vijayan : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Could you please explain the steps taken to raise the standard of Muttangal- Nadapuram Road to State Highway Level.

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(b) What is the reason for the delay in raising the standard of the said road, to state highway level?

Answers

(a & b) An estimate of Rs.21 Crores is available with the Govt. for approval for the development of Muttangal – Nadapuram Road. Administrative approval will be considered based on the availability of funds.

Complaints Against PWD Official

336(3261) Sri.V.Sivankutty : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Any complaints have been received against Sri.V.Madhu, Establishment Clerk, Chief Engineer Office, PWD since this Govt. came into power? Then, please provide the details of action taken on those complaints.

(b) Whether the Govt is aware of the complaint against this person, received before the Legislative Petition Committee regarding the sabotage of an appointment. Whether the Govt. has received any report from the Legislative Petition Committee regarding this case; Please provide details;

(c) Whether the Govt. is aware of the complaint before the Legislative Petition Committee given by candidates of line man rank list (Pathanamthitta District) against this person; Whether the Govt.

has received any recommendations from the said committee, to take action in this case; Please provide all details ;

(d) The Hon'ble Minister for PWD has instructed Chief Engineer, administration , through order No.1005/NOR/14M(V),dt 28/05/2014 to remove this said official from his seat. But that order has not yet been executed. Please state the reasons;

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Answers

(a – c)The Vigilance Section of PWD is conducting enquiry on this case based on the complaints received by the Chief Engineer, PWD (Admin) and the Govt , through Legislative Petition Committee. A report has been requested from the Govt. regarding the petitions.

(b) The said official has been transferred from that office w.e.f 23-07-14.

Measures to improve the Quality of PWD Works

337(3262) Sri.C.F.Thomas : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) What are the steps taken to improve the standard and quality of PWD works ?

(b) Please explain whether more measures will be taken to improve the quality as well as to complete the works on time;

Answers

(a)Quality Control Laboratories have been set up in all 14 districts to ensure the quality of PWD works. Regional Laboratories are in operation in Calicut and Ernakulam districts, under Executive Engineer. Kerala Highway Research Institute, Trivandrum is in charge of the regional laboratories. District laboratories are working under Assistant Executive Engineer.

Officials of these labs will make random visits to the work sites, collect samples and check them either at the site or in the laboratories, depending on the requirement.

(b) Steps have been taken to improve quality and time bound completion of works. In order to avoid delay in the completion of works, the maximum extension on the deadline has been fixed as half of the agreement period. This has been clearly mentioned in the PWD manual. Manual also allows the Govt. to levy fine from the contractor who fails to complete the work on time. Besides this, the concerned PWD official has given authority (as per contractors law) not to renew contracts of defaulters. In order to improve quality of work, guarantee period has been fixed for each work. If any defects were noted during the guarantee period, the contractor will be liable to fix it any his own cost.

Post of Assistant Engineer in PWD

338(3263) Sri.K.Dasan : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Have you noticed that the vacancy of Assistant Engineer in PWD is open and because of this development works , including utilising the local development funds of MLAs, are affected;

(b) How many posts of Asst Engineers are available in PWD ? How many are vacant at the moment? How many are reserved for graduates?

(c) How many posts are there where draughtsman can be appointed through promotion ?

(d) For promotion to Asst. Engineer post, have you received any complaint that the 3:7 ratio is not applied as per special rule ; Please give details of action taken on this.

(e) How many people are there in the certificate quota ? How many vacancies are available now? Will you be taking measures to fill these vacancies?

Answers

(a) There are 34 unfilled vacancies (Reserved for ST) of Assistant Engineers available in PWD , due to lack of qualified candidates. Additional responsibilities have been assigned to the concerned officials so that the activities are not disrupted due to this vacancies.

(b) Total number of vacancies – 638, for graduates – 383, reserved for St – 34.

(c) 191 vacancies for Diploma Quota and 64 vacancies for certificate Quota has been kept aside for the appointment of Draughtsman through promotion.

(d) Such a complaint has been received. The ratio for appointment and promotion of Assistant Engineers is 6:3:1. This has been applied correctly while making appointments and promotions.

(e) Presently 63 persons are continuing in Certificate Quota. One vacancy is made open after the retirement on 31-11-2014. Steps are being taken to fill the same.

E-Payment Facility in PWD

339(3264) Sri.K.Sivadasan Nair:

Sri.R.Selvaraj:

Sri.T.N.Pratapan:

Sri.P.C.Vishnunath: The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a)Whether E-Payment facility has been introduced in PWD ?

(b) What are the objectives to be achieved by the introduction of this service ?

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(c) What are the facilities made available through the introduction of E-Payment system ? Who are all co-operating with the operations of this system. Please give details.

Answers

(a) It has been decided to introduce E-Payment system in PWD as per G.O (P) No.06/2012/PWD, dt.10/01/2012. On the basis of this order, detailed instructions are being given as per Govt. Circular No.28609/H3/2010/PWD, dt.15/02/2012.

(b) Through this system, the payment of contractors can be made transparent and frequent visits to the office can be avoided. The main objective of this system is to make sure that the contractors are getting their payment into their bank account in a transparent, safe and speedy way.

(c) This system makes the cash transactions fast, safe and without corruption. Through this system, it is possible to transfer the payments of the contractors directly into their bank account.PWD, Finance Department, I.T. Department, NIC, SBI, SBT are co-operating with this system.

Gains of Public Works Department

340(3265) Sri.M.P.Vincent:

Sri.Ludy Louis:

Sri.R.Selvaraj

Sri.P.C.Vishnunath: The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Whether PWD has achieved any gains by spending more funds than the budget share ; Please give details ;

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(b) How much percentage of funds are used to achieve these gains ?

(c) What are the steps taken in administrative level to achieve these gains ?

Answers

(a& b) Gains have been achieved by spending more funds than budget share. In 2013-14, the Road Division had spent 164 % and Building Division 138.4 %.

(c) These gains have been achieved by giving administrative approval to works on time and finishing them in a time bound manner.

Rail –Road Connectivity of Vallarppadam Container Terminal

341(3266) Sri.S.Sharma : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) What are the steps taken so far to allot service road for Mulavukad residents, who lost travel freedom when Rail-Road connectivity was established for Vallarppadam Container Terminal.

(b) Could you please clarify when will the service road construction be started ?

(c) Who is providing the fund for service road and when can the works be completed ?

(d) Will you be taking steps to form a monitoring committee to coordinate the operations of National Highway Authority and Cochin Port Trust, to construct the service road ?

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Answers

(a – d) No action has been taken as the construction of service road is not mentioned in the project. However, it has been brought to the attention of NHAI, as strong public demand is there, in this regard.

Updation of P W D Manual

342(3267) Sri. Hybi Eden :

Sri.P.A.Madhavan:

Sri.K.Sivadasan Nair:

Sri.Sunny Joseph: The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

- (a) Whether the PWD manual has been updated in a timely manner? Please explain;
- (b) What are the changes included in the updated manual ? Please provide details;
- (c) How far this step will contribute to the modernization of PWD, as per the evaluation?
- (d) What are the steps taken to bring the updated manual into effect ? Please give details;

Answer

(a) PWD manual has been updated in a timely manner as per G.O(P) No.13/2012/PWD, dt 01/02/2012.

(b) The following are the important changes made in the updated manual.

(1) More precision has been made in the duties and responsibilities of officials

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- (2) More responsibilities have been given to Overseers and Assistant Engineers, who supervise the works directly.
- (3) Powers (Technical & Administrative) of the officials have been increased
- (4) Important parts of codes of Central Works Department and Central Surface Ministry has been added to the manual, in an effort to improve the standard and quality of works.
- (5) Details of modern work equipments have been included in the manual.
- (6) Registration laws of contractors have been revised in a timely manner.
- (7) Two –Tier quality control method has been introduced for works costing up to 5 crores
- (8) Clear instruction has been given, not to exceed the deadline of works more than 50%

(9) For Non-progressive works, a penalty of 0.1% (without fine) of the contract amount(a maximum of 10%) will be levied as liquidated damage.

(c) It has been expected that, this update will be helpful in the modernization of the department. Considerable improvement in the quality of works as well the efficiency of contractors and other officials, are also expected. Steps are being taken to prepare design and estimate with the help of information technology.

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(d) The Govt. is in receipt of the report by the company which was appointed to correct the mistakes in the updated manual. Discussions on this report, with the finance department have been completed. Necessary steps have been taken to publish the updated manual after the corrections.

Delay in the Tender Proceedings of Works with approved Estimate

343 (3268) Sri.B.Satyan : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Have you noticed the delay in approving the estimated works which are intended to be done utilising Property Development Fund ?

(b) Tender proceedings are not completed in works submitted many months before, even though only 4 months are remaining in the current financial year . Has this come to your notice?

(c) Instructions have been given to delay the works intentionally due to financial crisis. Is this true? Otherwise, will you be providing special provisions for this?

Answers

(a) The concerned departments are giving approval for those works which are proposed to be done utilising Property Development Funds. No cases have been noted regarding the delay in approving works in PWD.

(b) Hasn't come to my notice.

(c) No such instruction has been given.

Constructions of Bridges in Kuttanad

344(3269) Sri. Thomas Chandy : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Please provide the details of measures taken (including land acquisition) for the construction of Mundakkal Bridge in Kynakari Panchayath.

(b) Could you please clarify when will the construction of Chambakkulam Bridge &Mankombu Civil Station Bridge be completed ?

(c) Could you please present a detailed report (Commencement of work, dead line etc) regarding the construction of Bakery Bridge in Kynakari which was approved in Property Development Project.

Answers

(a) Boundary stones are being laid as a part of land acquisition process, for the construction of Mundakkal bridge. Further steps are being taken.

(b) 1. Steps are being taken to issue final notice to the contractor regarding the completion of chambakkulam bridge construction.

2. Mankombu Civil Station bridge is expected to be completed before the deadline 19-01-2016.

(c) Contract for the construction of Bakery Bridge, Kynakari has been given on 07-10-2014. Work is expected to be started by the last week of December 2014 and finished within 6 months.

Approved Roads in Kalyasseri Constituency

345(3270) Sri.T.V.Rajesh : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Could you please provide the details of roads where approval has been given but work not started in Kalyasseri Constituency , Kannur District. How much fund was approved? When can the works of these roads be completed?

Answers

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Road Construction using Used Plastic

346(3271) Sri.Palode Ravi:

Sri.Dominic Presentation:

Sri.AnwarSadath:

Sri.V.P.Sajeendran: The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Has the quality of roads constructed using used plastic and tar been studied ?

(b) Which roads are intended to be constructed in this way ?

Answers

(a) Research has been conducted under Kerala Highway Research Institute regarding road construction using disposable plastic and top surface of 500 metres of Pullanivila – Chavadimukku road has been improved using shredded plastic, in January 2006. The quality of this road has been under study for six years at Kerala Highway Research Institute and technically proved successful.

(b) No such projects are available at the moment.

Construction of Manakayikkadavu Bridge

347(3272) Sri.K.K.Narayanan : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Have you noticed that the construction of Manakayikkadavu bridge, which connects Dharmadam and Mattannur constituencies has been disrupted ?

(b) Then, please provide details of action taken on this ;

Answers

(a) Yes.

(b) The contractor has failed to complete the work, as the land for the construction was not made available. So, the contractor has been removed unconditionally from the work as per G.O(Ord) No.423/14/PWD, dt. 12/03/2014. Now, the required land is available. Estimate is being prepared for the remaining work.

348(3273) Sri.K.KunhiramanThrikkarippur : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a)Even though funds were allotted in Malabar Package, the construction of Padanna-Moosahajimukku , Thottukara – Kinathil Roads have been delayed. Please provide the reasons;

Answers

Administrative approval for Rs.460 lakhs has been given to as per G.O (Ord) No.1044/09, dt.14-07-2009. But, land for the same was made available only on 11-07-2013 and as per revised SOR, more funds will be required for this project. In this context, the Chief Engineer, Roads & Bridges Division, PWD has been instructed to submit a revised estimate after allocating funds in the budget.

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Chakkalakkadavu Bridge in VarantharappillyPanchayath

359(3274) Prof.C.Raveendranath : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Any petition has been received to get approval for Chakkalakkadavu bridge in VarantharappillyPanchayath of Pudukkad Constituency ?

(b) Then, please provide the details of action taken on that ..

Answers

(a)No. But an approval for Rs.500 lakhs has been given as per G.O(Ord) 388/2011/PWD, dt 28/02/2011.

(b) Plan for the said bridge is being prepared.

Construction of Karikkamkadavu Bridge in VarantharappillyPanchayath

350(3275) Prof. C.Raveendranath : The Hon'ble Minister for PWD is requested to answer the following questions :

(a) Whether any petition has been received demanding the construction of Karikkamkadavu Bridge in Varantharappilly Panchayath ;

(b) Then, please explain the actions taken on that ;

(c) When can the administrative approval be given for that work ? Please explain;

Answers

(a) Yes.

(b) Further steps are being taken based on the soil test report .

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QUARTERS FOR WORKERS

351(3276) Sri. E. K. Vijayan: Will the Minister of Public Works Department please answer the questions given below:

(A) How many are included in the seniority list who have applied for quarters provided by the Government; please explain;

(B) How many unauthorized people were evicted in 2014 who were staying in these quarters;

(C) Has the evicted quarters' s been redistributed;

(D) Could you tell how many more could be provided quarters during the time of this Government?

ANSWER

(A-D) Information is being collected.

WORKS ACQUIRED BY THE CONCESSION CORPORATION

352(3277) Sri. K.K.Narayanan: Will the Minister of Public Works Department please answer the questions given below:

(A) Could you individually explain the tender amount and the final bill amount after completion of all the public work activities acquired by the Concession Corporation after this Government came into power;

(B) Did the Concession Corporation directly undertake these works; please clarify;

(C) Could you provide the individual details of how these works are completed?

ANSWER

(A-C) Information being collected.

RIVERSIDE PARK ON THE BANKS OF KADALUNDI PUZHA IN CHAMAKAYAM

353(3278) Sri. P. Ubaidulla: Will the Minister of Public Works Department please answer the questions given below:

- (A) At what phase is the progress of the procedures to build a riverside park in Chamakkayam along Malappuram-Parappanangadi road in Malappuram Constituency on the banks of Kadalundi river;
- (B) Could you explain the actions taken for this so far;
- (C) Will actions be taken to complete the construction completely?

ANSWER

- (A) The 30% of beautification works has been completed for building the riverside park in Chamakkayam on the banks of Kadalundi river. Remaining works are in progress.
- (B&C) actions are progressing to change the groove bridge present to the left side, increase the width of the handrails, increase the width of road and do B.M & B.C also to construct a footpath.

MAKE THE THRIKADIPOYIL-EDUMBA-KANNAVA ROAD TRANSPORTABLE

354(3279) Sri. E. P. Jayarajan: Will the Minister of Public Works Department please answer the questions given below:

- (A) At which stage is the existing court proceedings related to the Thrikadipoyil-Edumba-Kannava Road in Mattannur constituency;
- (B) Could you explain what actions will be taken to solve the court proceedings and make the road transportable;

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ANSWER

- (A) The judgement by Kerala High court W.A No. 1912/2013 on 2-2-2014 was given stay by the Honorable Supreme Court by interim order SLPC No. 19380/2014 on 25-8-2014. The case will be reconsidered on 8-12-2014.
- (B) Since the case is under consideration of the Honorable Supreme Court, the further decisions regarding this can only be taken after the final verdict of Supreme court. Procedures are being taken to approve the 25-lakh estimate given for the maintenance works of the road considering the request given by the respected M.L.A on 21-8-2014 regarding the poor condition of the road.

ACTIONS TAKEN TO CONSTRUCT LAND BRIDGE IN PULAKATTU

355(3280)Prof.C.Ravindranath: Will the Minister of Public Works Department please answer the questions given below:

What actions have been undertaken to build Poolakatt land bridge in NenmanikaraPanachayth of Puthukkad Constituency. Explain what all?

ANSWER

The soil testing has been completed prior to the bridge construction. The design making is in progress.

2nd PHASE ACTIVITIES IN KRISHNAPURAM CULTURAL TOURIST CENTERS

356(3281)Sri. V. K. Sadasivan: Will the Minister of Public Works Department please answer the questions given below:

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(A) Has it been noticed that there is a delay in starting the 2nd phase construction works(artificial lake) of Krishnapuram Cultural Tourist Centers in spite of receiving the Administrative approval using the Asset Development Fund of Kayamkulam constituency;

(B) If yes, will actions be taken to start the construction works as soon as possible?

ANSWER

(A&B) It had been noticed. Tender was invited on 17-7-2013 for the 2nd phase construction works of Krishnapuram Cultural Tourist Centre, since a single tender was received it was cancelled and tenders were reinvited. Following this, the single tender by K.S.C.C was accepted which was 19.8%greater than the estimate amount but K.S.C.C later stepped back since the form period was over. Later, on 17-2-2014 quotations were invited and 2 quotations were received of which the order approving the quotation by Sri. J. Abdul Wahid was given on 8-8-2014 who quoted the lowest amount which was 33.786%more than the estimate and since the form period was due the Thiruvananthapuram South zone Suprending Engineer sent letters to extend this periods and the contractor did not respond. Decision will be taken considering the opinions of the related officers.

PERMISSION TO RELIANCE FOR LAYING 4G OPTICAL CABLES

357(3282) Sri. E. P. Jayarajan:

Sri. Purushan Kadalundi:

Sri. K. V. Vijayadas:

Sri. K. K. Narayanan:Will the Minister of Public Works Department please answer the questions given below:

- (A) Has permission been given to Reliance to lay 4G optical cables by destroying the roads by Kerala Public Works Department;
- (B) When allegations were raised regarding this, did the Chief Secretary ask for an explanation from the Secretary of Public Works Department; could you produce a copy of the explanation provided;
- (C) Was the permission to lay the cables given after fixing the rent and user fee; did the Secretary give permission to Reliance with knowledge of higher authorities;
- (D) Could you explain in which all roads in the State did Reliance lay cables till now;
- (E) Do you know if the Reliance is laying cables before explanation was asked from the Public Works Department Secretary and afterwards; did the Government forbid this?

ANSWER

(A) As per the orders G.O (M.S) No. 16/2013/I.T.D of 14-6-2013, G.O (M.S) No. 30/2013/I.T.D of 11-10-2013 from the Information Technology Department , M/s. Reliance Jio Inforcomm has been permitted to lay 3306.26 km of optical fiber cables across the state.

(B&C) Clear-cut directions approved by the cabinet were provided regarding this as orders G.O(M.S)No.18/2000/I.T.D of 8-11-2000 and G.O (M.S)2/2001/I.T.D of 20-1-2001. A Committee of Secretaries has been formed to give approval as per G.O(M.S)No.18/2000/I.T.D. the ROW(Rights of Way) permissions are given based on the approval of this committee.

It has been defined that to lay the cables, there is no need of releasing order from individual departments and the orders from the I.T Department may be considered as final. But it has also been ordered that the rent and user fee can be charged by the Public Works Department. The Public Works Secretary is given with the duty to fix the amount of rent and user fees.

Even after receiving permission from I.T. Department, the P.W.D. Secretary had released the order G.O (M.S)No.88/2013/PWD dated 29-10-2013 and G.O(M.S)No.89/2013/PWD on 5-11-2013 without following the protocol and the prior consent of the department Minister. The Minister has

asked the Chief Minister to examine the relevance of this order. Later the above-mentioned order was cancelled after asking for explanation from the Public Works Secretary and Chief Secretary.

(D) The details of the road where Reliance laid the cables is attached as Annexure*.

(E) As per the order released by the I.T Department regarding this, it is made clear that the agency does not seek permission from each department to cut the road to lay the optical fiber cables. As per this, the company is now laying cables on the road based on bank guarantee with defined conditions.

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ANNUAL MAINTENANCE WORK OF PWD ROADS IN KASARGOD DISTRICT

358(3283) Sri. K. Kunjiraman(Thrikarippur): Will the minister of public works please answer the questions below:

(A) What actions are taken to solve the poor conditions of the PWD roads in Kasaragod district

(B) In how many roads in the district, the maintenance works of the year 2014-15 have not been completed timely

ANSWER

(A&B) To resolve the poor conditions of P.W.D roads in Kasaragod district, tender has been released regarding the estimate of 119 activities worth 470.5 lakh as annual maintenance works under streets and bridges category. Due to reduced tar availability, the works could not be completed. The patch works are being carried out as per the availability of the tar. The patch works of 65 roads is yet to be completed. These activities are under progress.

The different phases of the construction of the 27.76 long road Kasargod-Kanjanahad road included in two K.S.T.P projects is nearing completion. The road has been made transportable due to the contractors completing the patch works timely. The contractors have been directed to repair damages on the road as they occur.

The national highway in Kasaragod district is from Thalappady to Kaalikadave. The surface renovation of the roads from Thalappady till Uppala in Kasaragod district is progressing. The portion from Uppala till Pervad is included in the guarantee period of the contractors. Instruction to repair damages and make roads accessible have been given to the contractor by document. There are no damages in the road from Ananthoor to Pervad. The holes in the roads have been closed. There are no damages in the road from Cherkal till Chattanjai. An estimate of Rs.19.20 has been prepared to be submitted to the Central Government related to surface renovation activities of the roads from Chattanjai till Neeleshwaram. The activities of road will be started as soon as the approval is granted. In the roads from Chattanjai till Neeleshwaram, there are damages at 4 places. Four estimates of Rs. 33.90 lakh included in the Central Government's Monsoon Adversity Relief Project is given for approval and works will be started on receiving approval. There are no holes on the roads from Neeleshwaram till Kaalikadave. Works to conduct patch works timely are progressing.

(QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ENDED)

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II MATTER OF ORDERS

REFERENCE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER REGRING POLITICAL PARTIES

Sri. C. Divakaran: I had written to raise Matter of Orders as per Rule 307. Please allow me to do so during the zero hour.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: This is the time for urgent resolution. Isn't the matter of orders is raised only after that? (commotion)

Sri. C. Divakaran: Sir, as per law this can be raised during the zero hour.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: You please sit....please pay attention to what the chair is saying.

Sri. C. Divakaran: Sir, it was unfortunate I could raise the writer matter of orders. Why is the chair so adamant about this?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The chair is not adamant about this. Let the chair say; you please sit, ...please please.. the chair will say as told. You mentioned to take the matter of orders in the zero hour. It has been called for Urgent Resolution after the Questions & Answers(commotion).....your matter of orders will be considered soon after the Urgent Resolution. Don't be adamant like this. Urgent Resolution has been called. Your matter of orders will be considered soon after this.

Sri. C. Divakaran: I had stood up and asked for an opportunity to raise the matter of orders before you called for Urgent Resolution. You know what would be happening after the Urgent Resolution?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Your matter of orders will be considered soon after the Urgent Resolution. Please... Cooperate... Sri. V. S. Sunil Kumar, please you can raise matter of orders soon after the Urgent Resolution.

Sri. C. Divakaran: Sir, zero hour is the right of the members. So the chair should approve this Walkout is going to happen after the Urgent Resolution then how mater of orders can be raised.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: You will come back after Walk out.

Sri. C. Divakaran: Sir, since this is a zero hour, please allow to raise the matter of orders now itself.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It will be taken in the zero hour....(commotion).... Respected deputy leader Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan.....

Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: Sir, the C.P.M. Party leader had given you a written Point of Order. In that, a statement made by the Chief Minister yesterday wholly disgracing the party is an insult to the party. All the members of the party are standing to say about this. It is not correct to have such a statement disgracing a party to such an extent in the Committee record. Will it not be present Committee records while saying like that about every party. It would be a wrong precedent. In the normal case, such a statement may be avoided. The respected chair must find a solution to this problem by avoiding that.

Sri. C. Divakaran: Sir, hearing the opinion of the Chief Minister would be enough. We will not be going for other justifications. You can say any nonsense. We will listen in this meeting. We did not say about any political party. We said about administrative corruption. We did not say anything about the Muslim league also....

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Respected Divakaran, Let the Chair say... you please raise the matter of orders. You are allowed to do so.

Sri. C. Divakaran: Sir, Rule 307, "Expunging of words from debate: If the Speaker is of opinion that a word or words has or have been used in debate which is or are defamatory or indecent or unparliamentary or undignified, he may in his discretion order that such word or words be expunged from the proceedings of the Assembly"....I had written to expunge it from assembly

proceedings. In democracy, the opposition served to present many allegations, allegations and evidence. You had announced yesterday that your Minister of State is on the U.D.F side.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Respected C, Divakaran, please come to the matter of orders. Don't go to other matters.

Sri. C.Divakaran: Sir, the facts raised that respected person had been brought as Urgent Resolution yesterday. Instead of replying, the respected Chief Minister, disgraced a leading political party in India specifying the name of party very vulgarly and I am raising a Matter of order to withdraw that statement. The chair should not ignore the commotion on that side.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Please...you are allowed. Please continue.

Sri. C.Divakaran: Sir, allow to present. I have not raised any new allegation. That statement, disgracing publicly a political party specifying its name by the Kerala Chief Minister, should be withdrawn by the respected Chief Minister.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes...yes... Resepected Chief Minister....

Chief Minister(Sri. Oommen Chandy): Sir, I didn't mean to hurt anyone by saying that. I expressed the doubt which would raise in anyone's mind based on the meeting held here yesterday. I am sorry if it did hurt you in any manner. I would want to make it clear that I did not mean anything likewise...(commotion)....

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Isn't the problem solved.....(commotion).....what is it again, respected C. Divakaran, it has been closed. Please...are you not satisfied yet; the Chief Minister has given the answer....(commotion)....you please talk.

Opposition Leader (Sri. V. S. Achutanandan):Sir, (mike off).... I am requesting not to.....(commotion)....

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The chair did not hear what the Respected Opposition leader said....(commotion)....

Sri. V. S. Achutanandan: Sir, shouldn't you say to sit if the people on the other side stand up.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The chair is saying to both the parties...(commotion)... please...Sri.P.C.Vishnunath, please...Sri. Dominic Presentation, please Will you not allow to continue the meeting(commotion)...Sri.P.C.Vishnunath.... (commotion).....Sri.P.C.George Please sit there.

Sri. C. Divakaran: Sir...(mike off)...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Respected C. Divakaran, the opposition leader is standing....(commotion)....these statements will not be included in the record. Then why are making commotions standing here and there. This will not be recorded in document. Then why are you saying each other? Respected C.Divakaran, you raised a matter of order. It was considered with

required seriousness by the assembly. The respected Chief Minister spoke about it and was also sorry for that. Then what more do you expect?commotion....

Sri. V. S. Achuthanandan: Sir, I am requesting the statement by the respected chief minister must not be recorded in the assembly documents. It is what the speaker should do primarily.

III RULING

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The respected opposition leader has to raise this yesterday. The news came in all newspaper. It was written and given after the assembly was dispersed...(commotion)...Respected C.Divakaran, the matter has come in all newspapers and TV Channels. The Chief Minister expressed he was sorry for that...(commotion)....I feel sorry you decided you won't allow to continue the assembly in any manner. You should not decide like-wise. Please don't take a stance to disturb this meeting. It is not a good conduct in the Legislative Assembly. If the respected Chief Minister made a statement like that, he expressed his regrets regarding that. The problem is solved there...(commotion)..when it comes to records, the matter that Chief Minister expressed regret will be included... Respected opposition deputy leader, is further commotion regarding this necessary. Chief minister expressed regrets. The problem is solved by that...(commotion)....

(the opposition members created commotion in the deice and interrupted the assembly proceedings asking to expunge the comment regarding C.P.I. from the assembly documents)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: You cannot speak standing here. If you want to speak, please do it sitting on you chair....(commotion)....the assembly proceedings are being paused for some time.

(the assembly proceedings were paused at 9.48 for some time following the commotion of the opposition)

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[The meeting paused at 09.48 was restarted at 11.05]

IV NOTICE

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I talked with the Governing and Opposition party regarding the matters happened here. But could not reach a decision favorable to both parties. Respected Sri. C. Divakaran raised a matter of order and the respected Chief Minister expressed regret regarding that. The chair has the opinion not to go forward with the discussion regarding that. Let me bring one thing to attention; the chair has the responsibility to conduct the government business. Everyone should understand this and cooperate. It is being announced that the problem is put to an end following the Chief Minister gave explanation and expressed regrets.

Opposition leader (Sri. V.S.Achuthanandan): Sir, as per the assembly proceedings rule 307, if there are any defamatory statement, and in the situation, speaker could handle it in the required way, and since urgent resolutions should be presented, we are walking out leaving Comrade Sharma.

(protesting on the decision taken by the chair regarding the matter of orders raised by Sri. C. Divakaran, all the opposition party members except Sri.S.Sharma are leaving the assembly and returned after some time)

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V URGENT RESOLUTION

KOCHI L. N. G. PROJECT

Mr. Deputy Speaker: A notice for Urgent Resolution has been received here. The chair has to make one thing clear regarding this. In the present Legislative assembly session, a question related to this was raised in the assembly on 2nd of December. That came as a standard question. A detailed answer was also given for that. Not only that, as per rule 50, urgent resolution should be brought regarding an incident in the near future. The subject you gave here is not an incident occurred in the near future. Still an opportunity is given for the approval of this urgent resolution.

The respected members Sri.S.Sharma, V.S.Sunilkumar, Jose Thettayil and A.K.Saseendran have given notice as per Rule 50, to stop today's proceedings and to discuss about the delay in the construction works of the pipeline connecting the Petronet L.N.G project in Kochi with the National Natural Gas Power Grid and the need of Government involvement to solve the concerns of the people at places where the pipeline is being constructed and to continue the project, which plays an important role in the commercial, industrial and economic sectors of the state.

Chief Minister (Oommen Chandy): Kerala wishes to complete the L.N.G Project at the earliest as it benefits the state's commercial, industrial and economic sectors. The government is committed to make the project possible so

that Kerala would not be avoided from the National Gas Grid and to not loss its priority in implementing the L.N.G Project. We are trying for it. It is essential to complete the construction of the pipelines rom Kochi to Mangalore and Bangalore in order to efficiently utilize the storage capacity of Petronet L.N.G. at Puthuvaipin. The progress of pipeline project is at a slower pace due to local opposition. But only the right of use of the places where the pipeline passes through should be given to GAIL. An officer in Deputy Collector grade has been appointed to GAIL by the State government in order

to procure the right of use of the land as per Petroleum and Mineral Pipeline Act of Central Government for the completion of the Kochi-Mangalore pipeline. The compensation of the land procured that way, was first fixed as 10% of the fair price but considering the special situation of the state and the request from the State government it was raised to 30% and then to 50%. The width for laying the pipeline was reduced from 20metre to 10metre considering the population density of the State. The GAIL India appointed contractors for the construction works of pipelines. To solve the problems related to land procurement, a meeting of the respective District Collectors were called and were given directions to complete the project. Due to severe opposition from people living at places where the pipeline passes, the matter to change the alignment of the pipeline through Conolly canal has been considered by the government. But after examination by the expert committee, it was evaluated it is not practical. We are taking special efforts to make aware the people about the progress which may come to the State and people if the Pipeline project becomes reality and trying to bring a supportive mindset

about the project. All of us including the Minister of Industry had called M.L.A and Panchayath Presidents for a meeting. Generally the frontline political parties are showcasing a supportive notion in this matter. Their opposition has reduced but some other groups are trying to create problems on a local basis. We will try to reduce this and take measures to use the land in a faster

pace. It has been decided to organize a meeting of various people representatives at Kozhikode soon after the Legislative Assembly.

Sri. S. Sharma: Sir, from the explanation given by the respected Chief Minister I could not understand a point that if they have made you aware of the serious situation in the recent times or have you failed to understand same. Because, the pipeline yet to be constructed from Puthuvaipin to Mangalore covers a distance of 505km. In a distance of 305km, the pipeline has already been constructed. Problems have occurred in three districts where the remaining 200km is yet to be constructed. It is very important to make a collective involvement to solve the concerns related to this, raised by the farmers and public in that area. But the tender to lay pipeline was till May 2013. GAIL had given contract to 5 companies to lay the pipelines. GAIL extended the time period several times when the term of the contract expired. But now the tender has been terminated. The cancellation of this L.N.G project will contribute darkness to the industrial sector which served as ray of hope for the development of Kerala. It is going to bring a serious setback. There are some Russian companies and other companies as well. Petronet N.T.G has two

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tanks which has the highest storage capacity in the world. In a situation where this project would not happen in Kerala, global tender has been invited to rent these tanks. 18 companies have participated in this global tender. These storerooms are being rented to multinational monopolies. These tanks, with which no other tanks of any country can compete, is going to be rented by inviting a global tender. Multinational monopolies have come for that.

If this happens where will the purpose be served for Kerala. How will Kerala's requirement be fulfilled. A situation will arise where Kerala's need are not fulfilled. As such then the explanation you made in this matter should be subjected to detailed consideration and influential interventions should be made characterizing it on an emergency basis. Many meetings have been held and discussions conducted regarding this. I am not minimizing the importance of these realities. The current crisis is that, the Petronet L.N.G project, undertaken in 1998 at an expense of 4600 crores aiming the development of Kerala and wholly focusing South India. But now it is faltering and now going around in circles. We are now unable utilize the changes occurring in the world. At the time

when the L.N.G was started, at the time the respected Prime Minister and Chief Minister inaugurated it, one unit L.N.G was priced 18 dollars calculating it in terms of British terminal unit. It then became 24 dollars. Presently in the international market its 11dollars. The price has fallen from 24 dollars to 11 dollars. Now Kerala is using it to meet the peak hour requirement. Electricity is being taken from B.S.N.C and N.T.P.C. in such a way we cannot ensure that there is no power cut. Naphtha is used in L.N.G taken from N.T.P.C. The L.N.G produced from Naphtha is priced 24dollars.

Presently in the international market the price of L.N.G is 11dollars. If the L.N.G project is accomplished, there may be three-four specialties for Kerala state. First darkness will come to an end forever in Kerala. We can attain self-sufficiency in the case of electricity. Priority can be given to thermal projects comparing with hydroelectric projects in case practical difficulties exist in energy generation. In thermal projects, the costly power is using Naphtha. In a state of affairs we can make understanding's with N.T.P.C and B.S.C.S Kochi where Naphtha is used to produce L.N.G , we can make use of the 11-dollar L.N.G in the place of 24-dollar Naphtha. In terms of amount we can say, instead of paying 14Rs for a unit we can get it of 7Rs.The difference is double. The difference is capable to form the foundation on which the development of the Industrial sector in our state would be based. This can be used as an important resource capable to attain complete self-sufficiency in Energy sector. The problem is that global tender has been called for the tanks. Even 18 companies have participated in this. This tender is going to be confirmed. If it is confirmed, the multinational companies get a chance to obtain the tanks in Puthuvaipin. It would be an extremely insulting incident for Kerala if this happens. This seriousness is not reflected in the explanation you gave. Another specialty is that it can be used as raw material for fertilizer industries. Now it is used for Naphtha. A decision has been taken about government vat regarding F.A.C.T. which is under loss and at the edge of shut down as a result of using this instead of Naphtha. It will pave way to benefit and play an important role relating to F.A.C.T. The functioning of K.S.R.T.C is always considered as a burden for the nation by the public. There would be

35% reduction in fuel prices for the functioning of K.S.R.T.C. if this L.N.G is converted to C.N.G. Isn't it essential to consider and seriously examine such how such a possibility can be utilized if available when poor K.S.R.T.C. employees and pensioners are protesting on the entrance of the secretariate If L.N.G is converted to C.N.G not only the public sector undertaking K.S.R.T.C but the whole motor vehicle industry in the state can be used making it environment friendly. If we are successful in constructing the pipelines, not forcefully, but by gaining everyone's faith by the involvement of public people like farmers, M.L.As, Public representatives, Representatives of political parties, we can implement the City Gas project and as a result we can give house concession also.

The feature of this house concession is that, now 800Rs is paid for a cylinder. It can be reduced to 520 Rs. There is a 35%reduction in gas cylinders by the house concession. For the last 20 years gas connections have been provided to families by constructing 13000km pipelines. In the northwestern states of India, 18million cubic meter natural gas is distributed to 35 lakh houses and vehicles in 90 cities. In 13000km it is executed without any problems in the safest possible manner. In that place only 505 km is required in Kerala It is being successfully conducted in India. We should be able to utilize this factor. As I said earlier, the two tanks in Kochi at Puthuvaipin are the two huge and important tanks with a storage capacity of 155000cubic meter. It is bas now been a way of trade for the multinational companies. The Cheemeni Project

will be reality only if this is accomplished. The Cheemeni Project is an important project for the development of North Kerala. In the similar way other electric projects in South Kerala is important. I demand the government to take initiative to discuss the matters on an emergency basis to terminate the tenders considering the abnormal situation regarding its safety and as well as to reconsider the decision to give it multinational companies since it is a comprehensive project based on a balanced development perspective policy regarding Kerala's development individually considering North & South Kerala which is capable to make the state environment friendly, to

protect K.S.R.T.C. from incurring losses, to get a reduction of 35% for domestic customers and to attain self-sufficiency in the electricity sector.

Minister of Industry and Information Technology(Sri.P.K.Kunjalikutty):

Sir, it was said that detailed explanation was given regarding the subject presented now by respected S.Sharma. There are problems related to this in some districts like Kannur, Kozhikode and Malappuram. The fear of the people is the main reason for the problem in the areas from Kuttanad in Palakkad district till Kannur. The Chief Minister had mentioned about conducting a meeting shortly in Kozhikode regarding this matter. In Kannur and Kozhikode M.L.A.s are mostly included in this meeting. Meeting cannot be conducted in the present situation. There are absurdities like it is an underground bomb and prevailing situation is that the Panchayath Presidents are also raising opposition. There are many benefits of this projects if it

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happens. Likewise, the problems are also many if this does not happen and there is no doubt in it. This will highly benefit F.A.C.T., K.S.R.T.C., Electricity, Industry & Domestic purpose. Transporting in tanker lorry causes many problems. There will be a state where these all will be avoided gradually. We have decreased the land and increased the compensation. High populated places have been avoided. Everyone can discuss the matter based on this. Mainly the meeting is dependent upon M.L.A.s. Further we intend to go to lower levels with their help. I want to say everyone should cooperate for this. We think to try the last chance.

Chief Minister(Oommen Chandy): Sir, I specially congratulate Mr. Sharma for bringing this matter in the assembly. Because this is an important and integral matter regarding the future development of Kerala. The world is changing. Changes are happening in India as well. But to put the plan aside for Kerala means...As Sri.P.K.Kunjalikutty said underground bomb. The frontline political parties are not involved. But in order to stir up the people...In the meantime an accident occurred in Andhra Pradesh. How many more may have died while transporting gas in tanker lorry than in this accident. Isn't electricity

dangerous; isn't it there in our house; isn't gas dangerous; aren't we using gas in our houses? The facts follow on how we use it. But strong opposition occurring in this case. In other states only 10% of fair value is given for laying pipelines. Kerala has sanction only to lay the pipelines. The land belongs to the owner itself. By the intervention of government, considering the present

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situation it has been raised to 30%, and was later raised to 50% on demand.

Even after the pipelines are laid the land will belong to the owner. For this it has been decided to about 50%. The facts said by respected S. Sharma are very true. It is very beneficial regarding electricity. It is also beneficial to maintain public sector companies like F.A.C.T. and also in fertilizer production. Government is now focusing to implement the City Gas project at a practical level to overcome this fear. The main pipeline of 42km has been laid. License from the Central Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry should be obtained. After the license is obtained gas connection can be provided to the houses in Kochi. Then the people can check is it any underground bomb being buried in the ground. Timely available of gas is a problem for many families. If we get gas like we get water from pipes, it would be very helpful. The government is planning implement this in a practical level, by giving awareness class showing this city gas scheme who have concerns regarding this. Regarding the F.A.C.T. the state government has decided to exclude the VAT. When we went to the Prime Minister to speak about the package for F.A.C.T. he first asked about L.N.G. the pipeline works have been completed in such a way that L.N.G. is available to F.A.C.T. There is problem for tax. We said decision regarding that will be taken at the earliest. Now the decision has been taken. The government will be extremely careful regarding this. The respected member asked me if I am aware about the latest updates about the situation. The government is monitoring each day activities. It is true that the contract is cancelled. But no need worries in that matter. Because on 3rd of December,

the principal secretary of Ministry of Industry Sri. P.H.Kurian had a detailed meeting with the chairman of GAIL. The present tender has been cancelled. But, they are ready to re invite the tender the next day we give the consent letter for giving the land. We are trying to bring it in a practical level without losing priority. I have the opinion a discussion like this was conducted in this matter apart from the discussion during the question answer session. I would like to say that, support and cooperation from the members should be there always. L.N.G Project is crucial for the future of Kerala. Considering the special situation of Kerala, everyone should support for its completion. Special interest will be taken in matter like procuring land, paying its price and other similarly addressed matters. I request the help of all the members for this.

Sri.A.K.Balan: Sir, I had also participated in the meeting called by the chief minister two years ago. Some decisions were taken in that meeting. Its natural there is a group concerned about this. It can be solved by arranging a constituency level meeting under the leadership of M.L.As. Some organizations have concerns about the environmental issues. It was decided to arrange a meeting of these organizations also in that meeting. The opposition has a strong allegation that the government did not make any serious involvement after that.

Sri. Ommen Chandy: sir, a deputy collector was appointed after organizing a collector's meeting for procurement of land. After that, in land where dispute raised, involvement was made to solve it. In areas where there were many problems, the M.L.A.s said that it would be only sufficient if a meeting including Panchayath Presidents would be organized as per which a meeting was held in Thiruvananthapuram where the needs and benefits of the project

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was explained. I am very happy that all the Panchayath Presidents who attended the meeting have shown their support for this project. They have also shared the concern how to make the public aware of these facts. They also welcomed the City Gas project initiated to eliminate the anxiety of the people. Whatever, government will take all precautions in these matters. But it can be succeeded only with everyone's support.

Sri. C.K.Nanu: Sir, this problem can be solved if all the political parties are involved. Sri.P.K.Kunjalikutty has called for a meeting in Malappuram and I had attended this meeting. After hearing the opinions of all the political parties, the Minister said that If you don't, we don't want it either. In a situation where we take a decision, the public will not believe anything we say unless

we individually call the meeting of political parties, people's representatives, members at panchayath level and Grama sabhas. People have organized committees against this in the Panchayath level. If we reach an assumption without understanding that is useless. A decision taken in the Legislative Assembly should not have a negative comment at the local level. The Minister of Industry has himself experienced this.

Minister of Industry and Information Technology(Sri.P.K.Kunjalikutty):

Sir, various meetings have been conducted regarding this. The recent one was the meeting of the related Panchayat

presidents conducted in Trivandrum as mentioned by the Chief Minister. From this meeting it has been understood that some changes have occurred in the minds of people regarding this project. The main thing is to eliminate the concerns about this from the mind's of people. This system exists in cities like Bombay and Delhi. The respected Chief Minister said that we can gradually change the mindset of people with the involvement of People's

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representatives, M.L.A.s and Panchayath Presidents. After deciding to change the alignment from populated areas as much as possible and reducing the land area procured by providing compensation, a small improvement has occurred. If the M.L.A.s also try further improvement can occur is what the Chief Minister said.

Sri. E.P.Jayarajan: Sir, the respected Minister of Industry mentioned an important thing. Any explosion may happen if the pipeline comes is not the main problem, but the problem is that GAIL is not giving enough compensation. The first thing we should do is design an effective package. An attractive package was brought regarding the Kannur Airport. Every farmer was ready to give up their land and approved the airport project. The problem here, is that GAIL is seeing how much land can be procured without giving compensation to the land owners. If a good package is designed this project can be carried out easily and it you be nice if you involve for that.

Sri Ommen Chandy: Sir, E.P.Jayarajan pointed out a very important matter. Here land is not taken over, but procured only for using it. When 10percent compensation is given in other states, here 30percent is given and now it is raised to 50percent. It is a project where the land owners get half the actual price of the land without losing their property. When opinions came about designing an attractive package, the fact government is seriously thinking is about to fix a rent on monthly basis rather than provide the price of the land. The Government is considering to make a scheme to provide monthly income to low-income people as a part of this project.

Sri. S. Sharma: Sir, the Chief Minister said that the Principal Secretary of Ministry of Industry Sri. P.H.Kurian had made a discussion with the chairman of GAIL and GAIL expressed consent in this matter. It is a good thing. Another crucial matter is that, the tank in Puthuvaipin has an storage capacity of 155000 cubic meter. It is one among the tanks in the world with the largest storage capacity. Now global tender has been called to give this tank for rent. 18 members have participated in this tender. This tender is going to be finalized. If the multinational corporations own these tanks, it will be fully under their control and a situation where the requirements of Kerala will not met may occur. It is an unusual situation. That situation should also be considered.

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Sri.Ommen Chandy: we will try to execute the project without causing any problems in the State. Sri.P.H.Kurian is going to Delhi tomorrow regarding this. We will make to clear that any decision taken should as such the interests of the State should be harmed.

Sri.V.M.Ummar Master: Sir, the officers from GAIL have fixed the alignment as they felt without scientifically considering the geographical features. The pipeline is passing through the surroundings of my house as well. The alignment decided for the pipeline to pass is through the middle of houses and sides of kitchen that too in densely populated areas. So its natural that the people may get concerned and come out to the protest scene is a reality. During the time the alignment of the pipeline was fixed we had asked the officers from GAIL to fix the alignment through sparsely populated areas like coastal areas or river banks but they neglected this request and also were firm in their decision regarding this in all the meetings organized due to which the people started to protest strongly. From the reaction of the people we can conclude that the gas

pipeline can be installed only if a new alignment is fixed through sparsely populated areas. So I am asking for the people of that area to make the necessary adjustments regarding this.

Sri.Ommen Chandy: This much of delay happened because maximum consideration was given to opinions like this. When it was said the problems can be avoided if the pipeline is laid through the Connolly Canal, the matter was examined. It took some time for that. After the examination by the expert committee they unanimously informed that it is not possible. In other states, the width of the areas through which pipeline passes is taken as 20 meters. It has been reduced to 10meters in Kerala. To avoid its path through residential areas would be difficult. But even there are small changes possible it will be

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considered. This project should be implemented without delay for which everyone should cooperate.

Sir. A.K.Shasheendran: Sir, it has come to be known that some opinions were put forth by the Sri. K.M.Nair, the advisor to the former Prime Minister Sri.Manmohan Singh and the M.D of GAIL to solve the problems regarding the alignment. Could you say what were those opinions?

Sri.P.K.Kunjalikutty: Sir, the new opinions are those which I had said earlier. Like increase the compensation, provide rental income, reduce the width of the pipeline area. Two things have been implemented already. Rental income has come as a proposal. If this is implemented we hope there will be more acceptance among the people. Reply for your questions regarding this was given in writing.

Sri.V.S.Achutanandan: Sir, based on the Urgent resolution by Sri.S.Sharma regarding the L.N.G Project,I have understood that a healthy situation has been developed to successfully complete this project the project which was considered to affect Kerala in an anxious way from the explanations given by the Chief Minister and Minister for Industry and I would conclude saying that all the support required for the completion of this project will be provided by the opposition.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Based on the explanation but the respected Chief Minister and Minister of Industry, the presentation permission for Urgent Resolution has been denied.

[Denial of presentation permission for urgent resolution]

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1. PROBLEMS OF HEALTH SETOR IN WAYANAD

Sri. V.M.Sreyams Kumar: Sir, the lack of doctors and other staffs is a creating a major crisis in the health sector of Wayanad, the most backward district of Kerala. The shortage of doctors has worsely affected in the Primary Community Health Centers where the patients in the villages mostly depend upon. In the 190 doctor posts in the Wayanad district, 63 of the posts are vacant. There is a situation prevalent where expert treatment is not available since most of the vacant posts are of specialized doctors. There are 44 doctors in the Manathavady District Hospital, where there is an average 1200 O.P and 400 I.P daily. About 20-25% of the people seeking treatment are tribals.

The same situation prevails in the Kalpetta General Hospital. Only 47 beds are available when there is a strength of 250 beds. There is a shortage of 6 doctors. Post has not been created for the new hospital. The working has not been started even if the building construction has been completed.

There are 800 O.P and 23 I.P daily in Bathery Taluk Hospital. About 50% of the people present here are tribals. Even if the bed strength has been increased to 120 but the appointment of required doctors has not been conducted. The doctor's appointed through N.R.H.M are often not interested to stay here. The trend exists where the appointed doctor's go on leave. The tribals, plantation workers abd poor farmers who come to the hospital with minor ailments are referred to the Kozhikode Medical College. They go to Kozhikode Medical College spending the time and money they lack. Calling an ambulance for this is an extra financial burden for them.

Wayanad is a district in the state facing special health problems. 12 people have died because of the unidentified disease seen in Kaattunaikar tribal group. Wayanad is a district facing health problems like Sickle cell disease and disease seen in tribals travelling for work in other states. It was announced to start a government medical college here understanding the importance of finding such health problems among the tribals and the need to conduct authentic study about this. Even after 2years after the announcement and saying 50 acer land will be given free of cost, there has been no progress in procuring the land considering its practical value nor initiating its working. This causes concerns among the people of Wayanad. It has been a serious discussion topic for the last few days that there is no progress in the working of the hospital even when the

land is provided free of cost. The Government should be ready to announce a health package to solve the health problems in Wayanad district and to start the working of the Wayanad Government Medical College. Likewise is the case of the Centre of Sree Chithira Thirunal Institute. It is being said for the last 5 years that it will start working soon but is ceased due to the unavailability of land and various other practical reasons. It's not understood why the functioning of the medical college is not yet started even after receiving 50 acres of land. I hope you would find out the reason for this. I am demanding from this attention calling to have the necessary involvement to solve these problems in the Wayanad district

Minister for Health, Family Welfare and Devaswom(Sri.V.S.Sivakumar):

Sir, there are 35 main treatment centers and 207 sub-treatment centers in the health sector under the control of Government in Wayanad district. In a district where super specialty facilities in private sector are not available most

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of the people depend on government treatment centers. It is fact that the proportional number of staffs is not there presently, following the timely changes by including more treatment centers with regard to the increasing population and following the developments regarding building construction, introducing modern treatment facilities and other improvements in physical conditions using the fund provided by the Three-tier Panchayaths, Central Government initiated projects, M.L.A & M.P fund. Mananthavady District Hospital, a import hospital has been raised to a hospital with 500 beds. Here treatment is given to an average 420-450 admitted patients. In this institution where about 300 deliveries and other surgeries are conducted, the facilities like I.C.U., N.I.C.U., C.T.Scan, 24hours lab facility, Full time Blood bank, Component separation unit are available. As per the order of 13-8-2004 the posts have been created for five Junior Consultant, one Assistant Surgeon and one Blood bank technician. Measure will be taken to make Mananthavady District Hospital a House Surgeons training center. If that happens we can ensure the service of more house surgeons.

More than 60 people are given inpatient treatment at Kalpetta General Hospital. In Bathery Taluk Hospital where there are 56 beds 106 inpatients are treated. 3 crore rupees have been allotted to a women and children hospital at Sulthan Bathery recognizing the absence of women and children hospital in Wayanad district. The construction work will begin shortly. Presently there are 184 posts of doctors in the whole Wayanad district. One thing said by respected Sri.Sreyams Kumar is true. He said,130 doctors are required there as per the staff strength but now there is a vacancy of 63 doctors. It has been noticed by the government. The main reason for the

absence of doctors is that a situation prevails where the doctors do not join if they are appointed in Wayanad district or else they go on leave. Due to many other reasons also nobody is ready to work there voluntarily. Considering these reasons a special meeting was called on 8-12-2014 in mine and the Chief Minister's presence and decisions was taken. The Health Department secretary is destined with the task to design a package for solving the inadequacy in the Health sector of Wayanad district. In Wayanad district, there is a vacancy of 27 Assistant surgeons as advised by the P.S.C. Appointment will be done soon to fill these vacancies. The vacancy of Consultant, Gynecologist and Anesthetist should be filled via promotion. So the Health Department Director has been directed to conduct D.P.C. in order to give promotion. Two 108 Ambulances will be allowed, one to Mananthavady District Hospital and other to Sultan Bathery Taluk Hospital. The functioning of two Karunya Pharmacy one in Mananthavady and other in Sultan Bathery in has begun in the last 10 days in Wayanad district. The respected member has mentioned here about the commencement of Government Medical College in Wayanad district. Dr. Jithesh was appointed as Special officer there on 1-10-2012. The further procedures will be initiated

If the clearance is obtained for the land received free of cost for the Medical college. The P.W.D has prepared a D.P.R of 756 crores for this and also appointed consultant. The construction works of the Medical college will begin soon. It is necessary more treatment facilities should be established where ailments like Sickle disease is commonly found among the people in the tribal areas of Wayanad district as mentioned earlier. In its context, to

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establish center of Sree Chithira Thirunal Medical Institute, it has been decided to take over 75b acre of land from Glen Leven Estate in Periyavillage of Mananthavady Taluk in Wayanad. It has been decided in today's cabinet to allot 1.90 crores for this. In this occasion I would like to make it clear that the Government considering all the facts, will take the required necessary action taking special interest in the health sector of Wayanad district.

Sri. M.V.Sreyams Kumar: Sir, all the facts you mentioned here are about Bathery and Mananthavady. I would kindly ask you to remember that Kalpetta is also a part of Wayanad. The collector has sent a report on 15-11-2014 regarding the special situation in the district and the

present health problems. The present situation is explained in detail in that report. What are actions have taken by the Government based on that report.

Sri.V.S.Sivakumar: Sir, based on the collector's report, the Health Department Secretary is directed to design a package to take necessary actions considering the shortage of staffs in hospitals with required facilities and all other inconveniences in Wayanad districts including Kalpetta and submit it to the Government. Actions will be definitely taken regarding this.

2. PROBLEMS IN THE COIR INDUSTRY SECTOR

Sri. P. Thilothaman: Sir, Coir Industry which is one of the traditional industries of Kerala is now facing a serious situation. The industry is migrating from our state to Tamil Nadu. The industry including export is now concentrated there. During the last financial year, 84 percent of the coir

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products exported from India was from Tamil Nadu. Our role in export was only 16 percent. The major share in 16 percent included jute and P.V.C. tufted mats made using heavy machinery. The minor producers and workers in the coir sector of Kerala who produced traditional items are also at the end of collapse. They do not have jobs. The whole sector is standstill. The thousands of small coir factories are at a verge of crash in such a way as to disappear which was the part of the traditional coir industry. The price stability project introduced during the time of previous to protect this sector is not efficiently implemented after this government came into power. Since the Revenue department is not allocating the fund as per the budget provision, the Coir Corporation is not able to supply the orders, to stock the products, to protect the workers and help the minor production units in the present situation. The corporation is not able to pay the rebate of the products stocked last and is only able to express its helplessness. Thus the traditional coir industry is facing serious collapse. Now a situation has arisen where the thousands of workers depend on jobs in other sectors since they have no option to continue working in this sector. In Cherthala and Ambalappuzha taluks, a situation of starvation and poverty is born in the coir industry sector. If this is situation coir products manufacturing sector, the situation would be worse than this in coir manufacturing sector. If coir should be manufactured coconut husk should be brought from Tamil Nadu. High prices should be provided for this husk. I need not mention the cost of coir products will automatically rise because of increase in the cost of production when manufacturing it by buying

coconut husk at high prices. But coconut husk is easily available in Tamil Nadu. There is a situation where they make coir

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using most modern machineries at lower prices and bring to Kerala for sale. When they sell on kilogram coir for 44 Rupees we can only sell it for 54-55 Rupees based on the cost of production. There is a difference of 10 Rupees per kilo gram of coir. The situation prevalent in Kerala is that the workers, their units and minor producers are not able to sell the coir they manufacture. This adversely affects the ten thousands of coir manufacturing workers and their primary societies. The workers of the Coir industry in Kerala are facing a situation of insecurity and collapse and moreover serious downfall and a state of starvation and poverty. The workers of the coir industry only have to say a pathetic story who once played an integral role in the social development of Kerala. Mass suicide and starvation of the workers will be the situation occurring if this sector is not functioned jointly and the Government and Coir Development Department is considering this situation seriously. The small-scale factory owners who took huge amount as loans to start coir factories are in debt trap. To encourage the coir industry, the Tamil Nadu government is giving transportation subsidies and many other facilities, whereas no such actions are happening from the side of our Government. The experience of the Coir Corporation points out the fact that Coir department is also unable to do anything to efficiently use the minimal amount because the Revenue Department is adamant even if hundred or hundred and twenty crores are set aside for the coir industry in the state budget. Subsidy should be given for coconut fiber and the storage of coconut husk should be made widespread and also modernization should be brought. The small-scale production sector and the transitional employment sector should be revamped. There is no doubt that the coastal areas of Kerala will go into a situation of starvation, poverty and miseries if the recommendations

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of the Coir Commission appointed during the term of last government is not implemented even if including other changes. The coir workers have a brilliant story of protest. The workers who had to say brilliant stories about struggle but now have to say stories of miseries. My demand is the Government should take actions to ensure the welfare of the ten thousands of workers in that sector and to protect the industry in this state which is facing serious problems.

12.00Noon]

Minister for Revenue and Coir Industry(Sri.Adoor Prakash): Sir, the respected member mentioned here about the various problems the coir industry is facing now. Coir Industry is one of the most

important traditional industry in Kerala. The government has taken several strong measures to solve the problems in this sector. To reduce the shortage of coconut fiber, the government is considering a revised proposal regarding the storage of coconut husk. The government has given approval to a project of 90,90,000 rupees along with the Coconut Development Board to store and convert coconut husk to coir. In the financial year 2013-14, Coifed was given 4,86,20,000 rupees to give stored coconut fiber at a subsidized rate to Coir Co-operative Societies and Public Sector undertakings as an interim relief. The Coifed had given 43710.82 quintal coir costing Rs.12,0481,802 during November 2013 to 23 May 2014 at a subsidized rate and 16040.45 quintal coir costing Rs.43586658 at a subsidy rate during 06.08.2014 to 5-9-2014. Mostly every Coir Cooperative Societies were given increment in the working capital as per the rehabilitation project. As per the basic facilities development project, the society is given funding. Measures will be taken to

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make the benefits available if the Central Government's transportation subsidy project, the N.H.D.C project, if the type of coir produced by Kerala eligible for it. The 10 percent of the last years turnover is approved to the cooperative societies as production and marketing incentive. The coir making workers are provided with thrift, gratuity and other benefits by the respective societies or institutions. It is being examined if it can be made available from government fund. As per the existing criteria, it is not possible to implement the income support project in the factory sector because there is situation the minimum wages received is 360Rs. In order to carry out the purchase price stability project, the 4,72,50,000Rs of the 15 crore allotted for the financial year 2014-15 received administrative approval to be given to Coir Corporation of which already 2 crore has been sanctioned to the corporation. Measure will be taken to sanction the remaining amount. The pension amount of the coir workers of 8 months, Rs4500 till August 2014 and 274774100Rs as family pension has been already given. The financial assistance for marriage, treatment, maternity benefits, education, differently abled, cremation, accidental death, a total of Rs.17257250 was distributed to 33352 individuals through the Welfare Fund Board in the year 2013-14. To start a Coir Project Office in Cherthala is demand from a very long time. The respected member had raised this earlier. Provisions have been made to start its working on 13th of this month. Modern spinning machines, electronic rats is being given now itself. Fund has been allotted to Coir Machinery Factory to produces 125 modified de-fibered machines, 5714 electronic rats. Modern machineries will be provided as per need.\

The industry is shifting to Tamil Nadu is important point said by the respected member. In fact, it is somewhat true. The Tamil Nadu government

is giving encouragement in the field of coir production. So many things are happening there is a reality. Another important fact you said is that there is a need to undergo mechanization. Everyone in this field is aware of the fact that cost of production here is more when coir is available at 40Rs here.

Dr.T.M.Thomas Issac: Sir, you may be carrying out these activities. I am not indenting to dispute it or discuss about it. But the situation is more serious than you think. This industry is getting extinct in Kerala. I want to request the minister to make a situation to discuss the matter by organizing a meeting with the trade union members and hear what they have to say before the Legislative Assembly conference ends.

Sri. Adoor Prakash: Sir, definitely a decision will be taken regarding what the respected member said. We can decide a date after thinking. I agree the matter you said 100per cent. These matters should be solved through discussions. I was saying about mechanization.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Respected Minister, it has been seven minutes since your reply started.

Sri. Adoor Prakash: Sir, this is an important topic. I will conclude soon. We can control the price only by reducing the cost of production which is only possible by mechanization. So if we want to increase the production we should go for mechanization. It is what Tamil Nadu is doing now. Our department is also thinking to do the same. The activities have been designed to undertake measure to initiate and bring about mechanization. Of course we can help our cooperative societies in this manner. Arrangements will be

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made to increase the production. There is has been an increase in the matter of our export. We cannot say no. In the 2010-11 duration 807 crores of export has occurred in the Coir industry sector of Kerala. In the 2011-12 financial year it was 1052 crores, 1116crore in 2012-13 financial year and 1476 crores in 2013-14 increase in export have occurred. I would not claim it has been completely exported from Kerala. Even when I say this, you should understand the fact that more than 50percent is being exported by us is clearly visible in the figures. I have those datas in my hand. When 1476crores of expert happened in 2013-14, of which 745crores were products from Kerala. so there has been an increase. The wages given to the workers in coir industry was Rs150 when our government came into power. In the following year it was Rs.210 and later Rs.260 regarding which

action have been now taken to increase it to Rs. 300. We are going ahead taking actions to provide fair wages to the workers in order to maintain the workers in this sector itself. I would wish to inform you that the government will take alle necessary actions to maintain this traditional industry of Kerala.

Sri. P.Thilothaman: Sir,the main reason for the collapse of this industry is that the fiber necessary for this is not produced here. If husk storage should we done widespread for this, it is a reality that it is possible only if transportation charges and other subsidies are provided. So by providing subsidy for both husk and coir we can reduce the cost of production and introduce more efficient machineries can be done by the government. But all the machineries introduced here are less efficient like the traditional machines due to which it did not succeed. But a very good progress has

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occurred in Tamil Nadu in this matter. Mostly all the trade union organizations have said alike they are not against mechanization if it is carried out in a manner the workers do not loss their job and they are protected. Is the government planning to redesign it completely to maintain this industry in the state by providing incentives to even the employee?

Sri.Adoor Prakash: Sir you said about coconut husk storage. The main thing is producing the coconut fiber. Measures have been undertaken to install powerful defibrillating machines to produce coconut fibers as apart of mechanization. Action have been taken to give 125 defibrillating machines without delay. Production for this is in progress. For producing coir, 5717electronic rats are being produced. It will also be provided to cooperative societies. A problem of loosing the employment will not rise for the workers in this sector. I would like to inform the respected member that through modernization, the productions can be increased for which the required provisions are taken.

Mr.Deputy Speakers: There are 21 submissions today. It will take lot of time to present these submissions and get reply for this. Is it enough if the reply for the submissions are placed on the table?.....

Since everyone has the opinion to present the submission, lets continue with the submission.

VII SUBMISSIONS**1. PROTECTION OF CONSUMER FED**

Opposition Leader(Sri.V.S.Achuthanandan): Sir, the Consumer fed which gives relief to the people amidst the hiking prices is now at the verge of collapse. The flaws and mismanagement of government management policies is the reason for this. As part of the subsidy sale conducted as per the directions of the Government, the Government has pay about Rs.420 crores to the consumer fed. Since this amount has not been received, this institution is facing serious financial crisis. The Consumer fed has to pay about 350 crores to the sellers for the commodities brought from them. The sellers are not ready to provide the commodities unless they are given this payment. Since commodities are not there is the sales centres, no trade is happening and there is situation to shut down these sales centres. The consumer fed has taken about 480 crores as loans and deposits from various cooperative institutions. Only the interest due to this is more than 42crore per year. These cooperative institutions have given a case against Consumer fed for failing to pay the loan amount and interest. In short, the functioning of Consumer fed has ceased completely due to financial crisis. In additions this government has additionally appointed about 4000daily wages employees and trainees temporarily. 41crores is needed every year to provided them salary. Due to the abundance of employees, the turn over received is not sufficient for providing wages and salaries itself. The employees are protesting raising these problems. Necessary actions should be taken to protect this people's co-operative institution, the Consumer fed which is a relief to the common people who are struggling with inflation. I also demand to provide the 420 crores which the government has to pay to the Consumer fed.

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Minister for Co-operation, Khadi and Village Industries(C.N.Balakrishnan): Sir, the consumer fed played an important role in maintaining the stability of commodity prices in the general market of the State. To fulfil this, units like Triveni, Neeti, Nanma Stores, Mobile Triveni and Neeti Medical Stores are functioning throughout the state. 865 Nanma stores were opened in the term of this government to provide the daily use essential items in general market at a 20 per cent reduced price all year round. The consumer fed would conduct market fairs to control the price hike in general market during festival season where commodities are provided at 20-30per cent subsidy. Of the 372.74 crores to be paid by the previous government, in the category of distributing essential items at subsidy rates during the festival season, the consumer fed only been paid 117.0crore. 255.03crore rupees is still arrears. When the previous government gave 117.71crore in the 5-year term, the present government has already given 229.50crore rupees in these three and

half years. Moreover, 50crore rupees was given for developing the basic facilities and also help of N.C.D.C. has been made available. The failure in paying the liability of 255.03crore, which had to be given in the term of previous government, has affected the functioning of Consumer fed. The failure in receiving the payment from government thus not able to buy commodities and pay its price to the sellers timely and to give huge amount as interest to the banks has severely affected the functioning of Consumer fed. The functioning of consumer fed is timely evaluated. To review the matters regarding this a high-level meeting including the respected Chief Minister, Revenue Minister and Department Minister and other related officials is planned to be held this afternoon. The facts raised by the respected Opposition leader will also be discussed in this meeting and required actions will be taken.

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2. MEMORIAL OF JUSTICE V.R. KRISHNAYYAR

Sri. Hibi Eden: This submission is presented regarding, building a memorial for the universal citizen, respected Justice. V.R.Krishna Iyer at an appropriate place in Ernakulam. I want this to be accepted as the general sentiment of this assembly. He was the minister who controlled the portfolios as Home Minister, Minister of Law, Jail, Social welfare, Electricity and Water in the first Legislative Assembly. He also served as the Supreme Court judge from 1973. He has authored more than seventy books. We have seen him as a voice of the denied and as fighter for the justice of common people. Mainly regarding the people of Kochi, we are aware of all his decisions he taken and involvements he made in matter regarding social matters and development of Kochi. Five cent plots behind the district court while commemorating his 100th birthday to establish a library in his remembrance. I specially thank the state government for this on this occasion. A memorial apt for his name. A most modern library complex is what we are intending. We also wish to develop it as a research centre including all his legal texts and law books for the next generation to learn. The funding required for this should be given by the government. This should also be considered as a general sentiment is what I have to same in this occasion.

Chief Minister(Sri.Ommen Chandy): Sir, the respected member Hibi Eden has brought a very important matter to attention of the assembly. Justice. V.R.Krishna Iyer, who left us recently, was one of the finest citizens of Kerala and India as well. He was a role model in many aspects to the society. He was loved and respected by everyone only because of his deeds. His activities for the welfare of the society have always been praiseworthy. The respected member has put forth the concept about a memorial for him. As mentioned by Sri.Hibi Eden, 5cent of land was demanded to construct a high-level library in

his remembrance. The cabinet decided to allot 5 cent land completing all the procedures. On the occasion of his 100th birthday, the minister Sri.K.Babu gave this property to him on behalf of the government. The opinion put forth by the respected member Sri.Hibi Eden will also be investigated. What kind of memorial can be built there will be later decided considering everyone's opinions.

3. STANDING PROTESTBY TRIBALS

Sri.C. Divakaran: Sir, for the last five months the standing protest by the tribal people in front the secretariate is something of the kind that annoys the conscience of Kerala. You had called a conference regarding this on 24-9-2014. The decisions of this conference are not clear. The Central Government has provided 19600 acres of land for the rehabilitation of tribals. There are three ministers in the present cabinet who had witnessed the decisions taken during the last cabinet of ex-Chief Minister Sri.A.K.Antony. After that, in 2002 only 677 families were given land. By which this came to an end. On the opinion to form a commission, a commission was formed. But the commission was not efficient. There is Supreme Court judgement on 3-4-2000, Central Government order of 2004 and decision of Sri.A.K.Antony in 2001 to provide them land. Not just facts, the documents regarding this are on your table. There is no way we can remain un reactive seeing this protest just for land and drinking water. Through this submission, it is demanded to take necessary actions to approve the reasonable requirements by the tribal people and put an end to this protest.

Chief Minister(Sri.Oommen Chandy): Sir, the government is taking the problem mentioned by the respected member Sri.C.Divakaran very seriously. Its not true that the Government is pretending its not seen this protest. I myself have arranged a conference four times regarding this. The latest conference

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Was held yesterday evening. The Home Minister Sri.Ramesh Chennithala, Minister for Scheduled Caste Development Sri. A.P.Anilkumar, Minister for Tribal Welfare Kumari.P.Jayalekshmi, we four together has talked to them yesterday finally. The government is thinking their demands are reasonable. They raised the demand for land, the government also approves the demand of Adivasi Gram Sabha Rules. The respected Sri. C.Divakarn talked about the other living facilities for them. The Government will take all decision absorbing every aspect the including problem related to about 19000 acres of land. All the demands they said have been approved. But the protest did not end. The demand can be discussed, they will welcome the approval of the government. But they will stop the protest only after all the demands have been fulfilled. The respected Sri. C.Divakarn

knows the problems related to land. The problems related to forest; the Forest Rights Act will arise in the matter of land. Similarly many problems may arise. We had called a conference yesterday to decide the matters like when they can be provided with the land. The conference was called on deciding land can be provided to 500 individuals in Wayanad and to 1000 individuals in Attappady including Palakkad in the second week of January. The Tribal law said by them was approved by the cabinet. But there are groups of political parties who have a different opinion than others. The government should also know their opinions. The Government is ready to finalize a decision after their opinion is also known. The Government is taking this protest seriously due to which it has been decided to approve their demands. But the situation is the protest will not end. The two Minister related to this department will conduct the further discussions, after which solutions to this will be taken by discussing it with them following which the conference was ended. Measures will be taken to solve this problem. Special approach should be taken to solve the problems

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of the tribal people. There is no initiative from their side to receive the benefits as per the Government programmes. We should give it to them. It is necessary to take that kind of approach. I wish to take such an approach in the isolated tribal colonies of Attappady and Wayanad.

4. NEW ENTERPRISES IN THE LAND OF TRAVANCORE RAYONS

Sri.Saaju Paul: Sir, I have raised this topic several times related to the industrial sector of Kerala. The Travancore Rayons at Perumbavur have remain locked up for the past 13 years. It was locked as soon as the last U.D.F government came into power. There were 1400 workers then. The benefits of 2600 individuals who retired after 1992 is still pending. Most of them have died. Many committed suicides. The rehabilitation projects have not been conducted. The previous Government has brought an ordinance to undertake this, but did not receive approval from the respected President. 5000Rs was given since 2009. After giving off the pending benefits of the employees and the liability of bank and other financial institutions, 67 acers of land would remain for industrial purpose. All the trade unions of every political party will support the government is the Rayons case. If the previous situation of the government was to take a decision, the present government need only to implement the order related to it. According to the order G.O(M.S)No.42/2014/I.D of 24-3-2014, it has been ordered to pay the Rayons liability from KINFRA's budget and to hand over all the land and assets of the company to KINFRA for industrial park. It is mentioned in the order not to distribute the benefits until the procedures for the 14th Lok

Sabha Election is completed. It has been 6 months after the election completed and 8 months after the order came. I request that a decision should be taken immediately

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regarding this. If the respected Chief Minister, Industry and Revenue Minister solve this soon by giving special concentration, new enterprises can be brought in these 67 acers of land.

Minister for Industry and Information Technology(Sri.P.K.Kunjaalikutty):

Sir, it has been ordered to take over the land of Travancore Rayons. It is being intended that KINFRA would take over the land. There will no problem in finding funding for this. All procedures have been completed. The Advocate General has been directed to completethe case existing in the court related to this soon.

[On the presidency stage, Panel of Chairman Sri.N.Shamsudeen]

5. RULES IN THE MULTI LEVEL MARKETING SECTOR

Sri.A.Pradeepkumar: Sir, I would like to bring the attention of the assembly to some problems in the multi-level marketing sector. Multi-level marketing is a developing sector in India. Ten thousand of educated employees are working in this sector. There have been no laws regarding the multi-level marketing in India, but exists in many other countries. In this situation the scams deceiving people like Money Chain occurs. The trade unions of workers in this Multi-level marketing sectors had earlier asked for formulating a law to protect those employees who work fairly in this sector. The government earlier assured that a law will be formulated in a conference where the respected Chief Minster and Minister of Trade and Commerce would participate in the presence of the trade union members. Law formulation has not occurred even after taking this decision. The employees led by C.I.T.U are conducting a Legislative Assembly march demanding to formulate a law related to the adjustments in the Multi-level marketing sectors and ensure protection of the workers in this sector. So I request the respected

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Minister and the Government, that the decisions taken in the presence of the Chief Minister should be fulfilled soon.

Minister for Industry and Information Technology(Sri.P.K.Kunjaalikutty):

To stop the unhealthy trends and ensure the protection employees working fairly in the Multi-level marketing sectors, The Kerala State Multi-Level Marketing Control and Regulation Bill 2014 has been prepared. The examination by legal department has been completed regarding this. The

opinion of tax department has to be obtained yet. Also the assent of the President is required. The bill will be implemented immediately.

6. DIFFICULTIES OF CANCER PATIENTS

Sri. A.K.Saseendran: Sir, the number of cancer patients in our state is increasing terribly. Most of the cancer patients are from Malabar region. If the figures of the patients are evaluated, the patients from Malabar are depending on R.C.C. The M.L.A.s from Malabar may be aware of the matter that there may be cancer patients in almost all coaches of the trains travelling from Malabar to Thiruvananthapuram. The reason for this is that there are no trustworthy and notable treatment centres with modern facilities for this disease in the Malabar region. To an extent this is tried to be solved by the Pariyaram Medical College, Malabar Cancer Research Centre at Thalassery and Kozhikode Medical College. The condition at Malabar Cancer Research Centre is that there are no sufficient number of doctors to efficiently treat the increasing number of patients. Presently, 6doctors have left from there. The reason for this is the doctors are not given the facilities similar to R.C.C. Kozhikode Medical College is an important centre in Malabar. There is only one department in Kozhikode Medical College for cancer treatment. Not only being a department, the test related to this is spread at various places. To solve this, a 45-crore project has been approved which the people of Kozhikode may

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have understood from the flexes. Its working has not been started. A private person had given seven acers of land and buildings free of cost for Cancer Treatment at Thenkilakaade in Mavoor which is near to this. There is an inevitable situation to set up an effective cancer treatment centre with expert doctors and most modern facilities at Kozhikode, which is an important centre in Malabar. So these proposals are being considered to convert the caner department of Pariyaram Medical College, Malabar Cancer Research Centre and Kozhikode Medical College as trustworthy institutions so as to provide relief to the people and I would request take the necessary action for this.

Minister for Health, Family Welfare and Devaswom: Sir, cancer is one of the biggest threat Kerala is facing in the life style diseases category. So the government is giving top consideration in the case of cancer treatment and research. In the Malabar region , the government is taking measures in all the areas not only considering the cancer treatment but the importance of this in general. The measures are progressing to coordinate the cancer treatment departments of all the medical colleges in Kerala and form a Tertiary Cancer Care Centre. Kozhikode Medical College is also included in it. Measure are being taken to merge the Radio Therapy Department of government medical college along with the Medical Oncology Department and Surgical Oncology Department to function as mini R.C.C. centres are progressing. The project is being implemented in different

phases as the fund from state plan is allotted and the Central Government fund is received. To ensure the treatment of cancer patients in Northern Kerala, activities are progressing to strengthen the cancer department of Kozhikode Medical College. For this the modern equipment linear accelerator has been already installed. The proposal to engage Tertiary Cancer Care Centre using Central and State funds was also approved during the last U.P.A Government. The project estimated to be

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around forty-four and half crore will include to approve additional facilities like a new ward, operation theatre, spectra gamma camera, new linear accelerator in Kozhikode Medical College. Along with it, many cancer patients are being treated included in various cancer security schemes in the Kozhikode Medical College. Different categories of patients are included in schemes like cancer security scheme for children, Sukritam Project, Kaarunya Benevolent fund, R.S.B.Y., Chis plus and maximum effective treatment is provided to them. The Malabar Cancer Research Centre which was established in 2001 has mostly all the treatment facilities for cancer treatment except nuclear medicine. The government is thinking of plans to promote Malabar Cancer Research Centre to the level of R.C.C. Many camps and awareness classes are being conducted by the Community Oncology Department of Malabar Cancer Research Centre as a part of cancer awareness and cancer control. Moreover, under the cancer care project, the Malabar Cancer Research Centre is giving training to doctors and nurses in the Malabar region regarding the cancer treatment. The present training programme is designed in such a way that further chemotherapy treatment can be given in all the hospitals in every district. Also, in Kasaragod, Wayanad, Kozhikode, Malappuram districts telemedicine projects with different hospitals and continuing health education events are also conducted.

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In addition to this, the State Government is also providing financial assistance schemes for cancer patients at the Malabar Cancer Centre. The Malabar Cancer Centre's Patients Welfare Fund provides free treatment and lunch to financially backward patients. Preliminary steps have been taken to start a modern cancer treatment centre at Oorakam in Vengara constituency of Malappuram district with the leadership of INKEL to improve the cancer treatment facilities in the Malabar region. All the patients in the Malabar region of Kerala reaches R.C.C Thiruvananthapuram. Here 167 new posts have been created to address the growing number of patients and workloads at the Regional Cancer Center. World-class treatment facilities already exist at the Regional Cancer Center. The UPA government has given permission to upgrade Regional Cancer State Institute. A project of Rs. 120 crore has been envisaged and work has already started

for its implementation. Ernakulam has already sanctioned an international standard cancer centre with the objective of improving the cancer treatment system in Kerala. Its operations have already begun. The Cancer Institute, to be set up at a cost of Rs. 450 crore, envisages cancer research projects. The Samkritham scheme, a free treatment scheme for cancer treatment, has been launched in the state from November 1st. This free treatment plan has already been implemented in Five Medical Colleges in the State and Ernakulam General Hospital, RCC. 35 lakh low income families will benefit from the free cancer treatment scheme as a matter of urgency. Kerala is the only state in our country to implement the free cancer treatment scheme.

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It is for these reasons that the state government attaches great importance to the treatment of cancer. An additional amount of 45 crore has been sanctioned to the Malabar Cancer Centre as well as Kozhikode Medical College after examining the specifics of the Malabar region.

7. Problems of Traditional Healers

Shri.K.Kunjiraman(Thrikaripor): Sir, I am raising some of the issues of the traditional healers of Malabar in these submissions. Traditional medicine is an invaluable asset to Kerala and India. The treatment of traditional healers was very popular, popular and widespread in our country before the advent of modern medicine and treatment centers. There are still experienced doctors in our country who belong to that category Years ago, after testing their medical skills, they were granted the L 3 licenses required for treatment. Traditional healers have been facing a number of difficulties as part of the non-renewal of L 3 licenses for five to six years. It is estimated that only about seven hundred L3 licensees are survived. They are requested to take the necessary steps to operate on the L 3 license at least for the rest of their lives.

Minister of Health, Family Welfare and Devaswom (Shri. V.S Sivakumar): Sir, the Registrar of Travancore-Kochi Medical Council is essential for any treatment in Kerala such as Ayurveda-Siddha-Marma-Paediatrics. Existing laws do not allow a person who has not obtained such registration to become an Ayurvedic practitioner in the state. That is punishable. Registration with the Travancore-Cochin Medical Council can be obtained only from persons who have the required educational qualifications from recognized institutions under Section 38 of the Travancore-Cochin Medical Practitioners Act, 1953.

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In addition, Section 17 of the Central Council of Indian Medicine Act, 1970 provides for this. In this case, registration with the Medical Council as a traditional Ayurvedic treatment practitioner who has not obtained the educational qualifications required by the above law will not be allowed under the existing law to grant any exemptions or allow treatment without registration. The two-judge bench comprising the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court, dated 2003 January 8, has made it clear that only those

from the recognized states as per the provisions of the 1953 Act are eligible for registration with the Medical Council and working as medical practitioners in the field of Ayurvedic medicine. As per Government Order dated 4-6-2009, traditional Ayurvedic practitioners, homeopathy practitioners in the Malabar region and Siddha practitioners in the Travancore-Kochi region have been ordered to practice and be exempted from registration. However, the Central Council of Indian Medicine requested the State Government to withdraw the order as it was against Central law and the Government ruled that the order dated 4-6-2009 should not be implemented. The committee has been directed to set a standard for the practice of traditional Ayurvedic medicine and self-study and homeopathic practice in compliance with Central and State laws and to set standards for the provision of B-class registers. However, due to the committee's ability to put forward an acceptable recommendation, the traditional Ayurvedic practitioners and non - accredited homeopathic practitioners who have been practicing for 20 years as on 1-1-2011 in Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur and Kasaragod districts of the Malabar region are considered as special categories, under Section 38 of the Travancore-Cochin Medical Practitioners Act, 1953, the Government has relaxed the

requirement to take registration to practice traditional Ayurvedic medicine and homeopathic respectively. Accordingly, the High Court stayed the Government order issued by the Registrar on 26-4-2011. As the stay remains in the Court, the exception cannot be granted. The Government has focused on the above issues as the main problems faced by the traditional healers. The government cannot intervene for the time being as it is a matter before the court. The government will take appropriate action after the court verdict.

8. JOB LOSS DUE TO UNJUSTIFIED POLICE CUSTODY

Shri B. Sathyan: Sir, I am bring to your attention to a very serious matter. This is a very important issue that has been caused by the complete carelessness and negligence of the police officers. In my constituency in Kilimanoor the family of an innocent young man consisting of mother, wife and child when returning from the Gulf of who lost his job and his family was bereaved due to this. Biju, a native of Kilimanoor, is working in Ernakulam as a Security Supervisor for institution called C.S Solutions. He was arrested at around 4 pm on the 8th for allegedly sending a message that there was a bomb threat at the police headquarters. His mobile phone was immediately handed over to the officers. If you look at the CCTV cameras there, you can clearly see if he was at work or on the phone. If he has called on the basis of the cyber cell and observations, to file a

case against him and access it, he was arrested in front of his staff and locals while all the necessary arrangements were in place, and was interrogated at the Museum station and the Cantonment Station, where he was released late at night. When he was released on the grounds of

innocence, the big news in the press came the day after he told police officials that he would lose his job in any press release and that he was innocent, so please do not divulge this information. Some media outlets reported that he was in hiding and some other media outlets reported exposed him as the culprit and then fired him. That night I spoke to the Hon'ble Home Minister and my and Biju's petition was forwarded to the Home Minister. The opportunity has come today as the matter could not be brought to the notice of the assembly yesterday. Until now, he has not been instructed to return to work. If he is found guilty after buying and checking his mobile phone, he can definitely file a case against the young manor accept legal action. Despite this effort, he was arrested in public in front of his colleagues. Two vehicles full of policemen went to the house where his mother, wife and children were staying. All the locals got together there. Now it is a situation where the young man cannot walk out with pride. There is a situation where he was harassed by the police and lost his job. He also submitted a petition to the Chief Minister and the Home Minister yesterday there is no guarantee that he will continue to be employed..Today, the police have given the news in the media. The district police chief has said that he didn't lose his job. There is now an extraordinary situation where innocent youths and youths are arrested and prosecuted and then the police themselves give an explanation. The recent events of one or two young people have been brought to your attention.

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You noticed that even the Scheduled Caste youths were brutally tortured and assaulted and you went to a general hospital a call away and saw a young man named Baiju. Why do the police act like this without any restraint?.Two high-ranking police officers went to the house and work place and arrested this young man. Is this the town of cucumbers?.Now the police are B.S.N. L. is to blame. They say the B.S.N.L company has changed the number. Action should be taken against the police officers responsible for this. I urge you to intervene so that the young man who lost his job can get a job back.

Home Minister and Minister of Vigilance (Mr.Ramesh Chennithala): The Hon'ble Member called me on the phone that night and submitted the petition in the morning. Bombs have planted at four police locations in the area. A phone message was received on 8-12-2014 at 4.00 pm in the cell at the police headquarters cell. Accordingly, after removing all the officers from the office, the police under the leadership of the Thiruvananthapuram City District Police Chief conducted security checks on the officers of the Thiruvananthapuram City Anti Sabotage Squad, Bomb Squad, Dog Squad and Fire Force and Police Control Room. After confirming that there were no explosives, the inspections were completed and four duplicate bombs were founded and the beguile closing alarm was sounded. This was a mock drill to ensure the security of the police headquarters. This type of mock drill is also commonly used in police head quarters. This is a common practice in every states.

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This is used as a security audit to coordinate security duties to check for security lapses. Mock drills are conducted with the utmost secrecy and with the knowledge of a few high-ranking officials, or these mock drills cannot be performed. The message was received on 8-12-2014 at 3.02 pm on 9846636190 from the Thiruvananthapuram City Police Control. During the inspection, when came to know that the message came from a Biju from Kilimanoor Vilakattukonam Pazhakanumel who

works as a security officer at Leela Info Park in Technopark. Based on that, he taken to the Museum Police Station for investigation. He said he had not called the police control room, so his statement was recorded and he was released at 7.40pm, handed over to friends. The police have taken only precautionary measures in case of receiving such a message as usual. Since Biju did not call, the mobile phone service provider is investigating how the phone number came to be in the control room's phone. No case has been registered against Biju in this regard. Mr. Jayakumar, the security in-charge of the company where Biju works, was informed about this by the Thiruvananthapuram City Deputy Commissioner of Police. Through L&O phone number has been notified. There is no legal impediment for him to continue working. No case has been registered against him.

9. REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS IN JUICE PRODUCTION

Shri. V. M. Oommen Master:Sir, it is the lifelong dream of the coconut farmers in Kerala that this Government has decided to buy coconuts directly from the coconut at a fixed price.It is estimated that there are about 18 crore coconuts in Kerala. Even if a small percentage of this is allowed to be harvested, millions of people will get jobs and the government will get income.Neera has confirmed that it wants to build a naturally healthy. This drink, which has no trace of intoxicants, is not easily available under the control of the Excise Department.

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The excise law, which is more than 100 years old, is still in force in Kerala. There are reports that the central government has decided to lift the ban and has asked the state governments to do the same. Many states have exempted Neera from the purview of the Excise Department. It is a venture that can bring in billions in foreign exchange. This drink has managed to rise to the world level. There are many Coconut Producers Societies today that are registered with the Coconut Development Board. These societies also form and operate companies together. Such companies are only allowed to extract water from nominal evidence. Thamarassery taluk is abundant with coconut in Kozhikode district. In this taluk, only 1500 coconuts have been allowed to be harvested by two federations. There are reports that the Central Government has decided to remove this restriction and the State Governments have been asked to jointly negotiate with the Departments of Excise and Agriculture to make all the federations registered as companies as required. The Excise and Agriculture Departments have jointly negotiated the supply of juice to all the federations registered as companies. Through this submission, I demand that the law be brought in a way that is more beneficial to coconut farmers.

Minister for Agriculture, Conservation, Printing and Stationery (Shri K.P.Mohan):Sir, as mentioned here, it is a matter of great pleasure that the State has given permission to the coconut farmers for juice production. The State has also ensured the coordination of the Departments of Agriculture and Excise to strengthen the commercial production and marketing of Neera by removing the barriers to Neera production. The Chairman of the Commissioner of Agricultural Production and the Chief Executive Officer of the Excise Commissioner have been directed by the Government to

form the Coconut Juice Board. The Coconut Neera Board approves all activities related to the production and marketing of Neera.

The objectives of the Coconut Neers Board are to help the farmers' co-operatives to create an environment for more profitable coconut cultivation and to market Neera as a health beverage in the State and other parts of the country. The Coconut Neera Board coordinates the activities related to licensing activities related to the production and marketing of Neera. As per the Government Order dated 18-11-2014, the committee comprising of three scientists from the University of Agriculture, the State Planning Board, the Agri Chief Director of Agriculture, the Small Farmers Agri Business Consortium and the Managing Director have been constituted as members. It has not been noticed that there is any impediment in this regard.

10. Developing Kommeri Goat Farm as a Tourist Centre

SHRI E.P.JAYARAJAN: Sir, Kommeri Goat Farm, located in Kozhiyodu Grama Panchayat, Mattannur constituency, is adjoining the premises of the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture. By developing this Goat Farm, Kerala has the material conditions to develop into a popular farm tourist destination. Its geographical structure, climate, densely forested areas and beautiful slopes are all true to attract foreigners and natives alike. The Goat Farm is located on an area of 12.17 acres. Of this, only about 3 acres is used for goat rearing. Kolayode has a project to raise 1000 sheep in the farm. But the total is only 200 sheep. The panchayats in Kannur district may not even have lambs to provide for goat rearing projects. If there were 1000 sheep, it would be possible to raise about 100000 lambs there.

Malabar sheep is the "on breed" in Kerala. Malabar sheep are highly resistant and give birth to more than one calf in 80% of calves. As a result of the initiative of the Hon'ble Minister, an amount of Rs.4.5 crore has been sanctioned under the "Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana". That's a good thing. But the research institute should expand the institute as a farm tourism center and an international standard goat rearing center for raising 1000 sheep and develop one side of the creek in the middle of this goat farm as a tourist center. It is located on the main road of Nedumpoyil-Kannur and is one of the best places on the banks of the Wayanad valleys. Demand for this specialty has grown significantly as a result of recent corporate scandals in Tamil Nadu and elsewhere. But does not make lambs for giving. As one of the most important goat farms in Kerala, the Department of Tourism and the Department of Agriculture have spent 5 crores. The Department of Tourism and the Department of Agriculture should take immediate steps to develop this into a better goat rearing center. The current amount is for the construction of two high-tech sheds. It is stipulated that each of them is for certain purposes. To develop it as a learning institution for research

students to conduct research. The interests of the Hon'ble Minister in this matter are absolutely self-evident. But since it is very limited, I would like to take the first step through this submission.

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Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Printing and Stationery (Shri K.P.Mohan):The Komeri Goat Breeding Center was established in 1965 under the auspices of the Animal Husbandry Department of Kolayat Grama Panchayat mentioned by the Hon'ble Member. The Malabari breed of sheep of good breed is being reared and distributed to the farmers through the above farm.

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The farm, which operates on a total of twelve acres, has the basic facilities for raising 200 nanny-goats and 10 bucks. With the objective of strengthening the above farm and producing more lamb and providing them to the farmers, a scheme has been formulated to take care of 900 nanny-goats and 100 bucks. The plan for allocation of financial assistance of 4.5 crore has been submitted under R.K.V.Y 2013-14 and administrative approval has been obtained for it. An amount of 4.5 crore has been sanctioned including 1 crore for construction of boundary wall and 2 crore for construction of new sheds. When the project is completed, it will be possible to produce about 2700 lamb annually, provide about half of the goat to the farmers for breeding purposes and use the buck for meat production purposes. In addition, the above farm will provide goat rearing training to the farmers and provide high quality grasses to the farmers. Although the project has received administrative approval, it has not received sufficient funding from the Central Government and only half of the amount has only been received so far. Immediate steps are being taken to make this fund available. The project currently submitted does not cover research or farm tourism. However, steps will be taken to allocate the necessary funds after conducting studies to fund the activities for farm tourism and research.

11. Unauthorized collection of money from train passengers

Shri. P.C.Vishnunadh: Sir, if the railway passengers want to travel in a sleeper coach during the day time, they have to take an extra ticket of Rs. 20 in addition to the existing ticket. I have taken such a ticket. Some

train passengers were able to find out that it was de-reserved. But on trains that do not have it, it is difficult to take two tickets and pay an extra Rs. 20.

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I submit this submission in the house for the Honorable Minister of State for Railways to bring this matter to the notice of the Central Government and take appropriate action to address the grievances of the people in this regard.

Minister of Energy (Shri. Aryadan Muhammed): Sir, as a result of bringing this matter to the notice of the Central Government, the General Manager of the Chennai-based Southern Railway de-reserved a few coaches for the 9 trains departing from Thiruvananthapuram and arriving at Thiruvananthapuram exclusively using his discretionary power. Coaches S5, S6, S7, and S8 from Kanyakumari to Ernakulam Town and S9 and S10 from Ernakulam to Palakkad were de-reserved on 16382 Kanyakumari-Bombay CST Express. Similarly, few coaches of the Kanyakumari-Bangalore train and the Malabar Express were de-reserved, along with Thiruvananthapuram-Chennai Mail to Ernakulam Town and the Alappuzha-Dhanbad Express, Thiruvananthapuram-Hyderabad, Mangalore-Thiruvananthapuram, Chennai-Thiruvananthapuram and 9 such trains de-reserved few coaches. Regardless of the distance, the minimum charge is Rs. 115 and the total is Rs. 135 including the reservation charge of Rs. 20. However, Southern Railway in Kerala has now united with Thiruvananthapuram and has decided that there will be no reservation charge for such coaches on such trains and that people with long-distance service and season ticket holders can travel in these. The Honorable Member requested that this be extended to the remaining trains. The matter will be demanded to the Central Government.

12. New PG Course

Shri. Shafi Parambil: Sir, Victoria College, Palakkad is one of the most prominent colleges in Kerala in the case of both the national language and the mother tongue. It is unfortunate that students do not have the opportunity to pursue their postgraduate studies in such a college. There is no MA Hindi or Malayalam. We chose Malayalam as the official language; and also classical language. Everyone enjoys it but the children do not get a chance to learn.

Every year 200 students from Kozhikode University pass the BA Hindi and the number of seats available for those students to study further is 40. Therefore, it is requested that immediate steps be taken by the Government to start MA Hindi and Malayalam. Similarly, there are very few postgraduate courses at the Chembai Music College named after Chembai, who made a great contribution to Carnatic music with a bronze tone and a glass-like mind. Only MA vocals are taught there. We all know that Palakkad is the land of Mani Iyer. There is no opportunity for children to study MA Mridangam. It is also a fact that the government does not have any extra liability or no post should be created newly to start MA course (violin, veena, mridangam). In view of this situation, I humbly request the Government to take a favorable decision by the next academic year to allow post graduate courses in these institutions.

Minister of Education (Shri. P.K Abdu Rabb): Sir, the Department of College Education has submitted to the Government a detailed recommendation regarding the commencement of new courses in Government Colleges during the academic year 2014-2015. The recommendation calls for the government to allow MA Hindi, Malayalam and Tamil courses at Victoria College and MA Veena, Violin and Mridangam courses at Chembai College of Music. However, due to the government's strict financial discipline, the Finance Ministry has directed that the recommendation be resubmitted after conducting the required study in 2015. This government has taken a number of steps to improve the learning facilities of poor students irrespective of the financial liability of the Government. Since this government came to power, 18 new government colleges and four aided colleges have been started, including the Assembly constituencies where government aided arts and science colleges did not exist. As the government's financial situation improves, it will look into allowing more courses in existing arts and science colleges.

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13. Raising Grace Marks

Shri. R. Selvaraj: Sir, my submission is about increasing grace marks for Junior Red Cross cadets. The Junior Red Cross Cadet is an organization of students working in disaster relief and healthcare. They currently get only 10 marks for grace marks. But similar organizations like NCC gets 49 marks, S.P.C gets 25 marks and

Scouts and Guides gets 49 marks. In addition to government funding, other organizations have received assistance from the Local Self Government Plan Fund. However, since no such assistance is available to Junior Red Cross cadets, the government's decision to allow only 10 marks is discriminatory and affects the activities of the organization. My submission is that you, who are well aware of the relevance of the Junior Red Cross organization, should take the necessary steps to address this issue and make the Junior Red Cross cadets receive the same grace marks as other organizations.

Minister of Education (Shri. P.K. Abdu Rabb): Sir, Junior Red Cross cadets work in schools across the state with the goal of fostering a sense of love and brotherhood in school students and equipping students to work in areas such as health care and volunteerism. Currently, 10 marks are given as grace marks in the SSLC examination for junior Red Cross candidates. The government has received numerous petitions seeking an increase in the grace marks given to junior Red Cross cadets in the SSLC examination to 25 marks, which is very low compared to the grace marks given for NCC, Student Police Cadets and Scouts and Guides. Grace marks are awarded to different sections of students to encourage them to achieve the objectives of the section and to reduce the difficulty of the student due to loss

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of study time due to extra-curricular activities. But giving grace marks should not become a basic goal for engaging in any kind of extracurricular activities. NCC, Student Police Cadets, Scouts and Guides are required to complete regular hours of parade and special training. Grace marks are also given to them in order to make up for the lack of study activities due to the loss of study time in view of the relevant difficulties. At the same time, the government has received complaints that the grace mark system is sometimes misused. In view of all this, the Examination House Secretary has been directed to submit a detailed report to the Government on the need to increase the grace marks given to junior Red Cross cadets in the SSLC examination. The Government will look into the matter after receiving the report.

14. Avoid conduction of driving test

Shri. P.A. Madhavan: Sir, about three acres of land adjoining the State Panchayat office in Arimpur Panchayath and the State Highway has been illegally encroached upon by the Department of Motor Vehicles and has been used for driving tests for the last few months. As this is also a revenue outflow, the matter was brought to the notice of the Honorable Minister of Revenue on 29th January, after which the District Collector convened a meeting and discussed the matter and decided that the land should now belong to the Panchayat except for the land now owned by the Agro Industries Corporation.

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In addition, over 1 acre 47 cents of land in Survey 810 in Aranattukara village is ready to hand over to the Department of Motor Vehicles. But some in the Department of Motor Vehicles argue that the land is being held because the land does not have the right from the district-level local observatory to bury it. The site is being used in light of the fact that the driving school organization went to court and bought the stay for it. The land to be used for various construction works worth crores of rupees in the most mysterious place claimed by the panchayat is to conduct driving test in the area where schools and children are constantly complaining, and that driving test is being conducted in abusive language. It is a shame that the Panchayat administration has to go on a hunger strike to prevent this illegal encroachment as the Gram Panchayat President and the Block Panchayat members are holding a hunger strike today as the driving test continues in arrogant language. There must be a fair approach on the part of the government in the fight for justice. The Department of Motor Vehicles has taken immediate action to prevent trespassing and has identified three convenient locations for the test. There should be a system to occupy those places and conduct modern driving test. This is a very prominent place. It is a place where the panchayat can do a lot of construction work. We request the immediate attention and direction of the Honorable Minister to take a decision in favor of it.

Minister of Forests, Environment, Transport, Sports and Cinema (Shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan): Sir, the Government is taking what PA. Madhavan said here very seriously. As the Department of Motor Vehicles does not have its own premises in Thrissur District for Driving Test and Vehicle Test, the Driving Test and Vehicle Test will be conducted at the premises of Survey No. 1464/4 at Veluthur Village, Arimpur Panchayat, Thrissur District on the instructions of the Collector, Thrissur District. The District Collector had asked the Commissioner of Land Revenue to allot 1.5258 hectares of land on re-survey number 46/2 in All India Radio Lease at Viyur Village in Thrissur Taluk for allotment of suitable place for driving rest and vehicle inspection as it needs to be stopped. The District Collector further said that the Land Revenue Commissioner had informed him that the application of the department could not be considered as the land in Viyur Village was required for the future development activities of All India Radio and another suitable place could be found and the proposal submitted. As part of finding another suitable site, Steel Industries Kerala Limited has entered into an agreement with Department of Motor Vehicles to lease the land in Thalapally Taluk, Vellapaya Village, Perungandur, which is in their custody, for computerized driving test, yard, vehicle testing station, training center etc. This decision has been passed after Thrissur deputy transport officer contacted and discussed the same with Steel Industries Kerala Limited, with the acknowledgement of Department of Land Industries. Steps are being taken for the approval of the industry department. As the motor vehicle

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department does not have its own land, vehicle inspection and driving test is being conducted at the above place in Arimpur panchayath. Will move to another location if available. At the same time, as mentioned by the esteemed Madhavan, agitation is going on in Arimpur panchayath. Apart from agitating the panchayat, Shri PA Madhavan had also filed a petition. Only if the land is owned by the Department of Motor Transport can it start its own business. Therefore, we have been asked to take action to secure ownership. It has also asked the Transport Commissioner to submit a report on how the driving test was allowed without obtaining ownership on its own.

15. The need to reduce bus fares

Shri. V.T.Balram: Sir, I would like to bring to the notice of the Honorable Minister an issue affecting the common people of our country. The bus is the mode of transport for the common man. We all know that fuel prices have come down significantly but not sufficiently. Last August 31st the price of diesel in our country was 63 rupees 32 paise but today it is only 57 rupees 53 paise. Diesel prices have dropped by about Rs 6 a liter. In fact, such a reduction is not enough. The international price of crude oil has dropped to \$ 67 a barrel from \$ 140 a barrel at one point. Accordingly, the Central Government has not reduced the price of fuel in India. The "Achhe Din" promised by our Prime Minister has so far been available only to a few monopolies and Ambanis. In any case, there is a demand from the general public to reduce our bus fares, which are capped at a lower diesel price. From time to time, bus owners and government agencies, including the KSRTC, have been

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pressuring the government to increase competitive bus fares, saying diesel prices are rising. Based on this, they are taking steps to increase the bus fare. But in the event of a fall in diesel prices, there must be an arrangement in place to pass on its profits naturally to the common man. I would like to point out that the government should consider a permanent mechanism in this regard. There is a regulatory agency in the telephone sector called TRAI. There is also the Electricity Regulatory Agency. They are the ones who decide such rates. I would like to say that the government should consider a regulatory commission to determine the bus fare from time to time, scientifically evaluated, without the government deciding as an arbitrator or in the interest of any of the pressure groups. Defects in fare stage determination are currently being reported on a large scale. The distance that can be traveled for a minimum charge is very limited. Defects in such a fare stage should be determined. There have been definite court rulings stating that matters such as the increase in charges be considered only after determining such defects. No government, not just this government, considers such proposals in terms of any charge increase. Our students are being harassed in the same way as second class citizens on private buses and KSTRC buses. Therefore, as the Minister in charge of KSRTC, I would like to request you that KSRTC itself be prepared to take an exemplary approach in this regard. The other day I had handed over a complaint to the Honorable

Chief Minister. Concession allows only 40 km for people with disabilities traveling on our private buses and KSRTC buses.

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Sensitivities that have changed as a community need to be recognized. What should disabled people do after 40 km? How can they accept the situation where they have to pay full charge if they want to travel 41 km or get off the bus? No matter how many kilometers people with disabilities travel, arrangements must be made to allow them concessions. Regardless of the distance covered by people with disabilities, concessions must be allowed. KSRTC should at least take the initiative if it can think of making student travel concession free. At the same time, it is requested that this Government, which has always stood by the sentiments of the common man in this country, by adopting an approach of reducing bus fares, by examining all matters, including the determination of fare stage inaccuracies, and passing on the reduction in diesel prices and similar matters to the common man.

[Mr. Deputy Speaker on Chair]

Minister of Forests, Environment, Transport, Sports and Cinema (Shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan): Sir, you have put forward four main suggestions here. One is to set up a regulatory commission-like mechanism to advise the government on bus fare hikes and market fluctuations. Although it was not mentioned as a regulatory commission, the then government had taken a decision in 2010 to appoint Justice Ramachandran as a commissioner. Now things are being taken before that commission. As you mentioned here, the Regulatory Commission Model, the Government will definitely consider a mechanism to look into all the issues of the time, understand the difficulties in the KSRTC and advise the Government. It is decided to implement. Let everything be examined and feedback from an independent body come.

It is better to come opinion like this. Such a decision is approved by the Government. Told about the student concession. About 90% of the members of this house are from student organizations. KSRTC is in financial trouble and difficult, and the new bill we have brought is coming up for discussion here on the 18th. It's a bill about employees' pensions and things. The bill is brought in the public interest in consultation with the employees' organizations and others. A small cess is being introduced and arrangements are being made for the payment of pension. Recognized by all. KSRTC has decided to provide complete free pass to our students up to Higher Secondary from 1st of February. In the past, we all used to chant the same slogan for this cause. The Constitution says that our children should be given universal free education till the age of 14 years. All the people in this society have raised their voices for this in the same form. Our pain, sorrow and financial hardship are on one side. But in order to do justice to the path taken, the decision is made to provide free travel to the right students, no matter how much financial hardship there is. We also take some conditions when implementing it. Aren't we all saying that KSRTC should be a model? KSRTC That's it. It currently covers all school students up to 12th class who travel on concession tickets on buses. At present, KSRTC Concessions have been given to 130,000 school children. These 130,000 children will also benefit from this complete freebie. This is a very important decision regarding free primary education. I am also happy to remind you that this is the first time in India, that this is being implemented in Kerala. In Kerala

In Kerala, the children of the poor and the common man should get this facility. That is why we are making this effort. When such a decision is made, it does not need an extension; Suggestions such as not in this way may come up. I will not leave any of those suggestions at once. But we have a social commitment. A slogan that has been chanted in our country for decades is an attempt to implement it. We are losing a little bit of this every day. We now have some profit on diesel charges. We don't need the same amount of diesel charge a day as before. At the same time, when we sell a lityer of Diesel, its tax is paid separately. If it gets concession, it can go the other way.

Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: Sir, Hon'ble Minister when you announce such a new Scheme, do you estimate how much less in revenue KSRTC will be get today?

Mr. ThiruvanchurRadhakrishnan: Sir, we are making a profit of Rs 16.50 lakh a day on diesel charges. I understand that is what you mentioned here. Let the profits we make go to the children of our country. Let them learn.

Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: Sir, don't you need to pay pension in KSRTC; Do you want to pay salary to them?

Mr. ThiruvanchurRadhakrishnan: Sir, it has another scheme. That is what we are discussing on the 18th. Coming here now is related to the concession of students.

Chief Whip (Mr. P. C. George): Sir, this announcement of the Hon'ble Minister is very great. Students in Kerala have been wanting for many years. Please announce that how many kilometers a student can travel with this concession?

Mr. Thiruvanjur Radhakrishnan: Sir, this is a very important matter. What is going to happen, here is the fulfillment of the slogan you also called. How much concession there is today, no matter what system exists. I am not changing anything of it literally. Everything that exists will come exactly. We will issue a card to all children through educational institutions while allowing free travel. That card will be charged Rs 10 once a year. With that card in hand, these kids can travel around twice a day. We decide to add all this amount received daily by KSRTC in the concession item and use it for their education for the next generation. Currently, the concession is given to students traveling on KSRTC buses with concession cards.

Mr. C. K. Nannu: Sir, when KSRTC takes such a stand, will it also apply to the children in the Malabar region?

Mr. Thiruvanjur Radhakrishnan: Sir, whoever gets this system now will give it to them. Isn't that what we can calculate now?.....(Noise).....let's discuss it elsewhere(noise) because the lack of attention to a word I said. Let me ask you something very polite. I mean the 130,000 kids we're giving concessions to right now (noise) Mr. A. K. Sasindhran. Didn't we call the slogan together; Let me tell you. Concession is currently being given to 130,000 children. It is said to make them completely free. For that we have not looked at the area, we have not looked at the place, we have not looked at the area, we have not looked at the educational institution. For students who are currently traveling on KSRTC buses with concession card.....(Noise).....

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Why all the noises even if it's a good thing, do you want to make noise? Please sit Respected AK Sasindhran Please sit.

Mr. Thiruvanjur Radhakrishnan: Sir. Let me ask. How do you know people in that area are not in these 130,000? Then buy them. Is it my fault; let me ask, can you tell me how many children out

of 130,000 are in which district?I cannot even say that. Whoever it is, all those people are getting this concession.The existing Concession Card issuance system continues in this scheme. We are allowing as many as two trips a day. You said it here; I've been looking at it on an experimental basis for a year. If the experiment is successful, other factors may be taken into account. That experiment must be successful.Newly enrolled children will be given the same number of free cards as children past 12th grade. Thus, when it comes to BPL. We will also give priority to the Section, Girls, Scheduled tribe and Government school students in this regard.For those who do not have a Concession Card, in KSRTC this scheme is not available at present. Because it doesn't count. It is currently being given to those who have it.This system states that in Kerala, for the first time in the history of India, people on both sides of the House must work together to help implement the slogan we have called for. This is what this Government is going to do in this regard.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honorable Minister, you have made a great announcement. Special thanks to you for making such a big announcement that will benefit so many students in Kerala.

16. Employment protection of plantation workers

Mr. K. K. Jaya Chandran: Sir, the State Government has now decided to take over 30,000 acres in Kottayam, Idukki, Pathanamthitta and Ernakulam districts owned by Harrison Malayalam Plantation. If Government land has illegally occupied by company, we welcome the acquisition of land.

If so, we welcome the acquisition of that land. But the main problem here is that the plantations being acquired include industries such as Tea, Cardamom, Rubber and Coffee. It currently employs 13,000 permanent workers and 38,000 temporary casual workers. These workers have problems with back arrears such as Gratuity and Provident funds. At the same time, they need to maintain their livelihood by maintaining a stable job and accommodation. There are also benefits that plantation owners do not pay. The Government has not held any discussions or preparations with the trade unions regarding the issue of workers. Tens of thousands of workers are worried that the Government will not take such a step. Therefore, a solution to this problem needs to be found as soon as possible in consultation with the trade unions and by calling on the trade union leaders in the presence of the Chief Minister and the Minister of Labor. The most important suggestion on our part in this regard is that taking over the plantation is thus the best way to ensure the job Stability

of the workers and their future. The plantation thus acquired will be handed over to the Plantation Corporation. That is, to ensure the benefits of the workers through them. Otherwise, the plantations to be acquired will have to form a company under the leadership of the Government to ensure the employment and other benefits of the workers. Otherwise, by involving workers, as has been done in Bengal, the co-operative society should be taken over and implemented under the full control of the Government. The Government has gone ahead with the plantation acquisition process without providing a platform for the trade unions to discuss the issue with the Government. It will have a huge impact. The workers as a whole are of great concern. This submission is presented here to know the position of the Government in this regard and to draw the attention of the Government.

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Revenue Minister Mr. Adoor Prakash: Sir, on 29,185 acres of land acquired by the Government from Harrison Malayalam Plantation Limited and the remaining land to be acquired, the Government will not take any action which will result in the loss of employment of the plantation workers. The Government will only take action with the confidence of the plantation workers and related trade unions. The government will not take any action that will create a barrier to employment. Once the land acquisition is complete, steps will be taken to improve the service and wage rates that workers are currently receiving, to ensure more employment security for them and to improve their living standards. Consultations will be held with the concerned trade unions once the acquisition process is completed. The Honorable Member raised concerns here as to whether more than 13,000 workers would lose their jobs, and one thing you need to understand. I hope you know better. Harrison Malayalam Plantation has more than 190 cases in the High Court today. About a good percentage of court cases are related to workers. There is a situation today where workers are not given the benefit they deserve and if they have asked for the benefit they are sued and the stay is bought against them. I hope you know it well. Today HML is being done is that when the government goes ahead with such a move, it is taking steps to capture the trade unions, put the workers in front and bargain with them. Hon'ble Member for any reason, I fully believe that people like you will take a pro-government stance on this matter. One of the positions taken by the government in this regard is land disputes.

The government's position is that disputes with the government should be fully recovered. That is why we have always presented these matters in court. Moreover, there was another order in the esteemed High Court yesterday. They had filed a lawsuit asking that Harrison temporarily maintain the status quo on the land. The court has directed that the status quo be maintained till January 20. Based on this recommendation, action will have to be taken on the recommendation of the court. But if the court is in favour of further action, we must take it seriously. I believe that all the members of this house will take the same stand on this issue. Anyway, you have nothing to worry about. Steps will be taken to ensure the full protection of workers, to ensure them employment, and to receive their benefits that they do not receive today. I would also like to inform the esteemed member that the Government is ready to discuss this matter with the trade unions.

Mr. A. K. Balan: Sir, have you informed strong position of our Government to the court?

Mr. Adoor Prakash: Sir, since the UDF Government came to power in this matter, it has made its position very clear to the court. Based on the notification to the Honourable Court, the land is claimed to belong to the Government by giving notice under the Land Conservation Act as per the directions of the court. Cases were filed in court to prove it. They have not been able to produce the necessary records. We have proceeded with the appointment of Ernakulam District Collector Mr. M.G. Rajamanickam as Special Officer on the basis of the direction given to the Government by the Court to proceed with further proceedings.

17. Boundary Redetermination

Mr. K. V. Vijaya Das: Sir, Vattapara area in Palakkayam 8th ward of Thachampara panchayath in Mannarkkad taluk is now part of Kallamala village in Attappadi. People in the Vattapara area have to travel more than 50 km to pay taxes and obtain various certificates from the village office. The Vattapara area is located just 5 km from the Palakkayam village office. Similarly, Pambanthodu and Odakkunnu areas where the tribal colonies are located are also part of Kallamala Village. People from this area have to travel about 60 km to reach the village office. Therefore, we request the Hon'ble Minister to separate Pambanthodu and Odakkunnu areas of Kanjirapuzha Panchayath and Vattapara area of Thachampara Panchayath from Kallamala Village and include them in the boundaries of Palakkayam Village.

Revenue and Choir Minister (Mr. Adoor Prakash): Sir, Pambanthodu Thaikunnu area, which belongs to Kallamala village, is a tribal area. About 50 tribal families and 6 families from other communities live here. They can reach Kallamala village only after traveling 55 km to get certificates from the government for welfare and other benefits. But if you include them in Palakkayam village, you will only have to travel 14 km. About 60 families live in the Vattapara area which is part of Kallamala village. People from here have to travel about 60 km to reach Kallamala village. But if you include them in Palakayam village, you will only have to travel 6 kilometers. Therefore, steps will be taken as per the request of the esteemed member to separate the areas of Pambanthodu, Thaikunnu and Vattapara from Kallamala village and add it to Palakayam village and redefine the boundary.

18.Kakkayam Peruvannamoozhi Tourism Project

Mr. Purushan Kadalundy: Sir, Kakkayam is a tourist destination frequented by many foreign tourists. The most beautiful eco-tourist destination in Kerala. The Kakkayam Peruvannamoozhi tourism project in Balussery Perambra constituency was the result of a submission by former Tourism Minister Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan to the Centre and the Central Government sanctioned by Rs 5 crore. The current Minister of Tourism, Mr. A.P. Anilkumar, took an interest in visiting Kakkayam and organized a seminar and made it a reality. The Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for the tourism project 2 years ago. The work has not been done for years. There was great indifference. There is a state of dying at the time of implementation. The esteemed Minister of Tourism had called a meeting last month in this regard. It was said at the time that the project would be taken over by the State government and completed even if the money lapsed. I do not know what was done about it. But what is the current status of this dream project as the Kerala Tourism Department has said it will take over? What steps has the government taken to make the Kakkayam tourism project a reality? People are eagerly waiting.

Minister for Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Communities and Tourism

(Mr. A. P. Anil Kumar): Sir, the Central Government had approved Rs.5 crores for the Peruvannamoozhi Kakkayam tourism development project in Balussery constituency and sanctioned Rs.4 crores. Based on this, the State Government had given administrative approval for the project and appointed the Irrigation Department as the implementing agency. However, due to various administrative and technical reasons, the Irrigation Department was unable to implement the project on time and had to repay the Rs.4 crores sanctioned on the basis of the Central Tourism Department's proposal. Peruvannamoozhi - Kakkayam, which was included in the tourism development plan

Because construction work on some of the components had begun and the need to complete the project was felt. The State Government has given administrative sanction for a project of Rs.1,90,00,000 for completion of construction work of Peruvannamoozhi Kakkayam Tourism Development Project. The Irrigation Department has been directed to complete the project within 18 months. The government will provide the required amount for the second phase along with the completion within the stipulated time. The government is taking steps to complete the project as soon as possible. Work has already begun.

19. Plan to Move the office of P.W.D & A.X.E.

Mr. Dominic Presentation: Sir, for many years in the western part of the city of Kochi, there was a government office in Fort Kochi - the office of the PWD Special Building AXE. At that time, I heard that a decision was going to be taken to relocate to Kalamassery Medical College. That institution belongs to your old constituency. It is the only PWD office in West Cochin. It is demanding that it be kept there.

Minister of Public Works Mr. V. K. Ibrahim Kunju: Sir, Kochi Co-operative Medical College was taken over by the Government on 17-12-2013 and brought under the control of the Department of Medical Education. All medical colleges have subdivisions and sections in the state. For this college, too, it is a must. But given the current financial difficulties, it is difficult to allow a new section and sub-division. But no final decision has been made. A decision in this regard can only be made in consultation with you. Even if the subdivision is taken from there, the section at Mattancherry will remain there. At the same time another section office was intended to be taken up from Ernakulam. This is a deliberate decision.

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20. Second Phase Of P.M.G.S.Y Project

Sri.Sunny Joseph : Sir, It's a strong demand to upgrade the village roads in Kerala. People representatives are getting petitions mostly for this matter. Local bodies are not getting adequate funds for this. So, Central Govt. itself is implementing a special road project (PMGSY) for the up gradation of village roads. In the first phase of the project, Kerala were unable to get a good share, compared to other south Indian states, for many reasons. There was an issue with the width of the road (8 metres) .There was issue with gradient as well. But after 2011, Kerala were able to make a big leap in this regard.We were able to get 415 roads for the villages, in this PMGSY project. One issue was there also. There was excess amount in tender for these roads. That excess tender amount is not included in the PMGSY Project. There too, the State Govt. has been able to start the work of the roads by tendering the roads by completing the tender proceedings involved in this scheme with an outlay of Rs.317 crores from the State. That's a very comforting thing. PMGSY project is entering its second phase. At this point, in my constituency alone the demand for 500 roads has risen, when a core net was taken. If this is the requirement in a constituency, then, thousands of roads across the state will have to be upgraded . But, for that, the PWD does not

have effective funding and facilities. They are lazy. No matter how hard they try, they can't. Therefore, my request is that the Government should take stronger steps to achieve as many roads as possible (at least 2000 kms) in the village road project, from the centre.

Minister for Village Development, Planning, Culture & NORKA (Sri.K.C.Joseph) : Sir, Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana is one of the most important flagship programmes of the previous UPA Government. As Hon'ble Member Sri.Sunny Joseph had pointed out, Kerala was far behind until 2010-11, in this field.

Kerala got only Rs.813 crores , while Andra Rs.5505 crores, Karnataka Rs.3706 Crores and Tamilnadu Rs.3225 crores, in this project. Kerala has not spent the funds allotted in itself. So, Kerala was not included in the second phase of PMGSY, when it was announced. PMGSY roads have good quality control. So, there were no takers when tenders were invited for 303 pending roads until 2010-11. As per the rules, the contractors have to do maintenance of the roads for 5 years, they are not ready to take up the non-profitable work. Tenders were invited again for the pending 303 roads, when this Govt. came into power. In addition, as up to 42% of tender excess was given from State Fund, the construction of those roads started. Secondly, Kerala achieved 415 roads in the eighth phase of the project. Tender was invited for all 415 roads. As tender excess was given, we were able to start the work of 345 roads. Govt. is processing the possibility of starting the remaining works. About 648 roads have now been started including 303 stalled roads and 345 roads in the eighth phase. In India, only in Kerala, the tender excess is borne by the state. Kerala has already approved Rs.314 crores for this. In this context, Kerala needs to make up for the losses it already had and get the attention it deserves. Up gradation of Village roads is the common need of all members of the House. 90% of the petitions we receive here ,are all about roads. MLA's fund is not adequate for this. So, collective effort of everyone is required here. Kerala had pointed out this matter in the previous meeting of the Parliament Members.Now we got 570 kms in the eighth phase of this project. Besides that, The MP's were asked to put more pressure on Central to achieve at least 1000 kms. There is considerable change as Kerala has decided to bear the tender excess. If we had taken this decision earlier, many difficulties could have been avoided.

Anyway “ better late, than never “. If the MPs of Kerala and this House work together, if we achieve 1000 kms of road, we will be able to give due consideration to each region. I look forward to the help of the House in that regard.

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VIII Papers to be Tabled

As per the Special Report of Act 47 (2)

1. Minister of Education (Sri.P.K.AbduRab) : Sir, I am tabling the following papers :

Replies to the un starred questions (Nos. 4350 & 7048) and the statement for not being able to answer them in a timely manner, of the 11th meeting of the 13th Kerala Legislative Assembly.

2. Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection & Registration (Sri.Anoop Jacob) :
Sir, I am tabling the following papers :

Reply to un starred question (No.2861) and the statement for not being able to answer the same in a timely manner, of the 11th meeting of the 13th Kerala Legislative Assembly.

3. Minister for PWD (Sri.V.K.IbrahimKunhu) : Sir, I am tabling the following papers :

Reply to the un starred question (No.4477) and the statement for not being able to answer the same in a timely manner, of the 11th meeting of the 13th Kerala Legislative Assembly.

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20th Report of Subject Advisory Committee

Chief Minister(Sri.UmmanChandy) : Sir, As a member of the advisory committee, I submit the 20th report.

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Subject Committee Report
About
The Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Act -2014
(Personal Accident Insurance for Passengers, Community Insurance
Better Facilities to Passengers, Social Security for Employees
Cess on Passenger Tickets)

Minister for PWD (Sri.V.K.IbrahimKunhu) : Sir, I, the Chairman of No.5 Subject Committee of PWD, Transport & Communication , submit the subject committee report regarding the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Act-2014 (Personal Accident Insurance for Passengers, Community Insurance, Better Facilities to Passengers, Social Security for Employees, Cess on Passenger Tickets)

Reports (50th to 67th) of the Committee About Public Sector Organisations

Sri.K.N.A.Quadir : Sir, I, the Chairman of the Committee about Public Sector Organisations, submit the reports (50 to 67) of the Committee.

22nd Report of the Committee about Unofficial Bills & Resolutions

Sri.Anwar Sadath : Sir, I, a member of the committee about Un official Bills & Resolutions, submit the 22nd report of the Committee, on behalf of the Chairman.

9th Report of the Committee about Petitions

Sri.Thomas Unniyadan : Sir, I, the Chairman of the Committee about Petitions, submit its 9th report of the committee.

5th Report of the Committee about the papers tabled

Sri.JoseThettayil : Sir, I, the Chairman of the Committee about the papers tabled, submit the 5th report of the committee.

Mr.Speaker : The reports have been submitted.

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Chief Minister(Sri.UmmanChandy) : I move the resolution to approve the 20th report of the Advisory Committee.

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20th Report of the Advisory Committee

Sri.KodiyeriBalakrishnan : Sir, I oppose this. My suggestion is that the report of the Advisory Committee as per Rule 215, should be returned by the Advisory Committee itself. Yesterday's Advisory Committee has decided the business from Dec 15th to Dec 18th. It is proposed that the two bills reported by the Subject Committee on the same day should be passed along with the departmental discussions. The most important of these are the ones suggested on 18th. 18th is only two hours in total. One hour is the Appropriation Bill about the supplementary requests. It should be conducted from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The bill to put to vote is at 1:30 p.m. We will be getting only 2 hours. Within those two hours, 2 bills proposed by the subject committee are to be passed with class by class discussion. A bill is a new one relating to KSRTC. There are a lot of amendments in it. The Anti-Social Activities bill is an amendment bill. There are many opinions on it and there will be different opinions about it. It is not right to legislate all these bills in a hurry like boiling pappad, in two hours. We didn't have the opportunity to express these views at the BAC meeting yesterday. We had a peaceful protest here yesterday. The whole business was completed during that strike. The Chair will have to do that. But the completion of that business made it so long, prolonging a speech in a provocative manner. We had taken a decision not to go near the Chair.

Is it possible to take the position that the House can be restrained only by going up to the Chair ? If such a situation arises, as per norms, the House is to be suspended and arrive at a decision through discussion. But when we saw that the Chair has taken the position that everything will be carried out in this way, violating the norms, we had to enter the Well of the House. Do not see it as a weakness in the sense that you are afraid of it and couldn't notice it, as you have already taken an action. It should not assume that " you will be protesting" only if you enter the dais of the Hon'ble Speaker. Sometimes, we have to do these kind of events, as we want to be as cooperative as possible. When we do that, don't think that "they can only do this, they can only make some noise"; we can pass all bills. Then, immediately BAC will be convened . If the BAC meeting held yesterday had been postponed and held today, would there have been any problem ? Could it not have been possible to present and pass this BAC report tomorrow and start it on Monday ?. So, taking a stand, totally ignoring the protest of the opposition.... we are 65 members of the opposition. You have the majority of only 6 members. Still not ready to consider the stand taken by all 65 of us together ...(uproar) ...

Mr.Deputy Speaker : Yes, yes, please, Sri.V.D.Satheesan please ...

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Sri.KodiyeriBalakrishnan : Sir, I raise this issue by giving notice as per the rules.

Mr.Deputy Speaker: Yes, you are allowed by the Chair

Sri.KodiyeriBalakrishnan : Sir, anything can pass here on majority basis. You can suspend all 65 of us on majority basis. If you want to bring democracy to this level, do it. We have no problem.

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"No one from the opposition is required. We will decide everything, even if you are not present. We will decide all business of the House on the basis of majority". It's not fair to take things like this. So, we can send this bill back to the committee (instead of taking this for consideration now), discuss and then take a decision. So, we can take a decision now, consider the report tomorrow and do business from Monday onwards. If this is postponed, there will be no constitutional crisis. Everything can be done legally. Such a democratic etiquette should be shown. So, I present the resolution to return this bill.

Sri.Mathew.T.Thomas : Sir, I am not repeating anything that Hon'ble Sri.KodiyeriBalakrishnan had said. As per the last sentence of the minutes of yesterday's meeting, the next meeting will be on 15th December 2014. Earlier, in the previous meeting, it was decided for this coming Thursday. There was a meeting yesterday. I didn't get any notice. I was out of station. I am not complaining. As per knowledge, the House is going to close on 18th. It was decided to convene again on 15th after scheduling the business until 18th. To make the meeting of 15th relevant, we should have left a space to decide the remaining businesses. So, I support the resolution of Sri.KodiyeriBalakrishnan

demanding to return this report to the committee, convene a meeting of the Advisory Committee again and present a new report in front of the House.

Chief Minister (Sri.UmmanChandy) : Sir, I would like to summarize what Sri.KodiyeriBalakrishnan and Sri.Mathew.T.Thomas have said. If you had asked to postpone yesterday's meeting earlier, it could have been considered. You have given the letter only at the end of the meeting.

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Sri.KodiyeriBalakrishnan: Sir, We had given the letter to Chief Whip. If he had delayed it, we are not responsible.

Chief Whip (Sri.P.C.George) : Sir, I had handed over the letter from the leader of opposition to the Deputy Speaker within two minutes of receiving it.

Mr.Deputy Speaker: Our meeting was over by the time you gave the letter.

Sri.UmmanChandy : We have received the letter shortly after our meeting. If you had given the letter earlier to the Deputy Speaker or personally inform the Chief Whip about postponing the meeting, we would have considered it.Hon'ble Sri.Kodiyeri Balakrishnan has said," When we protested, the House was not suspended/stopped , not discussed, ignoring the opposition ..."
Hon'ble Sri. Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, Sri.Radhakrishnan is present here, who was the Speaker for the last 5 years. You can ask him; has the House ever stopped and debated, at least once in 5 years? Please ask him, I will sit.

Sri.K.Radhakrishnan : Sir, It happened many times, discussed with both the parties later.

Sri.UmmanChandy: Sir, I ask if the House has stopped and discussed ?

Sri.K.Radhakrishnan : Sir, yes, on many occasions.

Sri.KodiyeriBalakrishnan : Sir, There had been many instances where we have gone there after the House was adjourned temporarily due to uncontrolled situations. I myself have talked to the then leader of opposition.

Sri.UmmanChandy: Sir, No, at that time, you will decide everything. You will do it.

But, for us it is an approach that takes the opposition into confidence as well. We expected you to be there, but you didn't turn up, received the letter only at the end of the meeting. Then, secondly, Sri.MathewT.Thomas....

Sri.A.K.Saseendran : Sir, in the 3rd page of this report, it is clearly mentioned that the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker had informed the Meeting that members of opposition will not be participating in the meeting.

Mr.Deputy Speaker: That is after the meeting.

Sri.UmmanChandy: Sir, that is a courtesy shown by the Deputy Speaker. Sri.Mathew.T.Thomas had asked the relevance of the meeting on 15th as all business had already been fixed. Then, why a meeting on 15th ?.. That is because of our sense of democracy. We have some suggestions at the meeting that you will also attend, if it is acceptable to the opposition. That's why the meeting is scheduled for the 15th. I would like to say that it is based on the decision to be taken when opposition is also present. It is requested that this be passed.

Mr.DeputySpeaker :The amendment by Sri.Kodiyeri Balakrishnan that the 20th report of the Advisory Committee should be returned to the same committee.....

Supporting

Opposing

Sri.KodiyeriBalakrishnan : I demand poll.

(Members of the House cast their votes as follows)

Supporting :

1. Smt.P.AyishaPotti
2. Sri.a.M.Arif
3. Sri.K.V.AbdulKhader
4. Sri.Babu.M.Palissery
5. Sri.M.A.Baby
6. Sri.KodiyeriBalakrishnan
7. Sri.A.K.Balan
8. Smt.E.S.Bijimol
9. Sri.M.Chandran
10. Sri.E.Chandrasekharan
11. Sri.C.Divakaran
12. Smt.GeethaGopi
13. Sri.K.Radhakrishnan
14. Sri.M.Hamza
15. Smt.JameelaPrakasam
16. Dr.K.T.Jaleel
17. Sri.K.K.Jayachandran
18. Sri.E.P.Jayarajan
19. Sri.JoseThettayil
20. Sri.C.Krishnan
21. Sri.K.Kunhammed Master
22. Sri.K.KunhIRaman (Thrikkarippur)

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23. Sri. K. KunhIRaman (Uthuma)
24. Mrs. K. K. Lathika
25. Sri. Mathew T. Thomas
26. Sri. C. K. Nanu
27. Sri. K. K. Narayanan
28. Sri. Purushan Kadalundy
29. Sri. P. T. A. Raheem
30. Sri. R. Rajesh
31. Sri. S.Rajendran
32. Sri. K. Raju
33. Sri. Raju Abraham
34. Sri. MullakkaraRathnakaran
35. Prof. C. Raveendranath
36. Sri. Saju Paul
37. Mrs. K. S.Saleekha
38. Sri. V. Shashi
39. Sri. A. K. Shasheendran
40. Sri. B. Sathyan

41. Sri. P. Sri Ramakrishnan
42. Sri. V. S. Sunilkumar
43. Sri. E. K. Vijayan
44. Sri. K.V. Vijayadas

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Those who disagrees

1. Sri. A. P. Abdullakkutty
2. Sri. P. K. Abdu Rabb
3. Sri. P. B. Abdul Razak
4. Sri. AbdurahimanRandathani
5. Sri. AbdussamadSamadani
6. Sri. K. Achuthan
7. Sri. A. P. Anilkumar
8. Sri. T. A. AhammedKabeer
9. Sri. Manjalamkuzhi Ali
10. Sri. Anoop Jacob
11. Sri. Anwar Sadath
12. Sri. K. Babu
13. Sri. I. C. Balakrishnan
14. Sri. C. N. Balakrishnan
15. Sri. V. T. Balram
16. Sri. P. K. Basheer
17. Sri. Benny Behanan
18. Sri. Dominic Presentation
19. Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunh
20. Sri. HaibiEeden
21. Sri. A. T. George
22. Sri. P. C. George

23. Kumari P. K. Jayalakshmi
24. Dr. N. Jayaraj
25. Sri. K. C. Joseph
26. Sri. Joseph Vazhakkan
27. Sri. VarkkalaKahar
28. Sri. K. N. A. Khader
29. Sri. P. K. kunhalikkutty
30. Sri. T. U. Kuruvila
31. Sri. LoodyLooyis
32. Sri. P. A. Madhavan
33. Sri. C. Mammootty
34. Sri. C. P. Muhammad
35. Sri. K. P. Mohanan
36. Sri. C. Moinkutty
37. Sri. Mons Joseph
38. Sri. Aryadan Muhammad
39. Sri. K. Muhammadunni Haji
40. Dr. M. K. Muneer
41. Sri. K. Muraleedharan
42. Sri. N. A. Nellikkunn
43. Sri. OommenChandy
44. Sri. AdoorPrakash
45. Sri. T. N. Prathapan

46. Sri. Ramesh Chennithala
41. Sri. Palod Ravi
48. Sri. Roshi Agustin
49. Sri. V. P. Sajeendran
50. Sri. V. D. Satheeshan
51. Sri. R. Selvaraj
52. Sri. ShafiParampil
53. Sri. N. Shamsudheen
54. Sri. K. M. Shaji
55. Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair

56. Sri. V. S. Shivakumar
57. Sri. Sunny Joseph
58. Sri. C. F. Thomas
59. Sri. Thomas Unniyadan
60. Sri. P. Ubaidullah
61. Sri. M. Ummar
62. Sri. V. M. Ummar Master
63. Sri. M. A. Waheed
64. Sri. P. C. Vishnunath

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The amendment introduced by Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan

Proponents	-	44
Opponents	-	64
Neutrals	-	No one

The amendment was rejected by the Committee, and the Committee approved the Twentieth Report of the Subject Advisory Committee.

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Presentation of the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2014 and Resolution to send it to the Subject Committee

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honorable Minister of Home Affairs, you can present the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill of 2014.

Minister for Home Affairs and Vigilance (Sri. Ramesh Chennithala): Sir, I, the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2014 is being introduced.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The bill is presented. The resolution to send the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2014 for the consideration of the 14th number Subject Committee related to the Home Affairs should be presented.

Minister for Home Affairs and Vigilance (Sri. Ramesh Chennithala): Sir, I am presenting that the resolution to send the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2014 for the consideration of the 14th number Subject Committee related to the Home Affairs.

Minister of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Printing and Stationery (Sri. K. P. Mohanan): Sir, I support this resolution.

Sri. A. K. Balan: You did not call my name.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: You did not get up, that is why I did not call you by name.

Sri. A. K. Balan: I also thought that I could get up after getting the permission of the Honorable Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I looked at you and you said nothing. That's why I didn't call.

Sri. Ramesh Chennithala: Sir, I have something to say about this bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: You can speak, there is Point of Order. Sri. A. K. Balan, you can allege the Point of Order.

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Inadequacy in the Bill

Sri. A. K. Balan : Sir, the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2014 is unconstitutional and a violation of civil liberties. The report mentions the description of the causes of purpose and says that the Bill is being amended to prevent organized crime. As part of this, the existing period of custodial detention is 6 months to one year. Money chain, moneylenders and Hawala fraudsters are changing their definitions. These things are defined in some other laws and make clear what the crime is. This amendment bill is here to contradict that. One thing I would like to bring to the attention of the Honorable Speaker. Section 2 (L) "Hawala fraudster means anyone who illegally buys, sells or handles Indian currency or foreign currency on his own or in a situation where one can reasonably assume that a person is acting as a member of any gang." How is it illegal if one acts as a member of any group? After being told that Hawala is a fraudster, Hawala has given the fraudster's definition if a person acts as a member of any gang. How can one of the gang become unlawful once he has worked? How do you get through it? Will we all be part of some group? Can it be a primary group, societies, charitable societies, a party, and a member of it unlawful? Don't you want to take a serious look at how it came to be?

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Another is that once the currency is held, or if the Indian currency is purchased/sold. Those are very vague definitions. Now there is a children's album, not in foreign currency; And when they are in possession, will they come to the definition of the Hawala? Will it be an illegal activity? Dear Sir, I do not know if you have taken this seriously. If so, the bill would not have been brought in this form. The important issue here is that under Section 12 of the 'KAPA' Act, the period of detention of any person cannot be more than 6 months at present. Now you are making it a year under the new amendment. This will lead to widespread abuse. Governments will change, and no government will rule until the end of the world. These things are going to have serious

consequences. In Kerala, during the last two years, you have taken action against about 45 public servants under the Goonda Act. All those actions were quashed by the Honorable High Court. In this connection, the High Court has not upheld a single action under the Goonda Act against public servants. The esteemed High Court has said that all those procedures are wrong. Even if the orders passed by the Range I.G. as well as the District Collector are quashed by the Kappa Advisory Board and the court, the police are prosecuting using their hostility. Police are trying to file a criminal case somehow. This will be strengthened with the amendment of Section 12. As you know, C.V.Dhanarajan, a native of Payyannur, Kannur, was deported under the 'KAPA' Act, which was canceled by the KAPA Advisory Board on 30-10-2013. Later on 10-4-2014 a case was registered against him for house breaking.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honorable A.K. Balan, it's 2.20 pm.

Sri. A. K. Balan: It is a very important issue and cannot be said. Or maybe I just want to be here. Sir, then accused in another case. The High Court also quashed it. Dhanarajan appealed to the state government citing this verdict. He is still in jail. I told you the history of Jayadevan at Shreekrishnapuram in Palakkad district. I said it was proof of how it was being misused. Similarly, Sections 16A to 17A (F) will be misused. According to the amendment, the owner and driver of the vehicles seized in this connection are the defendants. So, Honorable you should take this matter seriously. It is the same in Malayalam and English. All of these definitions would create a dangerous situation. So I have to say that it would be better to make it clear and present it. The Honorable Home Minister should look into the matter very seriously as it will be misused as long as there is no clear definition of who the moneylender is, what the money chain is and what the Hawala fraudsters are. Especially, the definition of Hawala fraudster. If someone is said to be working as a member of any group, it could be a serious problem if they could be jailed with KAPA. This should be seriously examined.

Home and Vigilance Minister(Sri. Ramesh Chennithala): Sir, the amendment to this Act was brought in recognizing that it was very necessary and urgent for the society. The Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act was passed by this Legislative Assembly in 2007 in our state. The law was piloted, presented and passed by the then Home Minister Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan. Crime is on the rise in our society and goons and organized gangs.....

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honorable Minister, please reply to the Point of Order. Let's talk about the bill a second time.

Sri. Ramesh Chennithala: Sir, Honorable Member A. K. Balan pointed out two points here. He has pointed out objections to sections 16A, 17B, 17C and 17D of the Bill. In it he first said that by the definition of a 'Hawala fraudster' one acts as a member of any group.....reading its English translation would not be such a problem. This usage is included in the original bill. The same is true of the original bill. Reading English will change this confusion. "Hawala racketeer" means any person who illegally buys or sells or deals in Indian currency or foreign currency under circumstances from which it can be reasonably inferred that he is doing so as a member of any organized group or of his own motion;" When you read it together, it has a clear meaning. The same thing has happened with the original law. Similarly, Section 16 A sets out the prohibition on the confiscation of physical object and the conditions for its seizure and confiscation. The powers and conditions given under the said section are in no way contrary to the provisions of the Criminal Procedure. On the contrary, it is specifically specified in this Section that powers under Section 16A can be exercised in a manner that is not contrary to the existing provisions. Sections 17B, 17C and 17D specifically mention the process of confiscation of physical items used for anti-social activities after seizure. In this regard, the provisions have not yet been clearly laid down in the Criminal Procedure Code or the Criminal Rules of Practice. Therefore, the provisions of this Bill are not contrary to the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code. We have mentioned here with the aim of making it clear that none of these laws are included.

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Moreover, under Section 5 of the Criminal Procedure Code, state legislatures have been empowered to include procedures for the implementation of such laws in such a law. Based on these reasons, the obstruction pointed out here by Sri.A.K.Balan does not exist. It is in order, it is legal. So I am telling you that there's no way to accept it.

Sri. A. K. Balan: Sir, Chapter 34 of the Criminal Procedure Code says accurately with this from 451 to 455. I do not think the Honorable Minister is right what he said here earlier. The C.R.P.C. specifies the procedures to be followed for the detection and disposal of related objects. I said it was contrary to that. The Honorable Minister can check both if he wishes.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Honorable Home Minister has clearly replied to the issue point of order pointed out here by Sri.A.K.Balan. The chair also checked about this. It is specified in the said section of the Bill that powers under Section 16A can be exercised in a manner not contrary to the provisions of any existing act. Sections 17B, 17C and 17D dealt with the process of confiscation of Physical Objects used for anti-social activities after seizure. Criminal proceedings in this regard do

not appear to have been explicitly stated in Sections 451 to 455 of the C.R.P.C. Therefore, Sri. A.K. Balan's objection that the provisions of this Bill are contrary to the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code does not exist. Law courts have the right to ultimately decide whether the provisions of this Bill are contrary to constitutional provisions. In this case, the objections pointed out by Sri. A.K. Balan are rejected. The bill is permitted to be presented.

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Minister for Home and Vigilance (Shri. Ramesh Chennithala): Sir, this Bill was passed by the Legislative Assembly in 2007 in Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act. The purpose of this law is to maintain law and order in society and to prevent people who are maintaining undesirable tendencies and causing crises and problems in society all times. In a civilized society, no one can ever promote gangsters, mafias, and anti-social forces. The Government has thought to bring this amendment here with the aim of taking strong action against such trends which are on the rise in our society today. Usurers and Blade mafia runs in the name of money lenders are the main section that exploits most people in our society. There was a time when the Blade Mafia was breaking the stage. The government has taken very strong measures. The aim of the government was to take strong action against the anti-socials who flattering by earning huge interest by exploiting the poor and the common people and exploiting their poverty. Based on this, 13,761 Blade-Mafia raids have been conducted in Kerala till today. 2908 cases have been registered till this morning. 2035 people were arrested. 4,60,59,585 Rupees was seized. Four members of a family committed suicide with shocking the human conscience, it was in Thiruvananthapuram. They had to commit suicide due to the brutal exploitation of the Blade Mafia. The government took the decision to take such strong action in Kerala is by following this. As a result of the police cracking down and taking action against unscrupulous moneylenders operating all over Kerala, the activities of interest looters in Kerala have come to a complete halt today. The operation of the Blade Mafia is completely

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Over. The government is decided to take its work forward vigorously. The government is proceeding with the prosecution to bring charges to the logical conclusion of the cases and to prosecute them legally. To this end, the government is now working to set up a special cell at the police headquarters in each district to calculate the number of cases, seized vehicles, and confiscated money and bring them before the courts. It was in that context that some legislation came needed. The government to ensure that they do not escape the law for any reason is mandatory for the government. In Kerala, such money chains, hawala swindlers, and blade mafias should not be allowed to exploit the people again and this law has been brought with the aim of taking drastic action. One or two things that Mr. AK Balan said about this law are 100% true. Here Kappa law does not want to use for any political motive. Even if governments change, in a democratic system, politician should be given due respect, that is the view of my and this government. Since I became the Home Minister, I have issued a special directive not to impose the Kappa Act unnecessarily on politicians. For whatever reason, the government does not agree with the deportation and punishment of politicians under the Kappa Act for political cases. At the same time, it is not allowed to gangster attacks, looting, and engaging in anti-social activities on the pretext of being politicians. None of us can agree with such measures. I fully believe that is the feeling from all parts of this committee.

In this Act, a number of steps have been taken to prevent the misuse of certain provisions. There is a Kappa Advisory Board and a High Court. Now there are a lot of cases coming up on the Kappa Advisory Board and people are getting relief. The courts are also providing relief. Reasonably, the government takes the same approach if it deserves consideration. In particular, the government has strongly suggested that the Kappa Act should not be enforced in the name of politicians for any reason. Similarly, a growing number of hawala fraudsters, blade mafias, goons, and quotation groups in our state once they are involved in the Kappa case and come back after the punishment and if they restart their activities, it needs to deal with them more forcefully, it is need of society. I am a person, who respects civil rights. To be honest, I personally do not agree with the statement that one should be imprisoned without trial. But actions that undermine the civil rights of others in the name of civil and democratic rights cannot be accepted. Therefore, the government gives top priority to the rights of the citizen and special consideration to democratic rights. But it cannot be reconciled with the actions in the name of it that cause riots and chaos in the society, hawala fraud, money laundering, and harassment of people through the Blade Mafia. Therefore, the amendment was brought in on the condition that once a person charged under the Kappa Act is released, he will be imprisoned for one year if he commits the crime again. This law has been brought here as a precautionary measure with the aim that they should not repeat the same crime again. Police have also seized a number of items from money launderers and blade mafias under the law. About them

In light of the need to avoid certain ambiguities in the law relating to them, it was decided to bring these amendments. The current Kappa law has been amended in the name of the desire to bring in a law that will completely control and ban hawala corrupt and blade mafias to prevent violence in the society and crack down on goons. It is also the duty of democratic government to prevent violence in society, to prevent the rise of crime, and to maintain a peaceful environment for the people so it Intended to bring this law into a more robust. But not with the aim of destroying civil liberties or democratic rights. This law has been brought to enforce the law in a strong manner in the society and to ensure a prosperous life for the people. Let me conclude by mentioning one more thing. In this society in which we live today, quotation groups and gangster groups are raising challenges to the lives of the people. Things have gotten to the point where can kill anyone by giving money is a very serious situation. The government is taking strong action against it. The government's approach is to crack down on quotation groups, blade mafias, hawala fraudsters, and anti-socials. The government's approach is to crack down on quotation groups, blade mafias, hawala fraudsters, and anti-socials. No compromise can be made in that regard. If in tiff in the past such gangs were active in big cities like Bombay, today such gangs are active even in small towns in Kerala. If in the past such gangs were active in big cities like Bombay, today such gangs are active even in small towns in Kerala. The government is taking this matter very seriously. The government takes seriously the fact that quotation groups and goons are coming forward to kill and harass people for money. The aim of the government is to suppress such groups and control ruthlessness. We have brought this law to ensure the social life of the society

and to give more strength to the strong measures taken by the government against the Blade Mafia. I again request that this Bill be sent to the Subject Committee.

Shri. Mullakkara Ratnakar an: Sir, Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2014I propose that the amendment be circulated till 15-1-2015 for public consultation. I am presenting the amendment that the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill 2014, which should be distributed for public consultation till 15-1-2015.

When you bring such an important thing into this committee, you need to understand yourself how many of the members of the ruling party who need to support you are within this committee, beginning by reminding that.

I do not question the intent clarity of the amendment in this Act. But you have to think that even "Operation Kubera", which you tried to carry out in Kerala on a very large scale, is not as fast as it was in the beginning. In our society, crime starts with economic matters. IN our society, crime starts with finance-related. It is in modern society that crime becomes a science. Although crime has existed for a long time, its causes, origins, growth, and the struggle of this society are evolved into criminology is in modern times. Our society has a lot of features. Such a law was enacted in 2007 as a security guard of Kerala society at a time when organized crime was on the rise and new laws were needed to deal with it. Even after the creation of that law, there are still many organized crimes in our society. This legislature, the highest body in Kerala, needs to embrace the fact that in our society, there are social problems that cannot be solved by the law in creating criminals and turning them into organized crime. When such laws are coming into place not only in Kerala but everywhere, many who are supposed to come under that law escape. This is a general principle. The rules are like spider webs. In its small insects only will fall, Small insects will be trapped.

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The one that break the net and go out, you don't have to tell them how big they are. All this is something that society in general is aware of.

It is the condition of our country that those who commit petty crimes go before the law and those who commit big crimes go unpunished. An important factor for the BJP government to come to power is to say that it will bring back the black money deposited outside India. It was one of the most important slogans of the BJP and one of the most blaming of the Congress. It is true that there is such an offense on the part of the Congress party. The BJP leadership and Mr. Narendra Modi were able to present the crime to the people in a convincing manner. According to them, there is black money outside India, not only for the voters in India, but for every human being to hand over Rs 15 lakhs. Of course, it's a big number, a number that needs a lot of zeros. He said that if the BJP came to power, the black money would be brought to India. Then a house of 5 people will get Rs 75 lakhs. And when it is said that there is no need to collect taxes indefinitely, there is no need to increase the price of petrol, there is no need to pay the price of petrol itself, of course it is true that the unemployed youth in India are caught up in it. But not being able to bring it back is a challenge they face. But it is very easy to catch a petty criminal who steals or pockets Rs 5 by failing to pay for dinner. There is another flaw in this. When it comes to hawala, anyone who works outside India to make a living can be caught if he makes a small mistake. He will be imprisoned there. If necessary, you can be convicted here as well. On the other hand, no one has been able to catch the smugglers living here after taking the money out of India and investing it. It is said to have lakhs of crores of rupees. Our law has a lot of vulnerabilities.

That is what Mr. AK Balan said here, that if the law is not given good care, if the definition is not correct enough, the small will fall apart and the big will leave. The general rule of law is that the small and the innocent should not be caught, but the big ones. Especially when it comes to hawala, if the definition is not very accurate, the real culprits will escape. A lot of people are not making crores of rupees standing up for all this. They become a small link in any of the big loopholes going on around them in a state of mind where they have no other way to live and work harder. When it comes to amenities, you need to check that there is already a system in place for large links to be escaped and small links to be captured. The second problem is that after you arrive, your whole focus is on financial crimes, including money laundering and extortion. In any society, it is a sin to say interest. Even small interest is a sin. Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad fought to eliminate interest. Islamic banks are interest-free banks. If interest is sin, then the palaces of sin before us are the palaces of sin built with great interest. Some are draining the total. Kerala is full of sin palaces built by usurers. What can we do? The chain of sin and the monetary system of Kerala is so entangled that it cannot be touched. Going around like this, one thing to understand is that these big palaces and money chains are the share of the work and sweat of the common farmer and the common man living in sweat in Kerala. In fact, if Kerala is to survive, it needs to be expanded to include some of that definition and adjusted to suit the future life of mankind. Since you came, you have done a lot of good things in connection with Operation Kubera.

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It is said that about 2138 cases have been registered and more than two thousand people have been arrested and crores of rupees have been involved in it. Of course, that's a very good thing. But will that end the problem in Kerala? It is said that a popular march took place in Kerala now. The Janapaksha Yatra was led by the KPCC president. How many people had to be expelled for collecting on fake receipts other than the receipts issued by the KPCC in connection with this popular march? Which department does it belong to, in this case you say, I am not talking about one party, it can be any party? I saw your statement that all political parties should come under the purview of the RTI Act. If so, an incident took place at Kottarakkara yesterday. When the RSP became the ruling party, they went to a shop in Kottarakkara and locked up the debtor manager and his associates for not getting the money they demanded. You will also read this news. There was no such issue when the RSP was in opposition. So, what happened to the RSP when it moved beyond here? Why is this happening in Kerala? If this is a small incident, it is happening in Kerala in big forms. That is, money earned without hard work makes it easy for any society to turn that money into criminal money. That money will create goons and rowdies. It will create a lot of mistakes in the society. This community also knows exactly. How do we oppose all this? How do you do all this cool stuff? I'm not saying everything. When the opportunity to live like this came in the Kerala societyA recent study in India found that the Keralite community is the most reluctant to work. If the Keralite community wants to work, it has to go outside Kerala, to the Gulf or to Europe. Many in Kerala society are criminally kidnapping people.

They are on the verge of killing, seizing buses and cars and committing other acts of violence on behalf of the capitalists. It is important to understand the reasons for this and how the basis of its social origin is created. Everyone in the world says that in a society where unemployment is high, the natural inclination to work will decrease and if the way to live in the wrong way is opened, it will get into it. The ruling-opposition

party and the community need to examine whether such conditions are being created in Kerala more than in other states in India. Another study says that all the self-financed educational institutions and other institutions in Kerala were created with criminal money. If so, of course action is needed. I am not saying that if there is a social governance situation in Kerala where criminal money can be used, it is only during the time of the UDF. Of course, we also need to move towards a social system that carefully investigates and corrects these issues. Another important issue, you know, is that now there is a law here to seize and confiscate the vehicle or helper of a criminal, or the induced system. It also provides for a one - year sentence for a person who commits a crime once and returns. It is explained here and there. But then what is the role of the police and officials in creating criminals in our society? To a question in the Assembly, in your reply, you have clearly mentioned the criminal natured policemen and guilty cops in Kerala. These laws are in their hands.....

Mr. Kunjumadh Master: Sir, the esteemed member is talking here about the Kerala situation of protecting criminals. In Kerala, neither the ruling party nor the opposition should play a leading role in eliminating such attitudes.

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The most important people in the society are the 141 MLAs of Kerala and their elected ministers and speakers; The places where they concentrate are the Kerala Legislative Assembly and the MLA quarters. Even their facilities cannot be guaranteed. For example, not having morning tea in the MLA hostel and not having lunch in the afternoon can make it difficult for a person sitting in a respectable chair. Even the MLA hostel can't be run properly. We cannot even prevent the transformation of the places where the Members live into a form of protection for criminals. How then can such people be prevented; What is the reaction of the esteemed member on this matter?

Mr. Mullakara Rathnakaran: Sir, this is definitely something to look out for. Power is not a place that brings people together with the right morality. I am not saying that it is a system where those who go astray in the society reach out first and those in power fall into the hands of those who reach out if they do not pay much attention, the Mudgal Committee report says. An independent MP named Mudgal has resigned in India over an allegation of Rs 2,700 during the tenure of Jawaharlal Nehru. In this country, which has a tradition of resigning, it is not resigning or staying away despite allegations of Rs 1 crore, Rs 4 crore and Rs 10 crore. We live in a time when we need to think about how great a morality our country is, and how it has come here on an immoral journey (whether at the center or in the state). We brought the law at a time of necessity. In such a time, we need to think about how much morality has flowed out of politics and how much we have lost our value in the eyes of the common man. It is on such an occasion that the politicians staying in the MLA hostel should think to whom they can give accommodation there and how to stay.

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The Honourable Member is very right and it is certainly worth thinking how the M.L.A. hostel, where the Legislative Assembly Members of Kerala lives has turned out that not even a single tea was available. The main problem with the payment system is that crimes cannot be avoided where there is money, especially where it is a lot. If there's a lot of money, the crimes will join as friends, not as the shadow, but will join inside. You may know Her Majesty Oshatios Thirumeni. There is a book of him. Its name is 'The greatest sin is to live rich among the poor'. In that case, there is a sin abound between us. Majesty Oshatios Thirumeni sees money as a sin. In the meantime, there's a...

Sri. P.C. Vishnunath: Sir, is it a sin to nominate a rich man among the poor?

Sri.Mullakara Ratnakaran: Sir, the sin of living rich....., I would like to say one thing to Sri. P. C. Vishnunath, I will resign my M.L.A. post if it is proved that any transaction in the name of money has taken place with a candidate from Thiruvananthapuram.

Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair: Sir, here the party itself placed the commission and said that there has been money laundering by the party commission. The party leaders were demoted for that, what other proof do you want?

[Sri. C.P. Muhammad in the Chair]

Sri.Mullakara Ratnakaran: Sir, with all due respect to you, I say, when an allegation came up, I inquired about it. The allegation is wrong that such a candidate has been fielded in Thiruvananthapuram. The party's investigation report does not say that there was any financial transaction.

However, we punished those who took certain positions that were not in line with the Communist Party. Has Congress ever been able to impose such a punishment on anything? The person who alleged that Shooranad Rajashekharan bought the seat with money when he was contesting in Kollam is now the K.P.C.C. leader Sri.Rajmohan Unnithan. The news came in all the newspapers.

Sri. Chairman: The subject should be kept in a minimum. This applies to everyone.

Sri.Mullakara Ratnakaran: Sir, I was talking about the morality that political movements and people's representatives should uphold in society and its political benefits. Do you disagree that political good is declining? I mean, when the political good in our country is declining, if it is the rich who create the poor, and then the rich are created when a lot of people are poor, like Majesty Osthathios Thirumeni.....

Sri. V. S. Sunil Kumar: Sir, Honourable P. C. Vishnunath has mentioned the nomination of a rich man. Let me ask, the world's richest man Nandan Nilekani was the man in which party; how many crores of rupees does a person have assets; whose candidate; Candidates contesting from Chalakkudy and Kasargod belonged to which party? When it is said that there are about 300 billionaires in the Indian Parliament, Mr. P. C. Vishnunath knows that 82 percentages of them are Congressmen; none of the great leaders of the Congress led by Sri. P. C. Vishnunath is Congressmen. What is your opinion of the attitude of the corporate boss's agents who compete on the palm of the hand, not seeing it, seeing the mustard leaking and not seeing the elephant leaking?

Sri. K. Shivadasan Nair: Sir, Sri. P. C. Vishnunath has spoken about nominating rich people. People in this entire country know who Nandan Nilekani is, how he had money and his job and educational qualifications. You portrayed him as merely a rich man. Let it be. But none of them paid for it and became candidates. Not only did he buy money here and become a candidate, but the party members who were investigated and punished because of it were morally degraded to abyss; why didn't you say anything about it?

Sri. Mullakkara Ratnakaran: Whatever you say about Nandan Nilekani, it is true that the people defeated him by 2.25 lakhs votes. He has assets worth Rs.7000 crores. I do not mean to say this. Do you know that 36 B.J.P. candidates in the last elections in Maharashtra were Congressmen including D.C.C. and A.I.C.C. members? When there is change in the country, politics does not go along with the growing mistake in that change. Mistakes are growing but politics is right against growing mistakes. So, there was a politics before the Congress that stood right. Now Congress has lost. When they lose, they have to go with criminals and rich people, have no faith in anyone and blame each other. I am not the one who wants Congress to be lost, nor are any of us. We want the Congress to nominate in India as a secular democracy. But the Congress must change its position. If secularism is to be strongly contributed to, if the B.J.P. is to be strongly opposed in India, it must realize that the economic policy introduced by the Congress was wrong and must be corrected. After the election, Honourable Home Minister Ramesh Chennithala had said that the Congress had failed in India due to wrong economic policy.

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So I respect him in that regard. But can you convince the national leadership of the Indian National Congress that that economic policy was wrong and that it has weakened secularism in India?

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Sri. V. S. Sunil Kumar: Sir, if the Congress is proud not to go to abyss when it sells coal fields for crores of rupees, how many thousands of crores of rupees did you buy in the name of the Commonwealth Games; For which deal did the Congress not take cash? The gentlemen who bought Rs.1,76,000 crores in the 2G spectrum case should not come from the bottom of the abyss to blame the C.P.I. (M). It is a decision we have made in the name of a policy that deals with the party in a dignified, honest and transparent manner. It takes energy and courage to make that decision. If you have taken such decision nobody will be in the Congress and that difference must be understood.

Sri. K. Shivadasan Nair: Sir, Sri. V. S. Sunil Kumar says that we have lost a lot of people. It would be better for Mr. V.S. Sunil Kumar to make this comment by counting how many people there are.

Sri. K. N. A. Khader: Sir, Sri. Mullakkara Ratnakar was talking well about this bill but it went astray somewhere. I am saying because I felt that it was a matter to be said a lot, as the Honourable Chair said. Sri.MullakkaraRathnakaran said that there were criminals among the police. Not only among the police, but also people of criminal nature will be harmed no matter where they come from. A person who is not a good man is not right whether he is a teacher, an engineer, a doctor or a political leader.

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Does Kerala have reached such a high level in the field of education that a man should be good in mathematics or zoology in the field of higher education? The basis of our education is competition and striving to be number one. It's the competitive attitude of each other, and money is not the only of this factor. If a person has more money, there is no possibility of him being guilty. He will be convicted

depending on whether he uses the money or the money he uses. Isn't it your opinion that you should be prepared to look at this subject in that way as a fundamental one?

Sri. A. K. Balan: Sir, can you tell me about whether a real communist should be a member of the Muslim League?

Sri.MullakkaraRathnakaran: Sir, whether good communists can become a Muslim League is like learning in the first class after studying in the tenth class. He knows that too.

Mr. Chairman: Sri. MullakkaraRathnakaran, it has been 27 minutes... Please conclude...

Sri.MullakkaraRathnakaran: Sir, one thing he said is very important. It is true that our country would be worse off without good doctors, engineers, teachers, politicians and farmers. The basis of all this is our family and education. If family and education are good, the number of offenders will decrease. That is why Sree Narayana Guru said to become enlightened with knowledge, not to become a doctor or an engineer with knowledge. When you become a doctor and an engineer, you have to be enlightened by that education. The biggest problem of education in Kerala today is that even though one becomes a doctor and an engineer by knowledge, one does not become enlightened by knowledge. Only enlightened education reduces the number of criminals in society, increases social commitment, enriches the future of a society and strengthens human relationships and relationships with nature.

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In the education sector and also in the family relations the Kerala society needs to be subjected to re-reading or reorganization. If the statement you often make do not go into such matters.... the law alone can put handcuff it can't change the mind. the important of this is not to be handcuffed, but to change the mind. In many parts of the world, music therapy and horticulture therapy are a treatment. Criminals can be changed through music and agriculture. Can we move into such scientific systems and identify how crime occurs? With such deliberations, you need to find out if the most ordinary poor man is likely to be convicted of a crime, he or she is unaware of, and that many criminals with trickery, money, and intellectual advocates may be left out of this.

Shri. K. Achuthan: Sir, if a case is registered against people who charge up to 360 per cent interest, the court will release them immediately. So, do you understand that if you want to strictly warn people like this or send them to jail, the law needs to be amended? Do you understand this amendment is for that?

Shri. Mullakkara Ratnakaran: Sir, I said that if a person like you commits a crime, you can never be punished. But that means you can punish one of your employees if you need to. The problem with the law is that the higher-level people cannot be punished but the common people can be punished. The law that emerges here is strengthened when the punishment of the common man is set aside and the high ones can also be punished.

Mr. Chairman: Shri. Mullakkara Ratnakaran, has our democratic system proved that even a Chief Minister like Jayalalitha can be sent to jail?

Shri. Mullakkara Ratnakaran: Sir, the verdict in the cases of Jayalalitha after 18 years and L.N Mishra after 40 years.

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But if it was an ordinary person, he will be punished in the second minute, there are so many poor people, tribal and ordinary people are in Indian jails for no reason, why the law is not related to them; Why is it that even the greatest law is so related to the greatest criminal and the richest? Kerala is one of the most

modernized literate societies in India. The word 'Sakshara' (literacy) itself has a uniqueness. When the word 'Sakshara' is re-read, it means 'monster'. In fact, we have a society with many literate monsters.

Mr. Chairman: Please conclude ... 32 minutes ... No one has spoken for more than 25 minutes in the last week of the bill debate.

Shri. Mullakkara Ratnakaran: Sir, sometimes it takes too long to ask a question here.

Mr. Chairman: You are talking about a good subject. Your speech is also good. Is there a limit though?

Shri. S Rajendran: Sir, you have now come to the field of work by talking about political leaders and other things in the social system. There is a proverb in Tamil that says, 'Pona machan thirumpi vanthan pumanassode'. Enforcing such a law is in the contact with the Police Department. For example, in Munnar, Johnny Mathai, an SI, was shifted to Kumily due to fundraising and other problems, relocated again due to problems there too, now he came back to Munnar. The first thing he did when he got there was to call back the people who had been collecting before and order them to join the meeting and pay cash every month as given earlier. Even people who street stores ('Pettikada') have to pay cash. Even when such legislation is enacted, when it comes to enforcement, the recurrence of crimes depends on the interests and perceptions of the politically influential officials and law enforcement officials are involved.

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What do your opinion about it?
Mrs. P. Aisha Potty: Sir, I am asking one more thing with what Shri. Rajendran said. A member of the ruling party said that if the law was enacted and controlled, crime can be reduced. Several amendments were made to the IPC and CRPC when the esteemed Supreme Court ruled in favour of increasing violence against women. Since then, 84 and 90-year-old mothers have seen an increase in unsafe times, including violence against children. So, the law alone does not matter. Did it seem at that time that the law is useful only if the human mind is treated and the mind is healed?

Shri Mullakkara Ratnakaran: Sir, of course, about the bureaucratic police crime in Kerala is in the last few days, Malayala Manorama newspaper brought out a series of investigations. It highlights many issues in Kerala, including the transfer scam. There is matter in what Shri. S. Rajendran asked. There are so many good people in every department. Few people are criminals and associate with criminals in society. There are even those who blackmarked their own department to protect those criminals.

Mr. Chairman: Please Conclude. 35 minutes passed.

Shri. Mullakkara Ratnakaran: Sir, I can end in 5 minutes the problem in the government is that a lot of people are being accused. No one is saying that everyone in the bureaucracy or the police is guilty for fear of pouring the morality of a government into the bureaucracy when it comes to allegations. It seems that if criminals are present in the society, it will be filled with those who are not criminals in the society.

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These types of news came in Kerala society every day. Yesterday, including a picture of two women who had snatched Rs 10 crore. One thing the Honourable Minister should pay attention to. Why do the most ordinary people in Kerala have to go to moneylenders and money chains? There will be gold to pawn in the hands of the middleman, property to pledge and those who have a job to pledge. I asked you the question of why ordinary people, who do not have gold to pledge, land to pledge and officials to pledge, go to usurers. Operation Kubera and money laundering will end only when the common man has none of the above but confirms in any village or town that there is a cash flow system to help if necessary. Only then will deceit and sin disappear, not only the Home Minister but also the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Co-operation and other agencies have to prepare for the economic cycle of elimination of fraud and sin. If there is nothing to pledge when you get sick and need Rs 5000, make sure you get that amount, ensure that if the children are eligible for assistance, they will get money. Thus, when there is a monetary system that qualifies but is

unsecured. The poorest man has to seek help from these people of usury. You need to find a solution for that too. Of course, when the bill is being discussed by the Subject Committee, there will be related amendments should be included. As mentioned earlier, in order to build an enlightened Kerala, Kerala must have an enlightened family, education and politics. It is important to remember that this bill is being introduced at a time when there is a lack of enlightened family, education and politics. I conclude by moving my amendment again.

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Shri. K. Muraleedharan: Sir, I propose that the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2014 be referred to a Select Committee for consideration.

The Kerala Legislative Assembly first passed this Act in 2007. The Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act passed at that time contained the following important amendments. There will be many changes in the law over time as well as changes in the crimes in the society. This is a time when, unlike in the past, cybercrimes are on the rise. As science advances in the world, so there is change in crime too. Naturally, as such crimes increase, laws will need to be amended from time to time to prevent it. There are different kinds of crime in our society today than there were in 2007. It is the duty of a democratic government to bring in new laws to prevent it. Accordingly, the Bill was introduced in the House by the Honourable Home Minister in 2007 to make some major amendments to the Act passed by the that Government. Importantly, Money chain is on the list of anti-social activities. Similarly, the maximum period of reserve detention has been increased from 6 months to one year. Gives the power to seize, including vehicles. There are clear definitions of the terms "Extortionists" and "Hawala fraudsters". The Honourable Home Minister took the initiative to launch Operation Kubera, when the harassment of looters was on the rise in the society in recent times. What led him to it was the suicide of four members of my family, including a child in my constituency, who could not bear the harassment of the money lenders. Since she was a child in my constituency, I was invited to that child's wedding. 4 months later, I see the body of that child whom I saw in the marriage.

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That incidents caused to decide that some amendments should be included in this bill to deal with usurpers. There are counterfeit coins in everything. Being part of the police community in politics and bureaucracy can lead to mistakes, crimes and criminal behaviour in them. Not everyone here is to blame for that. Imprisoning that group of people on the grounds that they have committed a crime is not the right thing to do. Right now politicians have a fashion, people tell themselves that politicians are bad, so when it comes down to it, officials naturally feel like Harishchandra (the honest man). However, the reality is that there are counterfeit coins in everything. The importance of the law is to find such people and punish them regardless of their background. According to the information available to me, 13585 raids were carried out as part of 'Operation Kubera'. Of these, about 2748 cases have been taken up. However, there is an opinion that it would be very beneficial to include these in the 'Kappa' Act as there is a possibility of criminals escaping under the category of Economic Offenses. Because, there are a lot of loop holes in Economic Offense to escape. At the same time, once 'Kappa' is included in the law, we can definitely bring them before the law. But at the same time, there are some isolated cases where some people became part of 'Operation Kubera', not to repay the money that they have borrowed, one more thing to be noticed. Because, after taking a loan, some people go quickly and say that they need some money and needed help somehow, they give cash to help the borrower who has no cash. They will never repay, after they had received the money. Some will threaten and say there is a scheme called 'Operation Kubera' and 'I will file a case against you'. Of course, one more thing to note. While the law is good, it is certainly something to watch out for when some people try to abuse it.

Similarly, one of the most discussed issues in our politics today is the issue of wages for watching job. In a judgement passed by the Division Bench of the esteemed Kerala High Court on the 22nd of last month, i.e., in the case filed by Paulson Sakriya, a native of Thrissur, it was pointed out that wages should be brought under the purview of the 'Kappa' Act. But it does not seem to be included in this bill. There is a truth accepted by all political parties when it comes to wages, that if work is done, it must be paid, which is right of a worker. But if they do not work, they are not entitled to wages. One of the main objections made about Kerala in the past was that the porters were taking money as they saw fit. As far as I know, when my father was an MLA in 1988, then Housing Board had given loans to MLAs. According to the loan, when a house was built in P.T.P Nagar, the charge for loading cement was 60 paise and the unloading charge was Rs 1.50. That is the situation in 1980s, but today it is not like that. Nowadays, some people are not interested in getting a job, but in how to make money without doing job. In fact, it is an insult to the labour movement. It is wrong for any Trade Union like I.N.T.U.C, C.I.T.U and B.M.S to buy cash by threatening not to do the right job. These are insult to the working class. Of course, those who harass people by saying that this is the wage...especially in the I.T sector like Techno Park and Info Park, the pay is higher. This is because it is a bit difficult to import electronics. Unlike unloading a couch or desk, they are not ready to unload when handling electronic items as sometimes something breaks, and instead you unload, they tell us to pay that much. In some places it has been declared an anti-wage area, but it is still being violated in many places. I would like to point out to the Hon'ble Minister for Home Affairs and Vigilance that wages must be included in the 'Kappa' Act as stated in the judgement of the Hon'ble Kerala High Court in this regard.

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The same is true of drug sales. During the Question-and-Answer session held in the Sabha in the last few days, it was said that drugs and narcotics are being distributed in many places and in many schools and school premises. It is given in different forms. As I mentioned yesterday, there are large-scale racketeering operations in many parts of the state, especially giving children drugs like chewing gum and making them addicted to drugs at a very young age. Even though we have searched for it many places, it is still available in many places. It is ruining the future of the children. Thus, a child becomes addicted to alcohol and becomes a part of this drugs till death. Then the child's life is ruined. Parents send their children to educational institutions for better education. I want to say that the government should take strong action against those who use such chewing gum and drugs in the vicinity of those educational institutions and make them addicted to drugs and turn them into citizens who are a burden to the society tomorrow. This is something we have been discussing in many places for some time. But, according to the discussion...

Dr. K. T. Jaleel: Sir, this is a very important point told by Hon'ble Member. Our schools are becoming mafia centres. Higher Secondary Schools in particular are becoming centres of drug trafficking. But we do not see that much influence in colleges. An important reason why Higher Secondary Schools are like this is that student organization activities are not allowed there. A situation has arisen in our Higher Secondary Schools where there is no one to look after things and there is no man and no master. Taking advantage of that, the student organization activity will strongly disagree with such things no matter what the student organization is.

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In many respects, however, it was our student organization activities and student body leaders who protected our institutions. The lack of an intervention of theirs is now changing our Higher Secondary Schools badly. In addition to legislating against this, we can never convince Higher Secondary Schools of the

grip of these mafia groups, no matter how many laws are enacted, except by granting them the freedom of action of any student body, be it K.S.U, S.F.I or M.S.F, at the Higher Secondary School level. What do you think about this?

Sri. K. Muraleedaran: Sir, of course I was and still I am a firm believer in the need for politics in colleges. Because, politics can have mistakes and crimes, but we know that in a democracy there can be 95 percent good and 5 percent sometimes bad, and tendency to exaggerate those 5 percent of the bad from the 95 percent of the good often arises from certain angles in our society at certain times. College politics should never be banned, but action should be taken if there is violence in it. Those are isolated cases. I am not saying that there is a situation in our country as well as in the state where communal forces can implement their agenda where there are no student organisations naturally. So, of course, any attempt to ban college politics should be discouraged, no matter where it comes from. Because, no matter how bad the student organisations are, they will never join the mafia gangs, so I respect the member's point out that I agree 100 percent.

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Similarly, people who are involved in the Goonda Act in our state should repeat the person involved in a criminal case and, at least in all three criminal cases, he should definitely be included in the gangster list and take strong action, no matter what movement he belongs to as long as he is the accused. Because, some people have a tendency to do anything. Disruption of meetings, destruction of others if they are found to be against their will, and there should be circumstances in which those who commit such acts of hooliganism should be brought to the compulsory limits of those involved in 3 criminal cases and given maximum punishment. I am not speaking much.

I have two more important things to say. One, as we discuss this issue, the activities of the Maoists are also a period that has now begun in many parts of our state. It has started especially in Wayanad district. We know that there were many Naxal attacks here during 1968-70. The first attack on the Pulpally police station, the incident which killed an S.I. and hands were dipped in the blood and was imprinted on the wall, was the first Naxal attack in Kerala. Now all those who took part in it became dignified in the society. That's a good thing. Because it is good to change the mind that recognize mistakes. After that, the chair knows that, a landlord named Narayanan Kutty Nair was beheaded at 12 at night and his head was cut off at 12 o'clock and was placed at the steps of the weed shop. Members of the royal family were beheaded at Kilimanoor in Thiruvananthapuram. Many such incidents took place in Kerala at the behest of the Naxalites. The movement was wiped out when C.H. Mohammad Koya and later K. Karunakaran were the Home Ministers. But a few days ago, the Thunderbolt of police opened fire on the Maoists. At the same time, the Hon'ble Home Minister directed that strict punitive action be taken against them. But there is a problem with that, the police are not dare to shoot them back even if they did so.

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Because, over time, if someone of that group says that I fired obeying the words of that certain officer, then, such people are subjected to punishment these days. I.G. Lakshmana was recently jailed in connection with the murder of Varghese. When such cases are coming down, the morality of these police officers is declining. No matter what sort of government is at rule, it is never possible for police officers to support the activities of the Maoists. Especially in Chhattisgarh, even party's PCC president and others said so. Similarly, during CPM's rule in Bengal, there were many incidents where leaders were beingkilled. A small version of this has started in Kerala too.

[Mr. Deputy Speaker on chair]

Mr. V.D. Satheesan: Sir, you spoke about the past Naxel attacks and the beginning of the current Maoist attacks. But in the last few days, there has been a widespread problem after they are infiltrating and creating troubles in the popular agitations whereas the mainstream political parties are sidelined. Along with that, they are making mainstream political parties on accused position and creating havocs and provoking and challenging police as well. This is just their beginning. Thus, infiltrating all over the place and creating problems and then leading to an armed rebellion is all that is happening. The same happened in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa. Had you noticed that the same is repeated in Kerala too?

Mr. Shafi Parampil: Sir, I have to say one more thing adding to this. Our police are making preparations to face them. What has seemed to be most interesting is that each of their movements has been appearing in our media as flash news and later as news.

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News is coming in every second that Police are going to search on certain places, they are camping in fixed locations and they are concentrating somewhere else. There were reports that the investigations of police in Mumbai terror attacks were affected by the broadcasting of police's preparations on news. For maintaining the secret nature of these actions, if police's movements are released correctly through the media on live, then, movements would be meaningless. Therefore, do you have an opinion on the matter of maintaining its confidentiality?

Chief Whip (P.C. George): Sir, the statement made by honourable V.D Satheeshan said that other parties are causing troubles and insulting mainstream political parties. Mr. K. Muraleedharan was K.P.C.C president. We can't deny the fact that there are dangers when these national parties regarded as mainstream political parties can't do the right things to people of state in response to them. Whenever we talked about strengthening national parties, all the reports like Kasthooriranghan reports had caused problems for people in Kerala. The national parties have not been able to intervene strongly in these matters. If they are intervening, then, the national leadership won't agree with the state leaders and never go ahead with them. State leaders in national parties may find it difficult to say boldly to national leaders that what you are doing is utterly wrong. That is a great problem too. Congress party in Tamilnadu said their opinion frankly. Can we comment like that? As such, the national parties have their responsibilities to perform locally and there are situations where they can't intervene in these matters honestly; what I want to say is that you have to answer taking these facts into account.

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Mr. C.P Muhammad: Sir, what took place when your father was fighting against Naxalite movements, were police station attacks and annihilations. But, today, they had infiltrated in environmental movements too. Not only Naxalites, but also the religious extremist organizations are causing troubles for the developmental activities of country. I am not one who underestimates the struggle for the environment, moreover, I agree with those movements. But, do you agree with me that Naxalites and religious extremists are infiltrating in these movements not well-intentionally?

Mr. K. Muraleedharan: Sir, What Mr. C.P Muhammed and Mr. V.D Satheeshan said sounds same. Here, if the ruling party works together with the opposition party and non-assembly political parties to make a decision, and when it comes to implementation, Maoist like organizations are interrupting the developmental activities disguising themselves as the advocates of common people. For example, everyone in the assembly has same opinion on making our national highways to 45 meters. But, when it comes to implement this idea, thus like disguised forces are organizing people there and preventing those developmental activities. So, what is said here is true. Similarly, What Mr. Shafi Parampil said is also sounds to be good. Media investigations are good. Because their contributions for bringing the criminal before law are worthy to be

welcomed. Even though, in some of such Naxal and terrorist attacks, these actions are affecting the investigation when they are commenting their own opinions and making it breaking news. It has affected in Mumbai to somewhat extent. Now it affects in Kerala on many cases. It is worthy pleasure that media is acting on media ethics. But when they are making these secret operations as breaking news, there is a situation where the real culprit escapes. I don't agree what Mr. P.C George said that when the policies of the national parties are imposed on the states, the state leadership has to swallow it without more questions.

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Because, the Home Minister who piloted the bill, whenever he said when Congress was in power that policies of state government especially the policies of Finance Minister are against economic policies of INC and it cause hardship to people, no actions has been taken against him by central government. Today, he is in the chair of the state's home minister. Similarly, Congress-party has said its vociferous opinion on the issue regarding Kasturirangan report. Some amendments have been made based on what Congress M.P s had informed central government that at any cost, they won't agree with any approaches harming the migrant farmers here. Moreover, our Chief Minister is not going to approve it here, and he said boldly that it couldn't be implemented here. Therefore, national parties would have visions on national wise. But it would require some amendments when it is implemented on state level. All of the political parties are going forth based upon this principle.

Mr. A.K. Balan: Sir, the esteemed former KPCC president is a one who speaks boldly and impartially. I totally agree with your words that the police, who are administering justice here, won't be demoralized. A C.I is attacked brutally after being bombed. And the defendants in the case are 31 of ABVP-RSS activists. Afterwards, the accused 17th is selected as a police constable and complains CM and next the case is withdrawn. Investigations say that the withdrawn case was the case pending on the court. Which police you can believe? This is what held under this government's ruling time. I expected there would be some comments from honourable K.Muraleedharan in this regard, but so far, there are no more comments from his side.

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Mr.K. Muraleedharan: Sir, there might be some isolated incidents like that. But by just that event, the morality of police is not going to be lost. Their morality is lost whenever they later found convicted in the operations carried by them out for the government, for country and for the interests of people in our state. But such cases are not supposed to happen. And this case has not caught my attention. I am concluding adding one more point. During the discussion held last day, honourable Home Minister spoke about the kiss of love protest. I have to say this, because the act is called the Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Bill. Whenever you go to America, to some extent in China, I and Mr. Kodyeri Balakrishnan had been in China. If you go there, at some tourist centres, in China, tourists come to the tourist centre of Shanghai. Similarly, such incidents are seen in America on public roadways. But no one there notices it. But here, to say that we will kiss together in a certain day on a fixed time at a specific place, is regarded, of course, as anti-social activity. It is not true to say that to kiss is a right. In that regard, I am totally agreeing with what Pinarayi Vijayan had said. The current situations are likely to bring things that must be performed inside rooms to public outside. It is quite natural that when such things are done in public, Senas would come protesting. Because, in fact, it is an insult to the gods. Senas like Hanuman Sena and Sri Rama Sena would come and there would be clashes between them. Is it possible to show picture of kissing to children? This is a bite, not a kiss. If such kisses took place, then there won't even see any bones or skin on face. Strong actions should be taken against these movements. Or else, it doesn't make sense just to say that is not against government. All of these are anti-social activities. It's once happened in Ernakulam, Kozhikode and Alappuzha districts. We are not pretty sure when it will happen in Trivandrum. People will show interest when it is announced

publicly. But it is time to prevent these movements. Therefore, Government should take strict actions in this.

I move my amendment by congratulating the honourable Home Minister for brining such a good bill. Minister of Home Affairs and Vigilance (Sri. Ramesh Chennithala): Sir, two members were present during the discussion of this bill. Thanks to both. Here Sri. Mullakkara Rethnakaran and Sri. K. Muraleedaran presented their points here in a very relevant and very effective manner. Thanks to both. Here Sri. Mullakkara Rethnakaran said, operation Kubera is a good program. Now its power has diminished. That is not true; Operation Kubera is still going on in Kerala. That is the main reason why the Blade Mafia has not started operations again. But the reason it did not get the attention of the press is because of its large-scale detection, raids and arrest which went unnoticed by the media. I mentioned the raids that took place till this morning. Now operation Kubera is in its second phase. The second phase is to bring the cases well, bring the culprits to justice. That is why we wanted this amendment to be brought in this House itself. This is because the government has decided to bring this amendment with the aim of ensuring that such people do not escape the scrutiny of the law for any reason. So, there is no problem in stopping Operation Kubera. It will go ahead. You are right here. We have limitations when it comes to big names. Because they are under the control of the Reserve Bank of India. They can be called non-banking financial corporations. They are not controlled by the Government of Kerala but by the Reserve Bank of India. As they are headed by the Reserve Bank of India, I went to see the Governor of the Reserve Bank Sri. Raghuram Rajanto complaint about them. They must follow the Fair Practice Code. Such institutions are required to operate in accordance with the guidelines and circulars issued by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time.

The Reserve Bank of India has the power to determine their interest rate.

Sri. K Sivadasan Nair: Sir, the point here is to refer to the big ones. In the case of N.B.F.C, it is subject to the RBI guidelines. But they do a lot of things that can be seen as buying and keeping cheques unnecessarily, buying and keeping RC book, in addition there are many things that can be seen as criminal offenses that are not legally permissible. We need to be able to see it that way. The press does not seem to have taken any significant action against those who make such big arrangements. That is what Sri. Mullakkara Rathnakaran said, that is right.

Sri .Ramesh Chennithala: Sir, in the case of the N .B.F.C, the only regulation is the Fair Practice code. The Fair Practice code states how they should act. From time to time their board of directors meets and they are required to announce the interest rate. Announcing interest rate, they have to be demonstrated through their advertisements and also, they have to give it in writing when loanee will come to them. As such the Fair Practice code is intended to persuade the borrower to display billboards and specifically indicate the interest rate for each when advertising in general. I personally met the Governor of the Reserve Bank Sri. Reghuram Rajan, and told him that this is being violated. What Sri.Sivadasan Nair said is one hundred per cent true. If there is an N.B.F.C

that illegally buys cheque books and R C books without the direction of the RBI and at the same time harasses people, there is no doubt that the police will take action in this regard.

Action has been taken against them in about 15 centres. I am not saying why that is not in the media. I do not go into it.

Sri. P C George: Sir, we appreciate your good mind. It also agrees with the dispute over the action of the Reserve Bank. Having said that, what is your view on what percentage of interest should be charged. If 12% agrees, then what is the percentage interest that KFC and KSFE will charge. How much interest does the Revenue Department charge. How much interest does a foreclosure charge. First of all, let the public sector institutions of the government be good. Your policy should be applied to the public sector institutions as well. The poor are paying monthly instalments to survive. This government will have the support of the people if it announces and implements the decision to take action against public sector entities that charge more than 15% interest, as you first spoke to the Reserve Bank officials.

Sri. Ramesh Chennithala: Sir, it is another question. It's a matter of PSUs. In Kerala, bank interest plus two percentages service tax is levied under the Money Lenders Act (1958). In Kerala a registered money lender can be charged bank rate plus two percentage service tax. No one in Kerala can charge more than that. Kerala Prohibition of Charging Exorbitant interest Act, 2013 was passed by the Assembly to control such persons. Many of the big wigs mentioned by Sri. Mullakkara Rathnakaran are buying stay from the esteemed Supreme Court in our demand that they be brought under the purview of the Money Lenders Act. Stay has been around for 18 years. I myself have asked the Accounts General to take legal steps in order to vacate the stay and proceedings are in progress.

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As the honourable Sivadasan Nair pointed out, the police have the power to investigate if there are any institutions that buy and keep blank cheques that do not comply with the Fair Practice Code. The police have the power to search any premises if a complaint is received. There can be no doubt that steps must be taken to that end.

Sri. Mulakkara Rethnakaran: Sir, In Kerala, such banks are corporate institutions with the nature of money lenders, whether the banks, which have all the formalities of the corporate system, accept deposits and pay interest on them are subject to the specific norms of the Reserve Bank, or we can raise it ourselves.

Sri. Ramesh Chennithala: They cannot proceed without following guidelines of the Reserve Bank. The first step is to review such actions of the Reserve Bank. They are promoting it. There is no social aspect in this. They are encouraging such private agencies as they want to strengthen economic activity. I am personally opposed to this. They too have a responsibility to control it. RBI is an institution to regulate all the financial institutions in the country. As such, giving the N .B .F .C undue freedom leads to massive exploitation. But the most important problem is that they do not come forward to control it. I made a strong point in the meeting with Sri .Reghuram Rajan. You have to regulate the interest rate, which is finalising by their Board of Directors. If they are charging exorbitant interest rate, the RBI has to step into regulate this. Otherwise, they will be exploiting these people. It is not to be missed. The government has limitations in controlling them. I repeat, we have the right to investigate and take action against those who come forward with such illegal activities of any kind. Action has been taken on behalf of several institutions.

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Sri. K Achuthan: Sir, many people's houses and lands were written off in the name of a lot of Chit companies, and all those places are in the hands of the real owners, but all the documents are in the hands of the person who wrote them down. When the police went and inspected, no document was found; no

action is taken on the ground that no cheque has been received. No action can be taken against those who have written off the lands of ten or fifteen people. Will action be taken against them if the document is able to show us that it was written in such cases?

Sri.Ramesh Chennithala: Sir, you are right. There are many companies operating in Tamil Nadu, for example in Palakkad district there are a large number of such Chit companies operating in your constituency, including Gopalapuram. Although the registration is in Tami Nadu, it is operating in Kerala. People are paid in the morning and taken away in the evening. There is massive exploitation going on. It is now over as a result of the strong measures we have taken. Another problem is that after the enactment of the Central Chit Act, Chit institutions need to move forward with stricter measures in our country to conduct chits on the basis of the chit law. Thousands of people are being deceived in the name of Chits. Central Chit Act requires strong implementation in Kerala. Moreover, it is never possible to register in Faridabad and accept the steps taken by the chit here. The vast majority of broken chits in Kerala after registering one chit in Faridabad, ten chits will be conducted in Kerala. Once money is received, one morning they will be overwhelmed with money. People who are poor investors are struggling. Although the Home Department is not directly responsible for this direction, I would like to inform you that as a result of the scam, a meeting has been held with the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Registration and some steps are being taken in this regard. Sri .Mullakkara Rathnakaran pointed out the most important thing here in this regard, in the changing social conditions changes the nature of crime.

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White-collar crimes are increasing day by day. New crimes that did not exist in the past are emerging. You are 100% right. Crimes related to economic activity are on the rise. At present, there is a need to take strong measures to curb the rise of ATM frauds, crimes involving the so-called new plastic money cards, various forms of crime on the Internet, and crimes in the banking system.

Shrimathi. E.S. Bijimol: Sir, another crime that falls under the same category is the practice of recruiting agencies obtaining about 5 lakhs to 10 lakhs from people, offering to take them abroad. A lot of complaints are being reported against them. How does the government intend to intervene in this matter to resolve it?

Shri. Ramesh Chennithala: Sir, there are many illegal organizations operating in Kerala that take people to different countries on the pretext of getting a nursing job. These organizations are being strictly monitored now. The problem that arises with this decision is, as we take more drastic measures here, they are setting up such organizations in Bangalore and Mumbai and taking people from here to there. This case is being strictly monitored by the police. We would like to inform the esteemed member that our action will definitely be taken in this regard. According to Sir P.C George, KFC and KSFE are government agencies. That is a matter for discussion. The rules should be the same and applicable for everyone. Going to the point where the law only applies to the poor and no laws apply to the rich can lead to a loss of public confidence in democratic systems. The biggest problem that came to my mind when I went ahead with Operation Kubera was the problem of people getting loans. People must get the loans that they require.

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When a poor man does not get Rs. 10,000 or Rs. 25,000 to fulfil an immediate need, they depend upon blade usurers and plunderers for the money. That is where our co-operatives need to take a more liberal stance. The state government itself has made some suggestions to the Co-operation Minister. Steps have

been taken to give loans up to Rs 10,000 in personal guarantee. Sunday banking was introduced. Steps are being taken to open more branches of banks. The interest rate on loans has been reduced from 16 per cent to 15 per cent. Certain actions have been taken, but none are said to be adequate. Since co-operative offices are run with their own money, their recovery is a huge issue. Let me say one thing, in our state the loan taken by the poor will pay back by them in time. The repayment of kudumbashree is said to be 99%. Banks in India are in a debt of Rs. 1,07,000 crore; is any action being taken on behalf of anyone? Of the Rs 1,07,000 crore debt, Rs 7,000 crore belongs to Vijay Mallya, who took loan from the State Bank of India. No action was taken in this regard, but if a poor man takes loan... I've strong disagreements when it comes to such policies of the bank. I had attended the Banking Committee meeting in association with Operation Kubera; they adopted a program called 'Debt Relief'. Unfortunately, no one got help. No bank came forward to assist. No one was willing to help except to say that the program will be implemented. Shouldn't the public sector in our country be accountable to people? Those who are in debt of Rs.1,07,000 are not taking actions against anybody. When considering the credit deposit ratio of all banks functioning in the states of India, Kerala has the highest number of deposits. And when considering the cash deposit ratio, Kerala has the lowest cash deposit ratio. The approach of public sector banks needs to change. They must take a restraining approach to the people. Only then will the people mentioned by Shri. Mullakkara Ratnakaran not fall into the hands of blade mafias. It is indeed this approach that pushes the poor of our country towards the blade mafias.

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If they request for Rs. 10,000 or Rs. 25,000, or one lakh for immediate needs like sending their kids to school or college, the bank denies. I am extremely saddened to say that the public sector banks in this state have not come forward to give loans to anyone even after launching a "debt relief" program.

Shri. C. P. Muhammed: Sir, the new generation banks are the most exploited in the banking sector. They do not have any control. It seems that crores of rupees are being received as deposits from Kerala by giving loans only to big businesses. Can any action be taken against these new generation banks?

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Sir, of course. I've mentioned at the banking committee meeting. How much is an educational loan? These new generation banks do not provide educational loan. Since its not morally right to name names, hence I will not. New generation banks do not provide educational loans. They have no social responsibility. Moreover, there are people who use goons for repayment. The Home Department has had to take strong actions against one or two such banks. I do not intend to reveal the names of the bank. New generation banks need to function well with social constraints. They do not give education loans. Aren't they responsible for giving education loans? Such organizations can be regulated only if the banks act with social restraint. The Honourable K. Muraleedharan said one thing here. What he was referring to here is the implementation of this amendment since five people committed suicide in his constituency. It was decided to bring them under the purview of the Cap Act as it is not possible to control them with the existing laws alone. It is necessary to have a strong law against such undesirable tendencies in our society.

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Mr. Mullakkara Ratnakaran said here that it does not matter only with the rules. We, as individuals and as political parties, have a responsibility. We all have a responsibility to move forward with activities that address social barriers and to lead to such changes in society.

Mentioned about the watching fees. Although all the trade unions in Kerala are against the practice of claiming watching fees, it is still practiced here. Police can come to the scene only when a complaint is filed. All trade unions like CATU, ANTUC, AITUC, etc. are against it. Despite that, this fees still exist in Kerala. This practice of claiming watching fees is the most humiliating thing for a civilized society. Collecting cash from people without working for it is not suitable for an ideal worker. If in the past, it was seen only in cities, now it can be seen in villages as well. Hence, it is crucial to take a strong stand against this.

The Honourable Shri K. Muraleedharan spoke on the subject of drugs. The Narcotic Act cannot be followed because it is central law. We can catch people only if they carry a certain amount, about 15 grams ganja, in their hands. With regard of this topic, I myself have written a letter. I'm sending a reminder again. Unless this Act is significantly amended, it will be difficult to control the drug mafia. Taking the benefit of this Act into account, the drug mafias are taking steps towards expanding their drug business. One of the major issues faced by our society is the overuse of drugs. Especially among the youth and even children. It is because of this, the 'Clean Campus Safe Campus' program was initiated. There is not only distribution and expansion of tobacco products, but also widespread increase in the usage of drugs across Kerala. Strong measures are being taken against such mafias.

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There was a discussion regarding Maoists the other day. With police action alone, it cannot be controlled. Therefore, a meeting of all political parties has been called for the 13th of December in Wayanad. There is mass support against them, and efforts are being taken to find solutions to the problems faced by the poor, including the Adivasi community. As you mentioned here, the Maoists cannot be eliminated by the police alone. As you mentioned here, the Maoists cannot be eliminated by the police alone. If their activities are to be stopped, the social problems in the area must also be addressed. There should be strong police action as well. Such a two-pronged strategy is being adopted in this regard. Shri. K. Muraleedharan's suggestions for this matter are considered very seriously here. There is strong public objection against it as well... The Maoists are most afraid of bullets...

Shri. S. Rajendran: Sir, there is a general consensus in the House that the legislation is very important. My question is, it is this very corrupt officials in the police department who are supposed to implement such laws that mainly give out message to the social system. To the point where there is no corruption I have pointed out in the past, while you were not present; is there any law in place to remove those officials who engages in practices like selling counterfeit liquor, sand smuggling, receiving bribes in order to make money, and those who have connections with such middlemen, from key positions of law and order and transfer them to other departments? Would you be interested in including such provisions and following proceedings into the law?

Shri. Ramesh Chennithala: Honourable member stated a topic that the government pays close attention to. Such people have been earmarked under the supervision of the Special Branch, and care is taken to exempt such officers from law-and-order duty as much as possible.

But don't say that everyone in the police force is like that. Some people will be like that. The government is careful not to pick them up and give them to key positions and important places like law and order.

Shri. K. Kunjammath Master: Sir, I saw your interest. There are often things in your approach that we can all agree on. You know very well about some police officers. women trafficking case noticed all over Kerala. You know what; Despite the intervention of Jason Abraham, Thamarassery DySP, Kozhikode district, no action was taken against him. The Parakkadavu case is a case that has been noticed all over Kerala. Such people are still in the police department. He badly dominates that district.

Shri. Ramesh Chennithala: Sir, it is not right for me to say anything specifically about a police officer. He is a good officer. He has done good things in this case as a police officer. You mentioned the case of Thamarassery D.Y. S. P. We decided to leave it to the Crime Branch because there were two opinions in the case you mentioned. One, Thamarassery D.Y.S.P. According to Jason, two local DYSPs were also involved. And the following comment. It is with these two views in mind that the ADGP It was decided to leave the case to the Crime Branch. It ensures that an impartial and fair inquiry will be held into the matter.

Shri. C. K. Nanu: Sir, I say the Honorable Minister should take it very seriously. It speaks to the problem of reducing the influence of the Naxalites in many states of India. There have been incidents in which poor tribals, as well as poor people in many areas, have struggled to survive, mainly due to the inability of the police to take legal action and to come into contact with various local authorities.

Effective steps are needed to address those issues. In West Bengal, where the first Naxalite incident took place, Harekrishnaponnar, then Agriculture Minister, solved the problem by giving land to the people of the area. Although the Maoists were present in many areas where this Naxalism started, there was no encouragement from the peasantry on the part of the peasants as a result of the subsequent acquisition of land by the peasants. Similarly, if you are dealing with a very serious issue that can serve as a model for India, we would like to join hands with the Revenue Department and similar departments to help the tribals of Attappady and the poor Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the area to solve their life problems as a humanitarian issue which we have not solved for so many years after independence.

Shri. Ramesh Chennithala: The Minister for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and I participated in the meeting held in the presence of the Chief Minister yesterday. We called and talked to people including Janu and Geethanandan. The main problem there is land. There is no doubt about that. The problem before us is to find that land. Trying to figure it out. Like you said I am a person who has travelled through these areas. I am a person who went to Naxalite affected areas like Dantawad. There is also a social problem with this. We cannot control this with the athletic power of the police alone. I am of the opinion that the social problem must be solved first. Therefore, they are often attracted to such activities only when they are denied the right not only to land but also to forest resources. The Maoists may not have been able to gain much popular support in other areas like Wayanad and Attappady, perhaps because of the activities of all our

political movements. Wayanad CPI (M) district Secretary Saseendran is the first to face the threat. Political parties are

Working very actively here and due to this their influence in Kerala has not increased much. People from Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are still leading the operation. The lack of popular support from Kerala is due to the active presence of political parties and social movements in Kerala. The government sees this issue as more than just an issue of order. The social problem is also behind it. Therefore, I would like to inform you that we are working on this issue with the belief that it cannot be solved without finding a solution to the social problems.

Shri. A. K. Shashindran: Sir, Hon'ble Minister, I am happy to state that this is a social issue. There is a recent example that shows the contradiction between this position of the government and that of the officials. The Scheduled Tribes Minister also told the assembly yesterday that 63 people had died in Attappady due to malnutrition. Citing a report submitted by the state government to the central government, the Union minister told Parliament that the deaths in Attappady were not due to malnutrition. It is this contradiction that the local people are looking at. If the officials in the implementing area do not have this social vision, can you explain how the government can succeed in this approach and satisfy the people no matter how much it wants?

Shri. Ramesh Chennithala: Sir, this is the problem of the implementing agency. Shri. A. K. Balan is a regular visitor to Attappady. I also go to Attappadi from time to time. If all the money spent there had been deposited in the bank in the name of the Adivasis, they would have become millionaires by now. You are one hundred percent right in saying that governments from time to time, whether central or state governments, do not get the money they spend. In the areas of approach, we have now taken;

A system has been put in place to monitor the District Collectors under their leadership by giving special assignments to the officers who are willing and capable to act as elected sincerely by turning the blocks. I would like to inform you that a meeting of theirs has also been called on the thirteenth.

The amendment to the 'Kappa' Act means that Operation Kubera in our country will reach its logical conclusion and give the power to deal with such people legally. Similarly, the six-month period has been changed to one year to prevent people who continue to commit these crimes and become criminals even if they fall under the Kappa Act. I assure you that there will never be any violation of civil liberties or violation of democratic rights. This law will surely free the people of Kerala from the hands of criminals, hawala dealers, extortionists and blade mafias in the state. I think it's a step in the right direction to save. I propose that the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill, 2014 be referred to the Subject Committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shri. Mullakkara Ratnakaran, are you pressing your 1 (a) amendment?

MullakkaraRatnakaran: Sir, I am not pressing.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The amendment Presented by Shri. Mullakkara Ratnakaran was rejected by the House.

Shri. K. Muraleedharan, are you pressing your 2 (b) amendment?

Shri. K. Muraleedharan: Sir, I am not pressing.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: The amendment 2(b) presented by Shri. K. Muraleedharan was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The resolution to send Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill 2014

should be sent for the consideration of Subject Committee number XIV for Internal Affairs consideration
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Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The resolution was approved by the House.

The bill is sending to the subject committee for consideration.

Notice

Mr. The Deputy Speaker: The esteemed Leader of the Opposition has submitted a letter to the Chair. In that letter, it was suggested that the subject committee should meet today to consider the current bill. Rule 237 (2) states that there must be a full day before the bill is left for consideration by the subject committee. If the subject committee is not allowed to convene at the sole discretion of the Chair, there shall be a full day in between. But with the special discretion of the chair, the order was issued today. If it does not increase today, we can avoid it. But if the subject committee does not meet today, then the subject committee can meet on Monday.

Shri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: Sir, can meet tomorrow.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Tomorrow is Friday. No one will be here. The Chair has no objection in meeting on Friday. The problem is that no members will be here.

Shri. V. D. Satheesan: Sir, there are no other obstacles as the subject committee meets. But after the subject committee meets, the subject committee reports and there is a problem in submitting the amendments after the bill is tabled in the House.

Requesting the Legislature Secretariat and the Honorable Chair to be more lenient with the members in that matter. The Kerala Maritime Bill, which was reported by the subject committee, came after everyone left here last Friday. The document said the amendments should be made before 3pm on Sunday. How can the MLAs from the rest of the districts after Thiruvananthapuram submit amendments to the bill which was not received when we went on Friday at 3 pm on Sunday? The Maritime Bill is a new bill. Can amendments be made to the 117 Provision Maritime Bill if the timetable for the amendment is fixed as at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon? Luckily it was postponed to the 17th. Therefore, amendments were given till the 12th. It is the right of the members to introduce amendments. They should be given time to learn and present it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. D. Satheesan, the chair came to say the same thing. If the subject committee does not meet today, it will have to meet on Monday. If it's on Monday, the time will be available on Tuesday until 3pm only to give amendments. As the amendment cannot be given before 3 pm on Tuesday, the chairperson said that the subject committee should meet today itself to give more time to make the amendment as all the clauses have been studied well.

Shri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: Sir, if it is convenient for the Home Minister after the House tomorrow.

Shri. PC George: Sir, it is difficult to meet the subject committee tomorrow.

Shri. V. D. Satheesan: Sir, if the committee meets tomorrow, the bill as reported by the subject committee will come up in the House on Monday. So how do you do that? That's not right. Members should be given rights and time.

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Shri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan: Sir, the Honorable Speaker has every right to amend the rules. But it should have a courtesy. That's it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The bill is scheduled to be passed on the 18th. Naturally, members will not get time. So, permission is granted today at the discretion of the Chair, as provided in Rule 237 (2), to allow members time to make amendments.

Shri. C. Divakaran: Sir, the discretion of the Chair is not seen in all matters.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Do not make the chair to reply for this matter.

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Resolution to consider the Kerala public

Service Commission (more responsibilities regarding Library Councils) Bill 2014

as reported by the Subject Committee, and its follow-up

Minister of Education (Shri PK Abdu Rabb): Sir, I propose that the Bill take into consideration the additional responsibilities of the Kerala Public Service Commission (more responsibilities regarding Library Councils) 2014, as reported by the Subject Committee.

Minister of Labour and Skills (Shri. Shibu Baby John): Sir, I second this resolution.

Shri. P. K. Abdu Rabb: Sir. I am presenting the Bill for discussion in the House as reported by the Subject Committee on December 4, 2014. Appointment of Officers and Staff of State Library Council, District Library Council and Taluk Library Council in consultation with the Public Service Commission.

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On August 9, 2011, GO (MS) issued an order No. 124/2011 directing that this should be done. But in the absence of legislation for this, this decision could not be implemented. As the services of the Library Councils were not part of the Public Services of the State, Article 321-30 of the Constitution required the State Public Service Commission to be empowered to carry out further functions relating to the Library Councils through appropriate legislation. The Government has decided to bring in a special legislation for this purpose as the Government will be able to make rules in consultation with the Public Service Commission regarding the appointment of staff and other terms of service to the officers of the Library Councils only under a law thus empowering the Commission. As a result of that decision, Act No. 19 was promulgated on July 20, 2014 with immediate effect. What I want to say is that this bill, which was discussed and approved by the subject committee, should be passed instead of the ordinance.

Dr. K. T. Jalil: Sir, I am presenting my dissent. The government has sought the approval of the House on a very important legislation. The Minister of Education has introduced a bill in the House to leave the appointments of the State Library Council to PSC. The State Library Council itself had passed a resolution in the last days of the last government saying that appointments should be left to the PSC and submitted it to the government. LDF The government could not take a decision on the matter. It is a good thing that this government, which came in to power is trying for that. There are a few things to say at this point. It is not right to go without saying it. Today, about 7600 libraries in Kerala, large and small, are on the verge of death. Libraries are in crisis due to non-availability of government grants from time to time.

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The 5 per cent of the house tax in the state and amount not be less than one per cent allocated for the expenditure of the Department of Education in the Budget are given as the grant for libraries as per the act came into effect during the Government of Shri.Nayanar. The role played by rural libraries in determining

the public consciousness of Kerala and in transforming the Kerala we see today into Kerala is undeniable. In Kerala, the political, cultural and religious spheres are hearing the message that the warmth of religious and communal relations is declining and the segregation of people belonging to different religions is increasing. In this regard, it can be seen that the loss of public spaces for all to transcend religious, caste and party differences is the basis of the growing divisions among the people. There are many places of worship in our country. No one can be seen there except the concerned religious people. Rural libraries, arts, sports and cultural organizations and their annual celebrations are no longer the only refuge to see the circumcision of our country. Mathrubhumi is not a newspaper of the Left. But Mathrubhumi Editorial had published a very strong article against denying grants to libraries and crushing them. I am reading a sentence in it in this context. "The death of public spaces and the impact on our democratic society are not insignificant". The rural libraries are carrying out a large 'national integration work in the countryside. Why did you take revenge on them? The grants given to the libraries were as the oxygen for life. It was that oxygen cylinder that you, the person in charge of this department, tried to remove. This has been criticized by all irrespective of their politics. Described as one of the cultural faces of the Congress, the U. K. Kumaran had written an article in Mathrubhumi. That article was very heart-warming to everyone. I can read some lines of it here. "Which no other state in India can be proud of

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vital role which the libraries have played in bringing cultural excellence to Kerala". It should be noted that the article written by Deshabhimani's Left comrades or CPI (M) leaders or CPI leaders did not say that their opposition to the Library Council should never have been the reason for blocking the grant for libraries. In 1989, when Nayanar was the Chief Minister, the Kerala State Library Council was incorporated under the Kerala Public Libraries Act. Didn't you accuse them of appointing staff to the 44 posts allotted to the Library Council? The Autonomous Library Council has the power to make appointments to vacant posts. Although paid by the government, existing rules allow the Library Council, an autonomous body, to make appointments, just as the law provides for managers to make appointments in aided schools. The government issued an order dismissing them. That order was upheld by the single bench of the court. But the Division Bench was appealed by the Library Council staff. The court ruled that they should remain in office until a final decision was made. Is it right for the government to try to coerce the Library Council into making appointments with similar powers? You have a lot of qualities. But they all fade away in front of your villain. The wicked do not belong to a good ruler. Criticism is mounting that such attitudes are on your part in many matters. The public discourse that the student struggle at Calicut University is unresolved is due to your insistence that it is not a person who should stand on its own two feet.

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You must come out of vicious circle free. "Be Liberal and Be a Democrat" is the only thing I can ask of you in this House. Otherwise you will be reduced to an education minister who is only on the plaques. If you want to be in the mind of Kerala, you have to give up your stubbornness and become a democrat, a liberal. I do not prolong my words.

[Panel of Chairman Sri. C. P. Muhammad In the presidency)

Sri. Saju Paul: Sir, public libraries in Kerala were started 185 years ago during the period of SwathiThirunal festival. The very idea of giving a grant to libraries was born then. During the tenure of the present government, the arrears for this year alone are Rs. 1850 lakhs. Have you noticed that the Library Grant, which was started 185 years ago by Swathi Thirunal, has arrears of Rs.1850

Dr. K. T. Jalil: Sir, it's definitely worth noting. We can only see it as part of the Minister of Education's efforts to eliminate library councils and our libraries. It is not the difficulty of the state's finances that prevents the government or the education department from giving this grant. What does five per cent of the collected housing tax have to do with the current state of the state government's finances? The amount allocated to the expenditure of the Department of Education in each budget is not more than one per cent, which has nothing to do with the current financial difficulties of the State. Why not give it to our libraries even though the money is in hand and try to suffocate them. There are many people in this House who grew up reading through the local rural libraries. Who can deny the role played by the open libraries in the world of letters and reading in the countryside in spreading the virtue of reading in Kerala?

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I conclude by announcing in principle our approval of the Bill to leave appointments to PSCs by humbly informing you in this context that it is not the job of anyone in the chair of a democratically elected Minister of Education to try to strangle such libraries by withholding their grants.

Mr. E. Chandrasekharan: Sir, I disagree. It is a well-known fact that this scene is the result of the hard work and sweat of greats like P.T Bhaskara panikar and P.N Panikkar. The State Library Council was established in 1989 by law. There are currently 7900 libraries. The specific issue facing this scenario is shown below and is discussed here in relation to the PSC in relation to matters relating to the Library Council. Earlier, the Hon'ble Minister himself pointed out the technical hurdles in implementing the government's directive. It could not be enforced as it could not comply with the PSC under the existing rules of the Council. But in the name of refusing to implement the Government's proposal, what has been clarified here is the approach taken by this Government in denying all the benefits to be provided by the existing Library Council. The grant to be allotted to it is not given and its number is explained here's the fact that such an obstruction has arisen mainly on the part of the government somehow help to destroy this growing movement in Kerala? Libraries have played a vital role in giving Kerala a cultural excellence that no other state in India can claim.

There is no doubt that the esteemed Chair is very much aware of this. As public spaces, libraries created an atmosphere for public debate and led Kerala to the path of renaissance. We know the factors that gave impetus to the functioning of those libraries. In a sense, the libraries in our country have been transformed into rural universities. The achievements of Kerala in that way are not small. Nowhere is such a public space accessible to all, regardless of caste, creed or creed. Who can deny that libraries have played a vital role in shaping the social life of the Malayalees, in the formation of public opinion and in the clash of history with the spheres of thought in 2007, with the formation of the Library Council, the then governing body asked the government to leave the appointment of the Library Council to the PSC? With the formation of the Library Council, it was possible to coordinate the work of such separate libraries with the local Library Authority. But such an order was brought after this government came to power. This was not possible due to the need to amend the rules and regulations of the PSE and the Library Council. But the attitude of the government in such a situation is as to whether the library councils can be prevented from functioning here by the libraries for not implementing the proposal. The government should put forward a proposal to dismiss those appointed persons due to complaints regarding appointment. All this can be seen as a challenge to the great movement that has contributed so much to the social progress of a state like Kerala in general. What are the benefits available to those associated with the Library Council? As everyone knows, the monthly allowance is only Rs 750 to Rs 1220. It is not possible to continue the work of such centres without making a change to it. For libraries that focus on certain areas and educational institutions, working after 4 pm may not be sufficient.

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Of course, when one day you have to work full-time, you can see that the allowance given now is very limited. It needs to be increased. The approach taken by the government in the matter of grants to be sanctioned is such as to make these institutions completely inoperable. During 2005, 2006, and 2008, the council employed 44 employees. The government has directed that they be dismissed. Now this is a situation under consideration by the court. There will be a sense of dread and regret that left-leaning people will be elected here. What is the reason for that? Intensive efforts to organize the villages, especially in the rural areas, have played a significant role in the establishment of libraries, including progressive movements and agrarian movements in Kerala since the freedom struggle. As a result, it is certain that the progressive and leading role of the progressive movements and the Left movements will certainly play a leading role in the functioning of such libraries. In such a situation, the government should take the necessary approach to improve the functioning of libraries and strengthen the library movement. We are not opposed to PSC appointments. This is not a dispute over PSC appointments. The attitude of the government towards it should be changed.

Mr. SajuPaul : Sir, the Honourable Member spoke about the libraries that have been functioning here since the freedom struggle. The names of the libraries established at that time are Desaposhini Library, Gramodharana Library, Navakerala Library, Kalanikethan Library, Deshabandhu Library, Njanodhaya library, vinjanaprakasa library, vinjanaposhini library etc.. Mahathmajawaharkalanikethan, kairalithats are library. Though it was said that Rs 100 crore would

come and it will be spread all over Malayalam now, nothing has happened. The entire cultural sector in Kerala has now been accorded a great Malayalam status. The pension (Rs. 1000 each) given to poor artists started by film personalities like Manjalamkuzhi Ali has been in arrears for 3 months.

When there is no cash, the level of intimidation through newspaper advertisements is reduced but the ego is not reduced. In fact, an advertisement for a serial has been circulating on the internet here recently. Did you know that one woman fell in love with another, married another, got pregnant by another, and the serial name is 'pathivritha'. Did you know that this is the situation for this government?

Sri. E. Chandrasekharan: We know the names of the libraries that started during the first freedom struggle and the activities of those libraries. The highlights of the period were the formation of libraries called "Vijnanadayini" and "Vijnana Darpanam" which were a conscious effort to awaken the social consciousness and sense of freedom of our country.

Sri. K. Raju: Sir: for the functioning of libraries and for the functioning of the Library Council, we need libraries cess along with the grant given mainly through the budget. The library cess is levied by the local self-governing bodies along with the building tax. The situation is that the amount so collected has not been fully transferred to the Library Council.

Therefore, there should be a mechanism to collect the cess amount due to the Library Council. Only if this cess is accompanied by a grant from the government budget will it be possible to run the 7900 libraries.

Only with the direction of the Minister of Education in connection with the Local Government Department can the necessary steps be taken to repay the amount collected by those Local Bodies. It does not occur here. Do you not think that the government should make such an intervention?

Mr. E. Chandrasekharan: Sir, I definitely agree with you. If there is any lack of interest on the part of our local bodies in the collection of cess, it will not be withheld.

Once the building tax has been collected along with the collection number, it will be enough for them to move to collect it or bring it to the government in the fullest sense. In case of non-disbursement of the fund for any reason, there should be a mechanism to seize the funds provided by the Government to the Local Bodies and to transfer it to the Library Council. It seems that the consultation and discussion between the concerned ministers should be more helpful.

Sri. G.S. Jayalal: Sir, as you said, it is the library movement that has made the greatest contribution to our socio-cultural sphere. Libraries are one of the most important social issues in our country today and the issue that is being discussed in connection with the Cess is that the government still does not take it seriously. Coordinates the duties, responsibilities and Kudumbasree activities of

the library movement on a wide range of topics Alcohol, including drug, violence against women and children, and government-sponsored programs on organic farming. ? Do you think that the social change that has taken place in our country can be amplified if we try to take over and implement the library movement in the programs of the departments of Excise, Agriculture and Education?

Dr. N. Jayaraj; I do not think that the allegation that Sir Library Cess has not been paid in full is true. I understand that almost the entire last instalment of 2014 has been paid. But I have to say that the condition of libraries that were unoccupied in the early days has changed. We need to change the look and feel of our libraries in such a way that knowledge reaches people today not only through books but also through other media. The people's representatives are playing a major role in strengthening the libraries in our country with MLA funds.

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herefore, the appearance of libraries needs to change, even if it is not relevant to our subject, most school libraries today are becoming merely symbolic libraries. So in the school libraries, in the back cupboards of the teachers' room, everyone finds books and there is no place for children to read.

Sri. E.Chandrasekharan: Sir G.S Jayalal pointed out here, there is no doubt that libraries are a movement that can have a great impact on all spheres of rural life. As pointed out earlier, a situation has arisen all over Kerala where a university atmosphere can be created in rural life. I would like to share with you an idea that children will make more use of libraries in this age of projecting if local libraries can be linked to schools. There is no doubt that it would be helpful to move forward with a combination of all the documents and the various activities that take place in rural life. Honourable, As Dr. N. Jayaraj points out here, if we take a conscious approach to further nurturing our school libraries, especially if the Department of Education decides to adopt, it is hoped that the school libraries will be transformed in such a way as to enhance our rural libraries or libraries and help students make valuable contribution. When Malayalam got the status of a great language, we sang about it We have brought the university itself for the development of the Malayalam language. I would like to ask that the Government should change its attitude towards this library movement, the great movement in Malayalam, and the Library Council during the World Malayalam Festival and take necessary steps to further nurture it.

Sri. PurushanKadalundi: Sir, non-grant is affecting our reading culture, including writers. The Library Council's book fairs used to be a success, but recently they 'have been disrupted. As mentioned earlier, MLAs are helping. Five and six libraries have been renovated in our constituencies. There are facilities for the library. There is no barrier to that. But what is needed is to strengthen this library and strengthen the Library Council to produce more books. Every library should have a mic and facilities for it. The Library Council must be active in order to carry forward the work of libraries and libraries in the field of awareness. Let me say one more thing, there is a large library in the centre of Kozhikode city itself. The library is still at loggerheads. The minister knows that it seems to me that the file to transfer that library to the Library Council is on the minister's desk. That fact must be taken into account. "The focal point of all this is the Library Council. There should be activities that strengthen the Library Council for the upliftment not only of artists but also of writers.

Sri. E. Chandrasekharan: Sir, honourable Purushan Kadalundi, I am referring to your comment here. Arrangements should be made for proper collection of grants and cess and timely payment of the prescribed grant to the Library Council. At the same time, as you have pointed out here, there are many areas where libraries are being strengthened in a modern way. With the new systems, we can now see a lot of areas that have progressed very successfully, especially with the implementation of the e-library: system. What I am saying is that the MLAs of the House of Representatives are in the right position. And: MP. Beautiful in many places with the help of people

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Buildings and well-functioning libraries are thriving. But the government is either forgetting this great movement or taking a stand that is obliged to carry it forward That's what I'm protesting. Therefore, I conclude my remarks with a statement of disagreement.

Sri. K.N.A.Khader : Sir, I am proposing to amend the Kerala Public Service Commission (Library - Additional Responsibilities of the Councils) Bill, 2014 to be circulated for public opinion as reported by the Subject Committee.

This is a very important topic related to libraries. The Bill is being debated before the House on the basis that the appointments of the officers of the Library Council should be left to the Public Service Commission. and the Public Service Commission and the Library Council should be appointed in a fair manner in accordance with the proper rules. There is no one who does not know importance of the library movement, libraries and the role they play in social life. I'm one of those guys who would have said a lot on such issues if the Honourable Chair had been here. My friend, Dr. K.T. Jalil, U.K Kumaran in Mathrubhumi spoke quoting the article. U.K. Not only Kumaran's article but also articles written by Palakkeezh Narayanan and many articles on the library movement have appeared. There are thousands of libraries in Kerala. Around 8000 libraries remain an indispensable and indispensable part of Kerala [life as](#) a library is an innate instinct of a close relationship with man and man's desire to read and know begins with the command, "Reed, Iqrah, you read." Today, there are 6,000 public libraries in India.

Many states have public library laws relating to the Library Council. The library movement in Kerala has a long history. P.N. Panikkar. P T. Bhaskarapanikar It goes without saying that the names of people like are readable names that can never be forgotten. The Thiruvananthapuram Public Library at Thiruvananthapuram was established on 1829. It is believed to have been founded by Col. Edward Candgom. He was the grandson of Hans Sloane, the founder of the British Museum. In 1847, 100 years before independence, the Thiruvananthapuram Public Library had its own building. The Kottayam Public Library was established in 1858 and the Ernakulam Public Library in 1870. The role that reading plays in making man human and in the cultural renaissance of man is not insignificant. The Suganaposhini Library in Vanchiyoor was established in 1884. In fact, the library movement in Kerala started in 1945 and a law was first enacted in 1989. The Department of Education should look at libraries just as it looks at schools. I say bring libraries to that level. As part of formal education, millions of educational institutions operate in various fields. We are committed to it all. The legislature is very focused on the issue of education. I want to say that libraries should be able to give as much or as much importance to school. The proliferation of politics has led to the destruction of libraries and libraries and the slowing down of the activities of the Library Council. I did not say what politics. The District, Taluk and State Library Councils of the Library Council, whether Left or United Democratic Front, have been heavily involved in politics in its activities. I think it's because of our ignorance. There is no need to look at politics in it. Because knowledge is so much higher than politics.

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No harm will come to anyone by reading, only to be saved. Sent from my iPhone. Reading is said to be a golden opportunity to share important knowledge of life. We can never lose sight of the importance of that reading. There are special departments in the government for entertainment and sports museums. Isn't the library a more important department than the museum? Don't you have to make it a separate department? Libraries are essential for the progress of a nation and the growth of a nation. How much novels, essays, essays and philosophies influence human life. Who can forget our respect for Gabriel Gabriel Marquez, his "love in the days of cholera" and his "hundred years of loneliness" character? Although people now read about sheep's lives and deaths in the yellow sun, can we forget the old classics? Milan Kundera's books, Japanese Nobel Prize winner Yasunari Kawabata's books are many classics that are the treasure of the beautiful world itself. Libraries help people discover all of this. None of this started before for a reward. Our library

movement is indebted to the teachers of our country. All teachers will be the president of any library in every village. Or be a librarian. We can see that they were doing all this when they left school. The role of teachers is huge. That is how the library movement grew. I was also an activist for a small library movement. I also the district president of the library group. The Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation, Sri. C.NBalakrishnan, People like were the leaders of the library movement. He owns and operates a library of his own. There will be a lot of people like that. There will be other people like it. Because I do not know the name. There is no one who is not involved in a little bit of library work. The spirit of our rural life and the enrichment of a village are the libraries / cultural institutions /

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clubs for sports / arts and cultural events operating in that village. Library councils are taking over and doing things. All great books are public treasures of the world, and recently Mrs. Sushma Swaraj suggested that the Bhagavad Gita should be made the national book. To say that it should be made a national book is to make that book smaller.

It must be turned into the wealth of the whole world. Each book is a public domain and is for the benefit of mankind. We have an obligation to understand many things and to be guided by it. It should not be forgotten.

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One of the most discussed topics when it comes to the work of library councils is the grand prize that library councils receive. Not exactly getting grand. Due to this, books cannot be bought in libraries. Building a shelf costs, a lot more than a book. It's a big deal to build a cupboard and put the book in it and keep it undamaged. Libraries have bookshelves, old and new books as needed, and the librarian is paid a very small amount when hired. If the appointment of Librarian is left to PSC then the Librarian should be qualified accordingly We need qualified librarians. Wages should be increased accordingly. Rs.1200 and Rs2000 not, It is a job that can pay up to Rs.10000. If he is a good librarian, he is qualified in all respects.

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There are librarians who can pay at least ten thousand rupees for such a person and get higher salary. PSC, I expect service-pay conditions to come along the way. You need qualifications and salary anyway. The government is allocating a lot of money accordingly for the grant. But that is not enough and the grant should be increased. Book fairs are also organized as well. Let good book fairs be held in every village. May human interest in reading grow. I am saying that a movement called 'Vayanasree' should be started like Kudumbasree. The government can start a great movement in every village in Kerala to make all people read and know. I would also like to warn that the Public Library or Library Council should not become a government office when it is regulated by the government. The library was supposed to be a popular movement. People need accessibility for all. Whoever wins a particular political party election should not turn it into a party office. If you see libraries in some places, people from other parties don't seem to go up. There is

good red paint on it. some place they see green paint and in some places tricolour paint. My humble request is that all library's be freed from the clutches of the political party.

(Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Sri. C.P. Muhammad: Sir, the Kerala Legislative Assembly was started in 1957. From then until today, MLAs have never been paid to buy a book. Our favourite Speaker, who owns a good flat reading, gave Rs. 15,000 every year to all the MLAs. He could not be present here during this debate due to ill health, but should we not see it as a great event in the history of this Assembly?

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Sri. K.N.A. Khader: Hon'ble Member C. P. What Muhammad said is very remarkable. I thank him for reminding me of this. To say that our esteemed Speaker allowed us to buy a book for Rs 15,000 is an important event in the history of this Assembly. Many people have different opinions about me being a communist in the past. I'm not saying that but I'm always thinking it's not communist politics. That is to say, when a children's art committee presented a collection of poems called 'Vasanthotsavam' on All India Radio with an interest in the field of art, culture and library, it contained a few lines of poetry. There was an incident when Balalokam presented the program as Mukutti. I wondered who wrote this Spring Festival. The reason to look for it is because of my liking for this poem. When I went to look for it, it was written by a communist. Ever since I met him, I have been influenced by him to become a communist, knowingly or unknowingly. Vasanthotsavam, a collection of poems, played a role in changing the course of my life and making me a politician. Likewise, I will never forget the teacher who inspired me to read for the first time when I was in school. He was a teacher named Rama Warriar. The first book he gave me to read was Changampuzha's poem Ramanan. After reading Ramanan, I was encouraged to read each book alternately and I became a little interested in reading. I would say that experiences like that happen in everyone's life. Reading is so important Let Sivankutty speak I must do justice:

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Sri.V. Sivankutty : Sir, I know you are righteous. Truth be told, you cannot deny that you read the most when you were a communist. You have read a lot. Secondly, you said that politics should not be: I agree with it.

Honestly, you know that it takes a lot of effort to create a library: a library can only be started with a lot of effort. Do you agree with the fact that most libraries in Kerala are libraries created by progressive democratic left movements?

Dr. N. Jayaraj: Sir, you read the poem Vasanthotsavam and said that you became a communist. I came to ask you if you have read the poem "Pachappanathatha" by my native Ponkunnam Damodaran and whether you have joined the Indian Union Muslim League.

Sri.K. N. A.Kadar Kutty:Sri. K. N. A. Kadar Kutty: The first thing I can say about what SivanKutty said is that someone who reads more does not have to be a communist for that don't have to part of political party. I have always felt that a person who reads a lot is more likely to go out without attending a party. There are also people who stay in political parties due to lack of reading. There

are also people who stay in political parties due to lack of reading. There are those who have given up politics because of reading too much. Or if you read more while being a particular party member you will change without liking the party. Sri.V. Sivankutty I do not have to tell that it is a therefore, family matter of his. So is how Vijayan matters. Because its reads more There is the case of Achutha Menon. It was going to be a big issue. Not everyone who reads will want to stop there just to read. Depending on how that reading affects him. What, Dr. N. Jayaraj said,

read Vasanthotsavam and did not become a communist, it's because you do not understand When I read Vasanthotsavam and went in search of its author, I was told that he was influenced by me because he was a communist. There was nothing else at the spring festival. Similarly, for Ponkunnam Damodaran Pachappanathatta it has nothing to do with green. It has nothing to do with green. Reading about man is an innate instinct. It creates a lot of opportunities to read and motivates you to read. We need to understand what each person is interested in and what they are interested in. Children should be taken to libraries, libraries and book stalls. There is a bookstall called Touring. I have heard that its owner Balakrishnamarar was a man who used to sell books on bicycles. That's what the Touring Bookstall is all about. Today he is the owner of a large book publishing house. The Library Council can publish or distribute books. Publishing is something that the Library Council can do under its leadership. The Library Council will be able to organize good quality book fairs in all rural areas, at least on a small scale. Similarly, if beautiful libraries are made accessible to all in all the villages, it will be a turning point in Kerala. Many who have spoken here have said that the government does not give grants, it kills and destroys, it is not created by anyone, it is not created in anticipation of a grand for anyone's money, it is a great movement that has grown its own because it is a necessity. Similarly, the library movement in the social life of Kerala.....

Sri. A.K. Balan:The esteemed member has a habit of reading in young age and became a good communist as part of it. What was the reading that helped change that later?

Sri.K.N. A. Khader: Everyone gained knowledge as a result of reading I think the fatigue of this communist movement itself was due to the increase in knowledge and knowledge. But not less. When there is light / change in the world, when people read more, know more, understand the whole world, then nothing can stand in the Communist Party, that is the situation. Knowledge and recognition are two Paradoxical materialism or social developments. One of the most important laws in Karl Marx Dialectical Materialism is the law of social development. The law of social development contains the law of unity and struggle of opposites. The law states that gradual changes in society and matter are beneficial at a particular point. Denial has a negative law. Marxism says that social transformation took place, first primitive communism, then slave-owner

system, then colonialism, then capitalism and then the inevitable socialism. Is it possible to stand like that when it comes to socialism? If there is only one thing that has not changed, will socialism itself change, or a lot of questions can be asked. Can't stand it. According to the physical conditions of the day, Karl Marx wrote it 175 years ago. It will have a natural expiration date. It is an anti-Marxist view to think that one can remain a communist at any time without any change.

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It is against Marxism to think that one will always be in the Communist Party. The real Marxism is the thought that it is possible to go in between. Now we are talking about Marxism. If you want to say Marxism, you can say Marxism. So there are a lot of things. There is a negative law of negation. Negation of Negation, the seed goes into the plant, the plant goes into the seed, none of this. A. K. Shashindran does not know, NCP has none of this. According to the denial of negativity, the paddy went and the seed came, and if the seed came and the paddy came, then socialism would go and capitalism would go and so would socialism: What is happening now: The resolution passed by the Communist Party in this world to this day is that capitalism is collapsing, the world is changing, socialism is going to happen, socialism is getting stronger, and so on. When it is finally time for capitalism to strengthen and show its cosmic form as imperialism, what is happening now: as Karl Marx said? If, as Karl Marx said, there must be a revolution in Britain. Hadn't there been capitalism in Britain for four hundred years and then there was no revolution: the revolution took place in a place where Marx did not say: there are so many things. You are telling me by taking me to that subject. I did not intend to say any of this. I was travelling to libraries.

Sri. C. P. Muhammad: EMS, who grew up listening to Vedic epics in the courtyard of the Elamkulam Manakkale Nalukettu, and Velliam Bhargava, who had studied Indian philosophy for many years, came to Communism. Charvaakan grew up to be one of the most famous Indian sages who studied the epics and the Upanishads. So it is no wonder that you, as a communist, will leave it later. Isn't that right?

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Sri. C. K. Nanu: In this way, it is asking for respect in presenting things efficiently. Many religious people in our country, be they Hindus, Muslims or Christians, all have to do with one man's thought. What do you have to say about its discussions years later?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon'ble K.N. A. Khader, 25 minutes over

Sri. K. N. A. Khader: I will stop quickly. Because it provoked me or I would have stopped quickly. This is the greatest glory of libraries and libraries. A rural library should have all the great books like Quran, Quran translation, Bible, Bhagavad Gita and Ramayana. It should be read by all. It should be discussed in the library. What the Qur'an said. What the Bible says is all the same. Say it because the respected C.K Nanu asked, It is not difficult to see that everything is the same. God is light. There is no darkness in them. The Bible says I am the light of the world and no one who

follows me will fall into that darkness. Jesus said Prophet Jesus (a) said. In the Qur'an, it is said that Allah is the light of the earth and the heavens. Likewise, I always say that Jesus is God, the perfect Father. The glory of God is the perfection of virtue.

It can be seen that the perfection remains when the perfection is added to the perfection or taken from the perfection. All things, all doctrines, all the words of God, all the scriptures, all are like one. There is no doubt. But this communalism in our country comes mainly for political reasons. Mrs. Sushma Swaraj did not say that the Bhagavad Gita should be made the national text out of respect for the Bhagavad Gita. It is for the survival of the BJP. Sri. Narendra Modi resorted to violence in Gujarat thinking that the party should come to power somehow. Some people tried to demolish the Babri Masjid in order to seize power in India. There will be no quarrel between the right Hindus, Muslims and Christians. Because of not taking religion in the right way. I support this amendment.

Sri. SajuPaul: The Hon. K. N. A. Khader is speaking very proudly. He was very interested when he talked about letters and light. A good reader goes through a thousand births and a non-reader is born again. Born, lived, died. It was also the Reading Day message of last June 19th. Respected K. N. A. Khader All I have to ask, he spoke very eloquently here about knowledge and enlightenment. If so, why do people like you stand aside in lighting the chandelier, the most glorious Indian form in that light?

Sri. K. N. A. Khader: Sir, I do not know that such a discussion is meant here. It is another matter to obey the decisions and suggestions of each party, no matter how great. So this is not a forum to discuss a topic. When it comes to a thousand births, I think there is no birth and no death.

When were we born, when we died; I was with my parents before I was born and they were with their parents. If this universe existed, we would have existed from the beginning. If it ends, it will last until the end. That being said, we are constantly parting and continuing to be part of this great universe. In the meanwhile, when we say that we will be born dead ... there are those who think so. The most important thing is to know yourself. There is a difference between knowledge and knowing. Knowledge is the experience of other people. Knowing is everyone's experience. What we need is not knowledge.

We have already discussed here some of the movements for the prevention of anti-socials so let us identify ourselves and get to know each other. One conclusion that can be reached at the end of reading a book is the ability to know oneself. There will be recognition. Only he who knows himself can recognize everything else. The common Vedas and Upanishads say that there are 11 directions and we say that there are 8 directions, the Ashtadiks. In addition to the Ashtadiks, the top and bottom add up to 10 directions. If you ask what the eleventh direction is, it is the inward direction of everyone. It goes without saying that the essence of Indian philosophy is to seek and find oneself through the eleventh direction. The Library Movement and the Library Council have a great role to play in introducing our Bharatiya philosophy, the Bible, the Bhagavad Gita, the Qur'an and the world-famous great man-made books and texts to our rural people.

Sri.K. Suresh Kurup: I propose to amend the Kerala Public Service Commission (Additional Public Library Council) Act 2014 as reported by the Subject Committee to be referred back to the same Subject Committee for consideration.

(Mrs. JameelaPrakasham at the Chair)

The bill, which stipulates that appointments to the Library Council should be left to the PSC, is welcome. At the same time, the important question is what is the policy approach of the government towards libraries in Kerala now that such a bill has been introduced. Libraries in our country are not made by the government. Libraries are established in each area by progressive-minded youth and other people. As a result of their sweat, we are proud to have libraries all over Kerala today. Libraries are a major cultural activity in Kerala. These libraries are also part of the Kerala model.

These libraries were the meeting place of great social, cultural and freedom fighters in Kerala. If you look at any library set up in Kerala before independence, you can see that it helped in the freedom struggle of that region.

The young people who gathered there got the news about the freedom struggle going on in various parts of India through the newspapers that came there.

Libraries in our country have such a long history. Similarly, the anniversaries of libraries were the most important cultural events in Kerala, both in Malabar and Travancore. Thikkodiyan's 'Invisible Actor' and his experiences in it, the most important plays in the area were written and staged in connection with the local library (Noise).....

Chairperson: Please...

Sri. K. Suresh Kurup:Sir, the plays performed on the occasion of the anniversary of the SreeChithirathirunal Library in Thiruvananthapuram were important plays in Kerala. Those who acted in those plays were known as important amateur actors in Kerala. The annual celebrations of the SreeChithiraThirunal Library were held in the city of Thiruvananthapuram. Thus the library and its activities are important cultural events in each country.

The government has given a unified form to this. We have brought in the law by consolidating the activities of libraries and library societies scattered all over Kerala. A law was introduced to give cess collected from panchayats to libraries. The government decided to give the grant. But what is the situation now. Panchayats do not pay much as this cess has been pointed out earlier. The government is not prepared to take action to divert it. The whole of last year's grand is yet to be given. This year's grand has not been given. Why do libraries suffocate like this without giving a grant? The government has taken a policy approach of suffocating the Library Council as it is headed by some people who do not like it. Or what is the justification for not giving the Grand. From the time this Government came to power, it has taken the same approach to the Library Councils as to the universities and co-operative societies in Kerala. It is a library council that came to power legally and democratically. The Library Council, which was elected from the grassroots, should not be given a Don't give grants because they don't like people Give the Library Council any notice of dismissal at any time. This important cultural institution in Kerala is operating under the threat of dismissal today and dismissal tomorrow. It is such a government that has now brought in a law that the appointment of library should be left to PSC

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Whatever the intent of this law, the question is whether the government will change its approach to libraries. It was not only the libraries that were helped by the grant given to the libraries. A friend pointed out here, It is because of these libraries that the book publishing scene in our country exists and flourishes. In Kerala, there were only one or two important book publishing houses and many publishing houses came. The quality of the books published by all those publishing houses is not comparable to that of books published in India and anywhere in the world. It all came down to the cost of these books. How tens of thousands of copies were spent. Library councils organized book fairs all over Kerala with the grant available to libraries. book publishing houses As part of their books being sold arrived there. An important issue affecting our cultural scene as a whole is that the government sees the Library Council with hostile intellect and decides that we will not give it up if those who do not follow their politics are sitting on top of it, blocking the Grand for the Library Council. Without changing that decision, we need to keep in mind what intent they have in the case of these defendants. Similarly, they are not sitting idly by: This Library Council, District Library Council, Taluk Library Council have all taken steps to encourage reading among our children and youth: Aren't there any reading competitions: There are reading competitions in all the district centres and taluk centres in Kerala. It is attended by thousands of school children. Those school children are getting recognition and gifts. All of this is happening on a grand basis. That's all they've put on hold.

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Sri. G. S Jayalal: Sir, you are talking about the importance of libraries. It is estimated that there are

about 8000 libraries in our state. He said earlier in the discussion on the bill that the reason for the increase in crime was the lack of good people. The most important reason for this social decline is the lack of good human beings and the lack of a humane society. To create good human beings Everyone knows that the co-operative sector is helping the lives of ordinary people a lot today. We can see that social engagement because the government has developed the co-operative sector in that way. Don't you think that there is a need for a more serious intervention by setting up a special department as an investment that can create good human beings?

Sri. K. Suresh Kurup: Sir, of course it is. Libraries can only be equipped to meet the challenges of the new age if there is no doubt that libraries need to be transformed into separate departments. Computerization of libraries is a need of the new age. If libraries are to become a place where more and more young people come and search the internet for what they need, our libraries need to have the latest technology in modern times. The government should take the position that libraries should not withhold grants that require new funding to computerize, but should give more grants and use those grants for other purposes. Only then can the new generation be attracted back to the region. Only then can the new generation be attracted back to the region. A very small grant of Rs. 20,000 for an A grade library and Rs. 7500 for an F grade library is being given at present. The honorarium for librarian marks is Rs.1000 and Rs. 1200. We need to keep in mind that libraries across Kerala are being run on such a low salary. What the government needs to do is encourage libraries, not paralyze them.

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Libraries are said to be an important component of the Kerala model ... There are libraries in every panchayat in India; Can any state in India be proud of so many libraries? These libraries are our most important cultural symbol. The young people who come to these libraries are the future promises of Kerala and India itself. Instead of encouraging them to use libraries more, I would like to say that this government should refrain from taking steps to paralyze and destroy libraries. Let me stop by saying one more thing. MLA/ MP is funding. I donated Rs 40 lakh from the Asset Development Fund to build their new building for the oldest SMSM library in my hometown. The last circular issued by the government said that if they want to use the Rs 40 lakh, they should hand over the ownership of the library to the panchayat or the government. What is this? MLA If the asset development fund is to be used in a matter where there is no impediment to the use of the fund, then it should be decided that the ownership of the library should be vested in the panchayat. So can any libraries in Kerala be vested in the panchayat? They are the common property of the country. Funds allocated to those libraries will not be diverted or the building constructed for them will not be sold later. Libraries should be able to use the Asset Development Fund to construct buildings in the same way as the MLA Fund and the MP Fund I want to say that its rules should be amended accordingly.

Sri. Mons Joseph: Sir, the esteemed member said something very important here We are in a situation where we cannot fund libraries. There has been a report from the AG in this regard. It says. Libraries have funds from the Library Council, which they use to construct buildings,

That means there is no need to spend MLA funds or MP funds. This report of the AGU is now an obstacle for us. In fact, former MLAs and MPs want to fund our country's libraries. Asset Development Fund for Libraries, MLA/MP The government needs to be able to point out and correct this report of the AG if the conditions are right for funding to be provided. Thus, the government needs to make a special effort to bring things to a level where the libraries, which are the largest cultural activity in Kerala, can be funded. I would like to point out that it is not a requirement for the Hon'ble Ministerial leadership to bring that sentiment into the general sentiment of the House and to make the necessary changes.

Sri. K. Suresh Kurup: Sir, no library in Kerala can build a building with a grant alone. Either, must be collected from the natives or MLA. Libraries can construct new buildings or renovate old buildings only if / MP funds are to be used. It should have a mechanism to give an immediate grant of effective government intervention. These are two things I have to ask for. I stop saying so much.

Chairperson: I believe that what the two esteemed members have now raised in the House may have been brought to the attention of the Hon'ble Minister, who will inquire further into it and take immediate action.

Mrs. E.S. Bijimole: Sir, it is natural to suspect that the purpose of this bill is to curb the electoral library system and its functions, while maintaining absolutely democratic norms. Those who do not stand in the library's backyard to grab libraries, buy new clothes, and not even get wet in the rain, do not stand by our government's response to your failure.

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Each library is the brainchild of tens of thousands of local cultural activists. The notion that it is also a social platform was discussed here. The government is in a state of disarray. The government's position is that no matter how much you hear, no matter how much you hear, there will be no shaking. Those who make illicit money are looking at the government and killing. Accordingly, Kerala sees those who had deliberately bought the loaves of bread left in the corridors of power now pale and helpless. This government now has all the ingredients of a third-party film on corruption, feminism, black money and middlemen. We also have doubts as to who Kunjalikutty Sahib, the leader of the Muslim League Parliamentary Party, is targeting. Sri. The letter given by K. B. Ganesh Kumar to the Chief Minister has come out. When the issue came to the notice of the Chief Minister, it could have been raised in the UDF. The Chief Minister could have tried to resolve these issues through mere bilateral talks. However, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the letter was meant to draw the attention of the Chief Minister to the development work done by the MLAs as part of the Parliamentary elections and their demands. The UDF The letter was given only to the MLAs. If the Chief Minister of Kerala has given such a letter to carry out development work only in their constituencies, these statements are completely untrue. This was in response to an urgent motion from the Chief Minister yesterday. It's also a violation of rights. In fact, I cannot believe that it is the right position on the part of the Chief Minister to say that the ruling party is only doing some kind of service to the MLAs. It is also a breach of oath.

Sri. Joseph Vazhakan: Sir, he asked us what are the views of the people to improve the governance. You will not say., We all wrote down our comments. That's all.

Mrs. E. S. Bijimol: Sir, Hon'ble Member, he asked you and you wrote it. K. B. The letter, which was allegedly written by Ganesh Kumar, has now been released. We are all reading. If the Chief Minister is convinced that his allegations are true, shouldn't a bilateral discussion be held on the basis of that letter? Sri. The Chief Minister of Kerala, Sri. If OommenChandy's statement was made yesterday, then of course the League Parliamentary Party leaders Kunjalikutty Sahib and Sri Ibrahim Kunju were summoned and there are some such allegations against you working under this government.

Shouldn't the Chief Minister of Kerala be willing to say that this should be discussed? He did not mind it: not only that. The problem is that Sri. K. B. Ganesh Kumar was given an Opportunity to make allegations

Sri. Joseph Vazhakan: Sir, it is not right for the esteemed member to make a false statement. The letter he gave I see through the channel. On the channel, he said he had some worries. He is an A.S. He said he went to get it and did not get it because the file was sunk. These are the concerns of all MLAs. All rights reserved A.S is Not Available I realized that the only concern in that letter was that it had not been received.

Mrs.E.S.Biji Mol : Sir, Sri. K. B. Ganesh Kumar did not say anything. The MLA, who is part of the ruling party. Very clear allegations were made. Not only that but he said he had evidence in his hand and could produce it

There was a situation where you were silent when challenged. The MLAs of the Muslim League and their ministers were leaving without much trouble. Who trapped you; Find out if there is any substance in what your parliamentary party leader has said and if there is any mutual suspicion among you. None of us put you under pressure. As part of the ruling party, Sri. K. B. Ganesh Kumar. In order to keep you together, when some of you have doubts, you wonder if anyone has devised such tactics or if someone's ingenuity is behind it. Who does not understand this lie? At the point where his name comes out, to divert the attention of the House After the stage, Mr. sincerely asked who was behind this lie. When it was realized that Ibrahim Kunju was going to come to this assembly from his own mouth, the Chief Minister of Kerala made some cheap remarks against the CPI (M). The Chief Minister today expressed regret over the cheap remarks made in

this House. CPI These issues cannot be ended by a single expression of regret after insulting a political movement ... (Noise) Your voice is nothing in front of my voice and don't scare me by shouting ..

The manner in which the letters given by the MLAs were shown when talking about corruption is not correct. We all give letters. Many petitions are made to the ministers present here regarding the development activities in various constituencies and the needs of the people. Mr. Shibu Baby John, Minister of Labour, will be in constant touch with many matters relating to the Department of Labour, especially on the plantation sector in Peerumede. When Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan took over the department, I was really scared. It was not the fear of you handling the department but the fear of how the department would be handled that is now resolving that concern anyway.

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What I have said is that many ministers will have to meet and talk on many issues. After bringing all this as a proof, Bijimol came and cried or Sri. V. S Sunil Kumar came and cried, I say that if V. S Sunil Kumar if cried for the people of the constituency, the people of Kerala would be with him. We will have the Left Democratic Front. Thus, It is not right to try to insult Sri.V.SSunil Kumar by saying that Sunil Kumar cried and make such references in the Assembly. When it comes to words

Sri. V.S Sunilkumar: Sir, it is very unfortunate that he tried to implicate me when he replied here yesterday. That is why Mrs. E.S. Bijimole says this. It's P.W.D, this is the subject of an error on the part of the department.

I have no objection to turning the subject into a weapon. It was something he did to defend himself. I'm just saying it's a bad thing.

Mrs. E.S. Biji Mol: Sir, the allegations raised by the leaders, including the esteemed Leader of the Opposition, who addressed the gathering yesterday, were echoed by Sri. V. K. Ibrahim Kunje Not personal accusations. But people including his personal staff officers and the principal secretary are coming to the party in this regard. I will give at least 400 letters to the Minister of Public Works for a road related to the Sabarimala pilgrimage. You allowed that road. We inaugurated that road. Rs.12 crore was sanctioned, which is not a bounty. This road, on which lakhs of devotees depend on Sabarimala, is a road that was acquired through the intervention of the High Court after sacrificing the lives of 105 Ayyappa devotees. Bijimol cried tomorrow. 450 letters were written. If there is a situation where such a letter is taken out after saying that he walked into the chamber, it can only be said that it is political bankruptcy. It fits in the seat where you are sitting

I just said it because I felt it was not a step. All the people here have given such letters, and my personal opinion is that someone like you should not have done it by the privilege in which you sit. When I heard yesterday's discussion, it seemed to me that your political stance yesterday was like a crow that climbs into an elephant's brain and pretends to be a bigger elephant than an elephant. No one should mock us for looking at the number and size of the CPI. It is a political movement with a clear position. Historically, the CPI has been instrumental in setting an example for cultural Kerala. The CPI will say whatever want to say whether it is the Chief Minister or the Minister, whether it is a wild buffalo or a rhinoceros. That position is not correct if we think that the CPI members who say that can be personally butchered and intimidated and thus we will submit. Therefore, whether it is a wild buffalo or a rhinoceros, so personally (noise) Sri. Abdurrahman randathani, I am not talking to you or to the Muslim League. Please don't let all the MLAs of the Muslim League jump up and down like this when it comes to wild buffalo. Why do all these people get hit in the head when it is said that there is Pappu? This is not a ploy to target the ministers of the Muslim League. What is being said here is that there is no point in not saying it, whether it is a wild animal or a rhinoceros. He says some of the Left MLAs are on their hit list. Babu. M. Palissery, Sri. V.S.Sunil Kumar. The stand taken by some MLAs like that they are on the hit list and that they should be shot if the opportunity arises is not in line with this Assembly. Sri. K. M. Biju Ramesh said that none of us said that Mani Sir took bribe. He is a member of the UDF. He is a member of the UDF. People there say he is a fan of, and the news came in the newspapers several times. The Left is not saying that there is a conspiracy behind the bar bribery allegation. That is what Mani's party members said. In connection with that, An investigation led by Sri. C F Thomas.

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The commission was appointed. Sri.C.F. Thomas, I did not expect you in this role in this House. It was thought that Sir Overcoat would appear in this Assembly in the detective model. Sir, I do not know what the investigation report is. But one thing is for sure, the report did not go down well with the UDF. - There are some murmurs within your party that make it clear that they are against. Corrupt people are protected here. It threatens those who reveal it and says it will deal with them. On suspicion that the alleged large wild buffaloes and rhinos would escape, Sri. The Sunil Kumar filed a case in the court. The verdict in that case was based on the Supreme Court verdict in the famous Lalitha kumari case. Accordingly, the court held that case should be registered with Sri. M.Mani as the first accused. The Hon'ble Home Minister is here. It is said that the case is registered and will not be registered and if registered, its future is very big. I do not know what the future holds. What Mr. P. C. George, did you not say that Mani Sir bought cash, did I say.

Chief Whip (Mr. P. C. George): Sir, an MLA. Do not tell me any news that you are entitled to. (Noise) No one should tell the news. (Noise) I never said that. ... (Noise) I did not say that Mani Sir took bribe. what are you saying ? Don't tell that news. ... (noise) What can you do (noise) Don't say you said something you didn't say. (Noise) What are you talking about? (noise) I withdrew what I said, Leave it at that. (Noise) Wouldn't you agree even if I said I withdrew? I just started asking that

much. (Noise). Sri. K. M. Can I admit that I said that Mani bought cash?(Noise) ... You have to be polite to listen. FIR filed against Sri. K. M. Mani.

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When you say that taking F.I.R is a big thing, A case has been registered against your former Revenue Minister Sri. K. P. Rajendran will he resign? As per the direction of the Supreme Court, an FIR taken against Sri. K. M. Mani Is it not a big thing; What's wrong with that? (Noise) I am in this country. (Noise) I can only ask one thing; I have been listening in silence for so long that I should be allowed to ask one thing.... (Noise) What happened in the stage here; What did the honourable Respected V.S.Sunil Kumar present in his urgent report?. The Chief Minister did not say so on the allegation that he took bribe of Rs 1.5 crore. The record of what the Chief Minister said was taken and checked. CPI Mr. Oommen Chandy has not said that the leader was paid a bribe of Rs. The records were checked in full. Then Mr. What should Oommen Chandy do? (noise)

Sri. V. S. Sunil Kumar: Sir, point of order What is not about P. Rajendra has been raised in this House. No case has been registered against him. It must be removed.

Chairperson: Members of both parties should exercise restraint and allow the Honourable Member to complete his speech.(Noise)...Respected, C. Divakaran should be in the seat. Mrs. E.S. Biggie Mol is about to finish the speech.

Sri. C. Divakaran: Sir, a member of this House, Sri. K. P. No case has been registered against Rajendran. That name is unnecessarily dragged here. It should not be found in the Stage record.

Chairperson: There were allegations and references in the speech about many others who are no longer in the stage. (Noise) Honourable Member should be allowed to complete the speech. Time is running out.

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Mrs. E. S, Biji Mol : Sir, I did not say that the Chief Whip said So.He is always holding a press conference.

Chairperson : Honourable Member 16 minutes later, please finish your speech.

Mrs. E.S. Biji Mol: Sir, not a day goes by without him on the channels. I agree that it is because of his skill. In any case, none of us made the allegation, only a request that you do not make Mani Sir look good. If he goes like this, he will not be able to sit in that chair (Noise) I do not use a word that is not polite. I'm coming to the bill. (Noise)I never said a word, as the Chief Whip said, to withdraw. I said things to say ...(Noise)

The things I say are only from within the bill.

Has all the work and all the contributions been made by the Chief Whip to keep Mani Sir, who is now the first accused in a case of money laundering, in that chair? I have a suspicion that. Only doubt, not sure. Do not blow the Chief Whip. Only doubt, should not doubt?

Chairperson: Mrs. E.S. Biji mol, come back to the topic. Honourable Member, please complete the talk

Sri. A.K. Balan : Sir,(Mike Off) Hon'ble Chief Minister is behind this. Don't get me wrong, this is not what George said.

Mrs. E S, Biji Mol: Sir, I heard what you said. I will not repeat it now as the Chief Whip would be outraged again if he said that. Not a word came out of my mouth to provoke him. The only thing I said was that I had heard this all over the country

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One or two things related to the library movement are brought to the attention of the Hon'ble Minister. Librarians get an allowance of Rs 950 to Rs 1000. However, arrangements must be made on your part to deliver on time. 20,000 even for A grade libraries. It is requested that at least this Rs. Libraries also need modernization in the age of the Internet, WhatsApp and Messenger. Sri. K. Suresh Kuruppu and Sri. K. N. A. Khader and Sri. M.chandran I will not go into the details of the subject as the moon is mentioned here. Many members like Mr. Saju Paul, who has experience in this field, intervened and spoke. A number of positive suggestions were made by Mr. G.jayalal on the need to improve the functioning of the library. The. pointed out here. Modernization of the library is very essential.

Without modernization, there will be a situation where people will abandon the library movement. You may be able to capture a library committee through a notification. But do not forget that people have sacrificed their lives for the formation, growth and functioning of each library. There are about 7658 libraries in our country. These institutions are also a platform for public communication. There should be accountability in the utilization of library cess collected from the public, The current opinion is that caution should be exercised in this regard. With that comment, A.G. - is in complete agreement with the audit. I therefore urge the Government to withdraw from this move which is undermining the activities of the Library Council and Libraries.

Mr. Shafi Parampil: Sir, before going into the basic subject of this speech, I would like to thank the Hon'ble revenue Minister of Public Works and some MLAs from the ruling party. I would like to submit another application for marks. We can also write three or four hundred letters, if we can

We humbly request that a road of `12 crore be allotted in our constituency as well. We will not stop to come here and perform any performances we have just seen in its name. When the debate on the bill began, everyone here was expecting discussions about letters written by a father to his daughter in connection with the library bill. But even when the last member here spoke, an MLA was still there. An attempt was made to change the discussion to a letter to the Chief Minister.

The bill, which was passed by the State Executive Committee of the Library Council in July 2007 during the previous government, is now being billed here. I respectfully commend the Hon'ble Minister of Education for leading it. This was a decision taken by the previous government but they were unable to implement it. There is no doubt that it is commendable that this Government has taken steps to make the Library Movement in Kerala more credible and strong by implementing this issue when it is confined to a number of discussions. The Father of the Nation taught us that the library is one of the best features of a village. It is an indisputable fact that many libraries have sprung up in this country and in our villages during the freedom struggle and since then as part of the national movements. Even the Left leaders have joined the KPCC. The history of the library movement suggests that it was part of the early library movement. There is no doubt that the growth of the library movement in this country as it is seen today was part of the Mahatma's instruction to the people who were then part of the national movement to form Congress committees, organize Hindi classes and start new libraries in the country. Even as a bill is being introduced in this Assembly that is most conducive to the library movement itself, 'trying to break it.

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The speeches of many were against the usual phrase "against the government". There is no denying that there were good suggestions and it is welcome Doing
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The most important challenge facing the library movement today is that there is a conscious effort to make it a closed group. In many places, there is a conscious effort to make libraries that exist as part of the library movement function only as party offices. One can see that this movement was far removed from the public and to some extent prevented ordinary people from entering the library as part of an attempt by some people to use it as a platform for the people of a particular political movement. Some here have argued that all libraries were started by the Left. But today all the library movements and libraries are headed by the people of the Left, but they were not the ones who started it. On the contrary, all those who care about these things in the countryside are convinced that it was politically captured. So my request is that the government take the lead in making it a little more open, a little more democratic, a little more popular. Kerala is called I have just started preaching and the work in the House has started.

(Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Sri. A. Pradeep Kumar: Sir, all the Left people here have seized someone's library. Can you name a library that was socaptured?

Sri. K. SivadasanNair: Sir, I will give the list to Pradeep. Want a list? It was carried by P.N. Panicker. It's the whole hand I will give the list. I will give the list. Want a list of how many? How many lists does Pradeep need? Why is he blindfolded? Without closing your eyes without closing your eyes

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Sri. Shafi Parampil: Sir, many libraries in Kerala are called Bapuji Library and Desaposhini Library. But if you look at the people on the board, you can tell if this movement has been captured or not. Naturally everyone will be convinced. The attitude of the Left movements towards Bapuji, the national movement and the freedom struggle at that time was a clear example of the fact that a library in the name of Bapuji Mahatma was not started by the then Left Front. In any case, the most important reason for the survival of the spoken language in this small state called Kerala is, of course, that some of the writers here make a living out of it. There is no doubt that this is wonderful for people who speak and think other languages. The main reason for this is the love of books and reading tastes of the Malayalee's. There is no doubt that libraries are said to be the largest group that young people can once form in the country. Libraries at that time saw society as a means of communication beyond being a bookstore. It is well known that even in the absence of the National Book Trust or the Kendra Sahitya Akademi, large books were made and translated into the mother tongue. It was through these kinds of books that our libraries gained strength. It was through these movements that when Malayalee's learned Hindi and English, as part of that learning, many historical classics were translated and translated into Malayalam and given to all of us to read. Similarly, the world should look on in amazement at what has been allowed, read and enjoyed by us, translated into Malayalam from other languages like the "Sankeerthanampole" of Perumbadavam. But there are some changes in those library movements today.

Mrs. JameelaPrakasham: (Mike Off)

Sri. Shafi Parampil: I am talking about what has been translated into Malayalam. What I am saying is not that the translation took place with the library movement. Many years before the establishment of the National Book Trust or the Kendra Sahitya Akademi before the library movement, it was the custom of the Malayalees to translate the classics of great history and pass them on to many generations through these libraries. This is not to say that it was rewritten after the advent of the library movement.

Sri. A. K. Shashindran: Sir, you have said that one of the people who said this translated the novel "Sankeerthanampole" into English.

Sri. Shafi Parampil: Sir, I have mentioned the role of these libraries in translating and reading novels like 'Like a Psalm' for generations. It does not mean that it was translated after the advent of the library movement. An important point here is that I have a little suggestion to make, and we need to think about an important reason why this library movement is heading for the crisis it sees today. The quality of an information society that is being formed in our country as well as the knowledge and diversity of knowledge is growing at an unprecedented level. The progress made in the field of science and technology over the last decade has ensured not only the technological revolution but also cultural changes. Many of the ideas and concepts that existed here regarding the concept of information and its use have changed. Today there has been a significant change in the way information is coming. The relevance of these libraries is that they have always been an important center for providing information beyond our textbooks.

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But with the variety of information available to our fingertips and eyes today, the tendency to say that people go to the library just to get an information will naturally, change. Those, changes.....

Sri. V. T. Balram: You have rightly pointed out the growth of the knowledge community. All I have to ask is that the biggest problem facing our libraries is the availability of funds to buy books on their own or to proceed in that manner - relying only on government grants. We need to strengthen our library to take on information related projects related to the field of knowledge to undertake various types of projects in line with the changing times and thereby generate revenue on its own. Don't you think that these libraries need to outsource the capacity building of these knowledge projects of the institutions so that they can be turned into local information centres and carry out research oriented activities?

Sri. Shafi Parampil: Sir, I am coming to that. I'm talking about changes that need to be made to the functioning and behaviour of the library, as you rightly point out here. Thus it is a fact that when so

many changes have taken place in the Information Society in relation to information, our libraries have not had the facilities and periodical changes to accommodate it. Libraries are becoming just a place to keep books. There is a famous quote from Joseph Brodsky - There are worse crimes than burning books, one of them is not reading ' - it's a bigger crime not to burn a book. The important thing is that at least some of our libraries have become the only centres where books that are often left unread have been picked up.

The fact that we have not been able to bring it into our library means that there must be an urgent change in the characteristics- physical infrastructure of our libraries. Here we talk about modern libraries and E - libraries. Changes in technology are moving forward from that. Everyone said that libraries should be made accessible to the rural people. While access to information was limited to people in certain centres, perhaps we could have kept people in rural areas that way. Today I do not see any difference between a rural person and an urban person in accessing information. No longer an idea is geographically confined today it is not possible to keep an idea confined to one area or one city only. It is becoming accessible to people in every nook and corner of the world, in the suburbs and on the metro. Then the shelves and books inside a building do not believe that rural people can be brought closer to libraries alone. It needs to change. If such changes are to be made, the Honourable Member Sri. V.S.T. As Balram points out, it is enough to make changes in the nature of our library, its functioning and infrastructure. Our libraries are moving forward through this period of change. So there are some things that we must pay attention to in order to adapt to the ever-changing libraries. We need to change the way our library works. Our library function is never user service oriented. By library we mean a place where shelves and books can be neatly arranged. That is not the case. The library needs to be modified to make it user oriented. Similarly technology – used there after the construction of a library.....

Dr. N. Jayaraj: Sir, I doubt you are talking about our rural libraries in the concept of libraries. This is because the vast majority of libraries in Kerala are located in rural areas. So I do not think it's possible to make a big change in the structure of libraries very quickly, beyond the way you put books, on the shelves. I have recently met the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Sri. K. P. When he went to Mohanan's hometown, he went to the library named after his father. What a beautiful library, I told so many people about it. They have been able to transform it very nicely into the concept of what a library should look like. It's not just about one person, it's about a whole country. Because there are more than just books We are all people who believe that books are living letters. Therefore, each of our interactions in the library certainly maintains a rural activism beyond book reading.

It is not enough to just give it the face of technology, we definitely need to create the impression that we need to see it on a more biological level.

Sri. Shafi Parampil: Sir, as you mentioned, there is no doubt that libraries will become centres of our camaraderie. But the entry of a new generation into those libraries is essential for their survival. When it becomes necessary for new generations to enter libraries for our own protection, libraries need to change to accommodate the diversity of knowledge and the quantity and quantity of knowledge that that generation desires. Let me give you a small example. Our postal department was one of the most prestigious departments. Generations including us knew the name of the postman in each village exactly but if I asked my little sister what the name of the postman in our country was, that child would have no way of knowing. Because that kid is not in contact with the postman.

The whole communication that comes to that child does not come by post. The main reason why the glorious department is so irrelevant today is because the department could not anticipate these changes. If our small post offices in each village had anticipated the changes, perhaps in the early days of computer literacy, these post offices could have become the best local centres where the Internet could be introduced to the general public. Then we need to be able to anticipate the changes that will take place over time, including in communication. And the library is not meant to be a technology-dependent place. In order for this movement to survive, it is necessary to increase some facilities to bring about changes in the region over time. I have a small comment to make on something you mentioned. In the case of library technology, the use of computers is now widespread in many places.

Sri. A. K. Shashindran: Sir, you said that the vehicle should use modern systems to get basic information. It is true that modern technology must be used to pass information. But reading is only possible by reading books. This raises the question of whether you are slipping away from the basic view that the experience, knowledge and mental development that comes from reading books does not come from having an information.

Sri. Shafi Parampil: Sir, never. I do not repeat the same thing that the people who preached here before me said. Many of the things people who have preached here before have said are true. I'm just talking about some of the changes that libraries need to make if they are to remain relevant in the future. Other than that I am not speaking out against book reading. In order to increase book reading.....

Sri. C. P. Muhammad: Sir, Sri. A. K. Shashindran was right. When we choose a subject on TV or computer, it satisfies our eyes. When we read a book, it subdues our mind and heart. One cannot forget the books read at a young age. The biggest problem facing our libraries is that they cannot stand on their own two feet. There is no fund to select modern books and buy them. There is no source of income to pay the staff. These libraries are not adequately supported by the local government or the government. Forty percent of readers in the past read Matthew Mattam, Muttathuvarki, Kanam E.J. He used to come to libraries to read his novels. Today all such entertainers are TV. Turning to serials. 'Reading is said to be dying, but reading is not dying, If you contact the publishers in Kerala and visit their book festivals, many books become out of print within a month or two after publication. D.C. When it comes to books, pre-publication is selling more books than they intended. Political interests and the vested interests of those who run it continue to oppress libraries for as long as there is no fundamental change. Therefore, the

appointment of library staff will be done by PSC. Leaving for - is a good step in this. The government should be prepared to provide additional funds accordingly.

Mr., Deputy Speaker: Sri. C. P. Whether Muhammad or Sri. Shafi Parampil is preaching. Everyone here says that you seem to be talking

Sri. Shafi Parampil: Sir, I agree with what you and Dr.N Jayaraj also mentioned. All of this does not imply that it is the opposite of reading a book. Inaugurating the Cultural Conference of the Library Movement in 2007, Sri. M.T. Vasudevan Nair "The gap between two words on a page, obtained through reading

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Enjoyment may not come from many other things. 'But in that very speech he says, today there is a lot of entertainment and entertainment provided by visual media. With a little effort, the channels change and new entertainment is available, but the relevance of the books is nowhere to be found. Audio books are readily available overseas, and anyone can read the German-French classics you need. Experience has shown that it is useful for people who do not have the means to read books. The commercialization of books is taking place on one side. We will have to embrace some of these changes as well. It is not against books, but because of the desire to bring future generations into the world of books and to transform that generation into friendly people by reading the letters in the books. By moving our libraries to greater excellence, we may be able to avoid the loneliness of reading the wall of time and change the stagnation in certain areas.

Sri. G.S. Jayalal: Sir, I do not deny reading books. Does the esteemed member have the opinion that libraries should be transformed into a place where they can ensure the social benefit of assembling the minds that desire all such experiences and experiences?

Sri. Shafi Parampil: Sir, I have. I understand that he said a very correct suggestion. I would like to summarize my talk that our libraries must be multifunctional. There is no doubt that our libraries need to be transformed into public spaces where people can gather for activities that are culturally, socially and perhaps linguistic in addition to being a place where books are picked up.To undertake multi-functional activities beyond the place of giving books for reading

Sri. Roshi Augustine: Sir, you have mentioned here the importance of reading and the new concept. Reading and reading are as old as immigration in my hometown. One of the problems that has come up today is that the library does not have the facilities to buy books. As a suggestion, a television cannot be placed in a rural library. Sometimes they are all rural libraries. As the Honourable Member mentioned earlier when libraries are used as multipurpose libraries there should be all facilities for everyone to come together. MLA There is currently no provision to purchase a few books and televisions with the funds. The MLA was asked to purchase a few books to promote village level libraries. Aren't changes in the type of funding guidelines necessary?

Sri. Shafi Parampil: Sir, we are all convinced that this House and the public mind are certainly in this matter. LA Of course, the government will provide a favourable response on the use of the funds. Expected. I end my speech. It is imperative that the government take steps to transform our libraries into such multi-functional centres. Things about leaving are something that the previous government could not do. I once again commend the Government for leaving these rules to the PSC.

Education Minister (Sri. P. K. Abdu Rabb): Sir, the members have mentioned here mainly about the withholding of grants. No grant was withheld. 55 lakhs in the plan fund for 2011-12 and 13,00,50,000 in the non-plan; 65 lakhs in plan funds for 2012-13 and 14,00,85,000 in non-plans; 70 lakhs in the plan fund for 2013-14 and 12,00,30,000 in the non-plan; 30 lakh was sanctioned in the plan fund for 2014-15 and 4.54 crore in the non-plan. The last instalment for 2013-14 is yet to be paid. But the first instalment of 2014-15 was also paid.

The reason for non-payment is due to non-submission of matters related to its utilization. Grants from the Library Council are subject to the Rules. The Library Council was unable to pay its final

instalment for 2013-14 due to inconsistencies in the report of the Local Fund Audit and Finance Inspection Wing, which had spent the previous year, and acted contrary to government directives. The member here indicated that he was taking a very negative stance towards the Library Council. No such position has been taken. The release of grants is a testament to that. Moreover, during the last government, there was an order in 2007 that appointments should not be made without the permission of the government. The appointments were made in violation of that order.

When the new government came, it was said that appointments made six months before the coming of that government should not be related to the library but to all departments. The case is pending in connection with the dismissal of such appointments. That's the thing. Related to the confirmation of the Daily Wages Employees; SB also paid Rs 50 lakh in connection with the permanent appointment. Related to the transfer from the account to the current account; The library cess is a savings bank account The Financial Inspection Wing has pointed out a number of such discrepancies regarding the activities of the Library Council. Despite such things, the government has not taken any such stand against them. Not only that. Appointments were made in a manner that did not follow any reservation principles. That is why the reason for asking the government to make those appointments is that Dr. K. T. is here on the Calicut University Struggle. The bow was mentioned. It is not a matter of the bill. Mentioned by K.T.Jalil. What is the problem there;

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I have not taken a partisan stance in this regard. The discussion was held a month ago under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Today, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Sri. P. Sri. Ramakrishna, Sri. T. N. Prathapan had a discussion with everyone. The SFI came to a common understanding in that discussion. The problem today is that the children in - could not be brought So if you want to solve that problem, you can only solve it by trying from that side. Other than that I want to let you know that I have no stubbornness or compulsive intellect in it

Mention was made here of the strengthening of school libraries. Let's see what can be done about it. As well as the MLA. Here are the issues related to giving permission to buy books in libraries with funds. Rashi Augustine mentioned. Consult with the Hon'ble Minister of Finance in this regard and see how this can be done. A meeting was convened last month on matters related to the Kozhikode library. There have been a lot of problems there for a while. The first step in resolving those issues was to convene a meeting a month ago. The government will take further steps. This is what the esteemed members have mentioned here.

Sri. Saju Paul: Sir, the non-plan arrears for this year are Rs 18.5 crore. In addition, we owe the Raja

ram Mohan Roy Foundation a matching grant of Rs 1 crore for the last three years. So far, the day-to-day running of the building has been done with funds raised as part of the building cess. I have come to understand that the Inquiry Wing has given an accurate answer to its shortcomings. Similarly, matters related to appointment are in the court. An 807/2017 is Rs 1,090 or Rs 1,200

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Receiving Librarian Allowance. It would be unfair to interrupt that librarian allowance. These are issues that have never happened before under any government. I am the President of a Taluk Library Council. Nine more have been elected unopposed in the local Library Council election. It has no political colour or other variants. The library councils there operate without any political affiliation or other bias. So a decision must be made to give them a grant.

Sri. P. K. Abdu Rabb: Sir, I said here I did not give in, I did not give in.....(Noise)
.....Dr. K.T. Jalil, I do not give up. (noise)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon'ble Minister of Education, it is enough to reply ... Yes Yes ... Please ... Please ... Hon'ble Minister of Education should reply (Noise)

Sri. P. K. Abdul Rabb: Sir, I cannot answer if it is interrupted like this. I heard what Dr.K.T.Jalil said. I mean Dr. K. T. Jaleel Just listen to me. Don't say anything more. No, there is no need for that.
..... (Noise)

There is no need to surrender like that. I will not . Here is Mr. What I said about what Saju Paul said is the figure in my hand. That is the report of the Financial Inspection Wing. Beyond that I have nothing to say about that ... (noise). This is something that has nothing to do with the bill only is raised by Dr.K.T Jalil.I replied to that ... (noise)

Sri. C. Divakaran: Sir, it is doubtful that the Hon'ble Minister has made an unsubstantiated statement. Is that right? Is that so? Do not mislead the House. The strike at Calicut University was hampered by the SFI's obstruction. No, MSF. They say that the Hon'ble Minister should hear what it is.

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Shri A.K.Balan : Sir, ask that to Shri T.K.Prathapan and just listen to what Shri T.K.Prathapan has to say.

(Opposition members protest against Honourable Minister's statement, they interrupt the proceedings by shouted slogans near the Dais)

Educational Minister (Shri P.K.Abdu Rabb) : Sir, there the discussion was held in the presence of the Cheif Minister. After that asked to write a statement according to the formula derived . They wrote a unilateral statement. That statement is not accepted by others, that's the problem. (Noise)

Mr.Deputy Speaker : Someone has to speak, do not talk all together

Shri C. Divakaran : Sir, you may have noticed that an urgent resolution was brought in the house regarding the struggle of Calicut University. As a follow up, Shri T.K.Prathapan wrote the draft formula for consensus and brought it here, discussed with us and we agreed to it. When we agreed, he did not come back after saying the MSF doesn't not approve it and what to do .

Mr. Deputy Speaker : This is not a University Bill.....(Noise).....

Shri K.N.A Khader, are you pressing your No 1(a) Amendment?

Shri K.N.A Khader : Sir, I'm not pressing it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : Amendment No. 1(a) introduced by Shri K.N.A khader has been withdrawn with the approval of the house.

The Amendment No. 2(b) introduced by Shri K. Suresh Kurup is also rejected.

The resolution to consider Kerala Public Service Commission Bill 2014, as reported by the Subject Committee (more about Library council tasks)

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The resolution is approved by the house and the Bill is being considered.(Noise).....

(The opposition protest against the Hon'ble Minister's statement and they came in front of the Dais, they boycotted the proceeding and walked out.)

Department Wise Consideration

Second Section

Shri C.Moinkutty : Sir, I am presenting the following Amendment.

120. In chapter 2(e) add the word "Kerala" before "Library Council".

Shri V.M.Ummen Master : Sir, I am presenting the following Amendment.

121 .In chapter 2(e) instead of the word "Service Under" add the word "Service department".

Educational Minister (Shri P.K Abdu Rabb) : Sir, Amendment are not acceptable.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : Did the respected members pressing the Amendments?

(No amendments were pressed.)

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The Amendment number 120 presented by Shri C. Moinkutty and Amendment number 121 presented by Ummer Master are withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The issue of whether the second section can be the part of these Bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The house agreed that the second section should be a part of the Bill.

Section-2 is now a part of the Bill.

Section-3

Dr.N.Jayaraj: Sir, I am presenting the following Amendment.

123. In chapter 3(1)(a) after the word "councils" add the word "permanent".

130. In chapter 3(1)(b), after the word "on principles" add the word "on the procedures"

148. In chapter 3(3) instead of the word "to be referred" add the word "to be suggested".

152. I. Chapter 3(3) in the limited condition instead of the word "Commission, refer" add the word "referring to the commission".

Shri N. Shamsuddin : Sir, I am presenting the following Amendments.

125. In Chapter 3(1)(a) instead of the word "offericers and employees" add the word "servant".

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Shri M. Ummer : Sir, I am presenting the below Amendments.

126. In chapter 3(1)(a) instead of the word "by appointment" add the word "with appointment procedure".

129. In chapter 3(1)(b) instead of the word "by appointment" add the word "By appointments".

133. In chapter 3(1)(b,) instead of the word "compatibility" add the word "Eligibility".

139. In chapter 3(2), add the word "kerala" before the words "public service"

144. In chapter 3(2) before the word "advice" add the word "suggestion".

145. In chapter 3(3) before the word " publish service" add the word "kerala".

149. In chapter 3(3) instead of the word "to be referred" add the word "to be notified in writing".

Shri K.M Shaji : Sir, I am presenting the following Amendments.

128. In chapter 3(1)(b) instead of the word "by direct appointment" add the word "as per direct appointment method".

Sri. P.B. Abdul Rasak: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

131. In chapter 3(1)(b), instead of the word "and so on" add the word "such".

Shri N.A Nellikunnu : Sir, I am presenting the following Amendments.

138. In chapter 3(2) instead of the Words "in one case" add the word "in any one case".

Shri K. Muhammadunni Haji : Sir, I am presenting the following Amendments.

140. In chapter 3(2) instead of the word "in that matter" add the wordb" in the context"

Shri Abdurahman Randathani : Sir, I am presenting the following Amendments.

141. In chapter 3(2) instead of the word "in that case" add the word "in that regard".

ShriT.A Ahmed Kabir : Sir, I am presenting the following Amendments.

146. In chapter 3(3) instead of the word "in case of disagreement" add the word "if disagreement arises".

Shri C. Mammooty : Sir, I propose the following Amendments.

147. In chapter 3(3) instead of the word "to be referred to the Government" add the word "to be reported to the Government".

Shri P. Ubaidulla : Sir, I am presenting the following Amendments.

150. In chapter 3(3) add the word "thoughtful" before the word "decision".

Shri P.K Basheer : Sir, I am presenting the following are Amendments.

153. In chapter 3(3) in the limited terms instead of the word "to be referred to the commission" add the word " should be informed to the commission".

Educational Minister (Shri P.K Abdu Rabb) : Sir, amendments are not acceptable.

Mr.Deputy Speaker : Do the respected members publish amendments?

(no amendments are pressed)

The amendments No. 123,130,148,152 presented by Dr.N.Jayarajan has been withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The amendments No. 125 presented by Shri N. Shamsuddin has been withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The amendments No. 126,129,133,144,145,149 presented by Shri M. Ummer has been withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The amendments No. 128 presented by Shri K.M Shaji has been withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The amendments No. 131 presented by Shri Abdul Razzaq has been withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The amendments No. 138 presented by Shri N.A Nellikunnu has been withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The amendments No. 140 presented by Shri K. Muhammadunni Haji has been withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The amendments No. 141 presented by Shri Abdurahman Randathanni has been withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The amendments No. 146 presented by Shri T.A Ahmed Kabir has been withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The amendments No. 147 presented by Shri C. Mammooty has been withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The amendments No. 150 presented by Shri P. Ubadullah has been withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The amendments No. 153 presented by Shri P.K Basheer has been withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The issue of whether the 3rd section can be a part of the bill.....

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The house approved the question of whether Section 3 should be part of the Bill.

Section 3 is part of the Bill.

Section 4

Shri M. Ummer : Sir, I propose following amendments.

154. In chapter 4(1) add the word "Kerala" before "Public Service".

159. In chapter 4(3) instead of the word "As fast as possible" add the word "As soon as possible".

160. In chapter 4(3) instead of the word "Before it" add the word "Before the State Legislature".

162. In chapter 4(3) instead of the word "To be read" add the word "To be submitted".

167. In chapter 4(3) instead of the word "Without any effect" add the word "Cancelled".

Shri K.N.A khader : Sir, I propose following .

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156. In chapter 4(2) instead of the word "Without part coming" add the word "Without part coming".

157. Shri C. Moinkutty : Sir, I propose following amendments.

158. In chapter 4(2)(b) instead of the word "Consequential" add the word "Basic".

Shri M. Ummer Master : Sir, I propose following amendments.

158. In chapter 4(2)(c) instead of the word "For the matter" add the word "For if it matters".

Shri N. Shamsuddin : Sir, I propose following amendments.

161. In chapter 4(3) instead of the word "Involved in two conference " add the word "Including in two conference".

Shri Abdul Razzaq : Sir, I propose following amendments.

163. In chapter 4(3) instead of the word "That rule does not have to be made" add the word "To invalidate that rule".

Shri N.A Nellikunnu : Sir, I propose following amendments.

164. In chapter 4(3) instead of the word "No need to make rule" add the word "The rule is invalid".

Shri K.M Shaji : Sir, I propose following amendments.

165. In chapter 4(3) instead of the word "No need to make" add the word "No need".

Shri K.Muhammadunni Haji : Sir, I propose following amendments.

166. In chapter 4(3) instead of the word "Like respective things" add the word "Properly".

Shri. Abdurahman Randathanni : Sir, I propose following amendments.

168. Instead of the chapter 4(3) add the following, (3) Any rule that arise under this act shall be made as soon as possible,

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In a session of the legislature or when the assembly is in session for a total of 14 days consisting of two consecutive sessions, the rule must be placed before it in the house or at the next meeting. The legislature may amend the rule or decide that the rules themselves are not necessary. If so, that the rule may, after that takes effect only in the form in which it is duly, so modified or shall have no effect there on. even though, prior to any such formation or revocation under that act. It must be done in a way that does not infringe on the validity of anything.

Educational Minister (Shri P.K Abdu Rabb) : Sir, The amendment No. 159 introduced by Shri M.Ummer and the amendment No. 156 introduced by Shri K.N.A Khader is accepted.

Other amendments are not acceptable.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : Do the respected members publish any other amendments?

(no amendments are pressed)

The Amendments No. 154,160,162,167 presented by Shri. M.Ummer is withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The Amendments No. 157 presented by Shri.C. Moinkutty is withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The Amendments No. 158 presented by Shri.V.M Ummer Master is withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The Amendments No. 161 presented by Shri.N.Shamsuddin is withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The Amendments No. 163 presented by Shri.P.K Abdu Razzaq is withdrawn with the permission of the house.

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The Amendments No. 164 presented by Shri.N.A Nellikunnu is withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The Amendments No. 165 presented by Shri.K.M Shaji is withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The Amendments No. 166 presented by Shri.K. Muhammadunni Haji is withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The Amendments No. 168 presented by Shri.Abdurahman Randathanni is withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The issue of whether Section 4 should be part of the Bill.

Those who agree

Those who disagree.....

The house approved the question of whether Section 4 should be part of the Bill.

The amendments under Section 4 became part of the Bill.

Section 5

Shri T.A Ahmed Kabir : Sir,I propose following amendments.

171. In chapter 5(2) instead of the word “any action” add the word “any decision”.

Educational Minister (Shri T.A Abdu Rabb) : Sir, amendments are not acceptable.

Mr. Deputy speaker : Shri T.A Ahmed Kabir, are you going to publish the amendment?

Shri T.A Ahmed Kabir : Sir, I'm not pressing it.

Mr. Deputy speaker : The amendment 171 presented by Shri T.A Ahmed Kabir is withdrawn with the permission of the house.

For the question whether the Section 5 should be part of the Bill.

Those who agree

Those who disagree.....

The house approved the question of whether Section 5 should be the part of the Bill.

The amendments under Section 5 Became part of the Bill.

First section, preliminary and names

Shri C. Mammooty : Sir, I propose the following amendments.

108. In the long title add the word "Kerala" before "Library Council".

Shri P. Ubaidullah : Sir, I propose the following amendments.

109. In the long title instead of the word "Services" add "Services".

Shri M. Ummer : Sir, I propose the following amendments.

110. In the long title avoid the word "Some".

115. In the preface instead of the word "more" add the word "Special".

Shri P.K Basheer : Sir, I propose the following amendments.

112. In the preface add of the word "Kerala" before "Library Council".

Shri K.N.A Khader : Sir, I propose the following amendments.

113. In the preface instead of the "Service" ads the word "Services".

Educational Minister (Shri P.K Abdu Rabb) : Shri C. Mammooty : Sir, I propose the following amendments. The Amendment are not acceptable.

Mr. Deputy speaker : Do the respected members publish amendments?

(No Amendments pressed)

The amendment No. 108 introduced by Shri C.Mammooty is withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The amendment No.109 introduced by Shri P. Ubaidullah is withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The amendment No. 110,115 introduced by Shri M. Ummer is withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The amendment No. 112 introduced by Shri P.K Basheer is withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The amendment No. 113 introduced by Shri K.N.A Khader is withdrawn with the permission of the house.

The issue of whether the First preliminary and names should be the part of the Bill

Those who agree

Those who disagree.....

The house approved the question of whether the First Sectional preface and names should be the part of the Bill.

The First Section, preliminary and names became the part of the Bill.

Educational Minister (Shri P.K Abdu Rabb) : Sir, I propose the resolution of Kerala Public Service Commission Bill 2014, to be passed. (additional tasks related to Library Council)

Minister of Energy (Shri Aryadan Muhammad) : Sir, I support the Bill.

Educational Minister (Shri P.K Abdu Rabb) : Sir, Following the recommendation in the studies conducted by Justice K.K Narendra Commission in government institutions, public sector institutions and universities on representation of backward class employees. The SC/ST/SD Bill that held on 2-2-2006 with G.O.P No. 8/2006 decided to hand over the jurisdiction to P.S.C over Public sector institutions and

autonomous half government. A Rule was made according to above decision that the P.S.C can appointment to respected Lok Ayuktha and some other institutions. We need to done this now in Kerala Universities. The process is in it's final stage. It is coming up for the consideration in the Assembly. The dissent note acknowledge that the P.S.C can appointment officers and employees at the Library Council. Conditions are not added. It has been said that the conditions can only be made by consulting with P.S.C. The provision for making rules is clearly stated in chapter 4(1).This Bill had to be brought before the house, because such a law was necessary for it to come into being. Regarding the method of appointments, making rules should only be done by consultation with P.S.C. In article 320(3) of the constitution states that consultation is applied. Requesting the Bill should be passed.

Mr. Deputy speaker : Sir, Resolution to pass the Kerala Public Service Commission Bill, 2014

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The resolution was approved by the house. The Bill has passed.

XIII Ruling

Regarding matter of order not allowed.

Mr. Deputy speaker : It was unfortunate that some members made a fuss at the end of the debate on this Bill. Everyone stood up together and made noise. A respected party leader was asked what it was. The Bill is asking for information that is not even related to it. It has been said that the honorable Minister does not reply to that.

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The chair moved on to other steps when the honorable members was asked to sit, but they don't. Only in accordance with Rule 303 can be raised in case of any disciplinary violation. That was not the case here. Merely causing trouble is not a violation of anything. This is why the Chair was not allowed. The Chair is saddened by such a last minute incident. Requesting to avoid such incidents.

Order..... Order..... The house is now adjourned and will meet again tomorrow at 8.30 am .

(The House adjourned in the evening by 6.42 to re-assemble again on 12th December,2014 at 8.30am.n)

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II. Presentation and follow-up of following bills

Kerala appropriation (from number 16 upto number 20) bills 2014.

Finance, Law and Housing Minister (Sri. K. M. Mani)

Sir, I am presenting the following appropriation bills

1. Kerala appropriation bill (Bill number 16) of 2014
2. Kerala appropriation bill (Bill number 17) of 2014
3. Kerala appropriation bill (Bill number 18) of 2014
4. Kerala appropriation bill (Bill number 19) of 2014
5. Kerala appropriation bill (Bill number 20) of 2014

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Bills are presented.

1. Finance, Law and Housing Minister (Sri. K.M.Mani) Sir, I presenting the resolution to take, Kerala appropriation bill (Bill number 16) of 2014, Kerala appropriation bill (Bill number 17) of 2014, Kerala appropriation bill (number 18) of 2014, Kerala appropriation bill (Bill number 19) of 2014 and Kerala appropriation bill (Bill number 20) of 2014 into consideration.

Minister for Labour, employment and Training (Sri. Shibu Baby John):

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I second the resolution.

Minister of Finance, Law and Housing (Sri. K.M. Mani): Sir, This is a demand for total Rs.523 crores, it is a request to be passed.

Sri. A.K Balan: Sir, this appropriation bill is for the supplementary demand of Rs.668.12 crores in 17 departments. The Honorable Finance Minister doesn't have any ethical, political or legal right to present this bill. This is the Government that has created the biggest financial crisis which Kerala has ever seen. Kerala Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2014 is the big example for this. The bill, which followed seven ordinances and imposed an additional liability of Rs 4,000 crore after the general budget, was passed here. This was brought in addition to the liability of 1500 crore. Even when admitting that there is a financial collapse in the bill, there is no financial crisis in the reply of Finance Minister, so far it has been said that there is only financial hardship.

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It is necessary to examine how the esteemed minister came to have a state of mind in which he could not even comprehend the truth. 19 K.S.R.T.C pensioners and Bar workers committed suicide due to wrong policy. This was discussed in connection with the urgent resolution. I am not interested to go to that. 80 tribal children died due to malnutrition either immediately after birth or in utero. This situation embarrasses even the northern states. I will read the reply of Dr. M.K. Munnar to this Assembly on 5.12.2014 as the Minister of Panchayat and Social Justice. Arrears of pension for Handicapped, poor/widow and pension for

unmarried women from 2014 September is Rs.533 crores. Balance to be paid against Indira Avas Yojana is Rs.650 crores, 50,000 houses remains to be completed – Honorable Minister Sri. K.C. Joseph said. S.C/S.T department has not completed 13000 houses. Arrears are Rs.110 crores. Arrears for Nutritious in Attappady Community Kitchen – Rs.30,81,580. Even half of the community kitchens are

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not working now. The poor tribals are getting Rs.4 only for one kitchen. What nutrition is given with four rupees?. The money spent for the second birthday of the dog of one private secretary of a Minister is rupees two and half lakhs. People drove in three official cars to attend the dog's birthday party, after closing the office. This situation would not happen here if at least one hundredth of love shown to that dog had been shown to these tribals. Where gone these special package?. Minister said that there will not be any treasury ban in any benefits of these tribals. But treasury ban is still remaining. It is not removed. The scheduled caste plan fund expense is S.C 16 percentage and S.T 22 percentage. The honorable Minister has assured to this Assembly that the loan upto one lakh rupees taken by Scheduled caste will be written off. That file is still on the desk of the Hon'ble Minister of Finance. Not signed yet. Where gone Valsalyanidhi and Vidyabyasajyothy?.

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The K.S.R.T.C. employees are not getting salary or pension. All the welfare schemes were stopped. The governance of Local self governing bodies is at a standstill. Statutory pensions are stopped. We can see the suicide in K.S.R.T.C in Civil Services also shortly. Rs. 48000 crores were borrowed during the tenure of this Government. LDF Government has taken Rs.78677 crores when going out of power, but now total it is Rs.125258 crores. The debt incurred by Kerala for the last 50 years came during the tenure of this Government. Even then, how can a respected Minister say that there is no crisis. This is a

very rare guts. Kerala has not seen a Minister like this earlier. If there is a crisis, it should be admitted. Anything happened here other than controversy. Controversy of 5th Minister in the very beginning, Ramesh Chennithala controversy regarding the key position. Ganesh problem, solar controversy, Salim Raj problem. Plus two-Bar scam, I.A.S-Chief Secretary dispute, Suraj dispute, Rahul Nair dispute, apart from this what rule has taken place here. Whether these controversies were brought about by the LDF.

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Sri. Aryadan Muhammad started the dispute about the 5th Ministership. Sri. Aryadan Muhammad said that if conceded before League for their demand of 5th Ministership, Sri. Oommen Chandy will be the last Chief Minister of the U.D.F. He also said that I will not go to the oath taking ceremony of those who stoned my house. This is a Government in which one Minister declared that he will not go to the oath taking ceremony of another Minister. Was there any collective responsibility. What did they say each other. I have 2500 glorious words in my hand. I am not interested to read all these now. What Mr.P C George said against Sri. K.B. Ganesh Kumar, Sri. K. Muraleedharan and Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan; What did Sri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan say against Sri. Mullappally Ramachandran; What did Sri. Aryadan Muhammad say against the Muslim League. What did Muslim League say against Sri. Aryadan Muhammad. What did Sri. R. Balakrishna Pillai say against Sri. Anoop Jacob.

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What did Kerala Congress (M) say against Congress. Finally Hon'ble Ramesh Chennithala said to Sri. Oommen Chandy that I have my way and you have your own way. I have 2500 references like this with me. I am not interested to read all of these here. The Hon'ble Vigilance Court, Hon'ble High Court and Hon'ble Supreme Court has made reference related to Salim Raj, Saritha, Palmolein and Titanium 47 times here. All these were not said by Opposition. All these came as references of Hon'ble courts. I am asking one thing to respected Mani sir; There was a space for you in Kerala Politics; how could it gone now? You yourself have said here that the accused in the bar scam was a political conspiracy. Who made that conspiracy to destroy your image. Can you say it at least not?

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If you have strong back bone, you should say it here. If you can, please say who among you done that conspiracy. If you feel that the opposition done that conspiracy, say that also. What did Mr. P.C George say in connection with this? He said 7 times that Congress (A) is behind this. Congress (A) should not try to smoke Mani to jump out as they did in the case of K. Karunakaran and A.K. Antony. Respected P.C. George said 7 times that Mr. Oommen Chandy is behind this. Lastly he said that he has kept it written in his drawer, and he will not open this now. I hope Mr. P.C. George will open it at least today. Will Hon'ble P.C. George say that he would stand firm in the position he had initially taken? Today is the last day of this session, Mr. P.C George should be able to say at least that. Why blame the opposition. Do we give sleepless nights to UDF; are we completely isolated from the people?

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Now Mani sir has only one way. Resign and give this position to Mr. C.F. Thomas, no difficulty. Instead of doing this, if he decide to continue as the Minister and try to subvert the investigation, I would like to say that it will not be possible till the opposition is here.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Please.....conclude.....

Sri. A.K.Balan: U.D.F. Isolated from the people completely. To overcome this, the respected Chief Minister find only one way and that is to reconcile with B.J.P. The local body election and assembly election are coming soon. To win in that election they need the support of B.J.P. They are trying to the Vadakara-Beppur model experiment. After this Government came to power, 7 comrades were killed by R.S.S/B.J.P. There was an investigation in connection with this and all the defendants were saved.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Please.....conclude.....

Sri. A.K. Balan: But a case related to the murder of an R.S.S activist was handed over to C.B.I, what is the justice in this? The case against Mr.Praveen Thogadia who delivered a speech spewing communal poison was withdrawn. 31 R.S.S - BJP activists who bombed CI Mohanan's body into pieces at MG College have been withdrawn on the basis of a complaint lodged by an activist during the trial. He got selection to Police now.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Please.....conclude.....

Sri. A.K. Balan: The Chief Minister Should understand one thing. This play is with the fire. You can destroy L.D.F if you join together with the R.S.S. We assure you that if you are trying to destroy Left

Democratic Front and C.P.M with the help of R.S.S. and B.J.P , there is no doubt that it will create the morgue of the Congress in Kerala.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Please.....conclude.....

Sri. A.K. Balan: The congress has 44 seats in all India basis, we know that in which way B.J.P swooped Congress. It is confirmed that the Chief Minister of Kerala will leave his present position when see the end of congress in the same way in Kerala also. This appropriation bill is not acceptable for the people in Kerala in any way. The bill introduced by the Hon'ble Minister here is anti-political and unethical. I oppose the bill.

Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair: Sir, I support this demand. Actually the face of this Government is emphasis on public welfare activities. The tribal strike was settled yesterday. The themselves says that they are with this Government. This is the government that has introduced free cancer treatment. Kerala is the first State introduced free cancer treatment. Yesterday Mr.Shibu Baby John said one thing.

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This government has implemented minimum wages to the Nursing society finding them as our sisters and also taken step to provide job security to them. This Government is for the poor. When our sisters in Saudi and Iraq faced problem this Government woke up and acted quickly. We brought them here. We gave job to all reached back from Iraq. This Government was able to give job to all of them in different places. I appreciate the Chief Minister and also our Minister in charge of Overseas affairs. This government has been able to make huge leaps in development activities. Smart City, Metro Rail Projects are running very fast and It is progressing in such a way that it can be inaugurated during the tenure of this Government itself. Campaigns are underway to prevent any of this from happening. Works for Kannur Airport has started. There are only 5 Medical Colleges are here for the last 57 years.

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This Government started 4 more Medical Colleges already. Next year we are planning to start Medical Colleges in Thiruvananthapuram, Konny, Kasaragod and Haripad. This government started Medical College in Palakkad ensuring 70 seats out of hundred as reservation for Scheduled Castes community.

Mr. A.K. Balan was the Minister for Scheduled Caste, he is from Palakkad, why he was not able to do this. This is the face of this Government. Unreal things are presenting here to hide this face. You are saying something without any base. You are not much patient to hear the reply. The behavior of Mr. Sunil Kumar in the beginning seems that they are not ready to hear the reply for their questions asked here. You can say anything, nobody should give reply for it. Yesterday mentioned about Geebals. If Goebbels had come and heard the words of LDF, he would have committed suicide.

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The face of government is in public welfare and development. The most important thing is that the left front doesn't have the candour to talk about it. Did you decide that B.J.P is the main enemy; before Parliament Election congress was your main enemy. Now you have not decided whether it is B.J.P or Congress. One record shows that the decision to co-operate with anybody in region wise failed in implementation. This is the record of P.B. Yechoori is presenting alternative proposal. So.....(noise)....ok ..let them talk. Please don't waste my time. The alternative proposal in Politburo(noise)....

Mr. Deputy speaker: chair request that the Assembly should come to a slightly higher level.

Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair: Sir, M.V. Raghavan was expelled when he presented alternative proposal in the Politburo; why Yachoori is not getting expelled. Did you taken any decision against anybody after the alternative proposal presented in the Polit Bureau;..... (noise)... no action was taken and no decision

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was taken in the Politburo. Your party is the one which not taken any decision in politburo regarding the main enemy. You helped B.J.P indirectly with the wrong policy of you. We are suffering from it now. The country is moving towards saffronization. Our public life is in danger due to the statements of each Central Ministers. There is no doubt that the left front has a major contribution in bringing this danger; Sri. A.K.Balan mentioned about our statements. But what do you agree with each other? When you come inside the Assembly you are cohesive as a kiss and outside you are fighting each other. This is the relation and agreement between C.P.I and C.P.I (M); What is the agreement inside C.P.M; You are facing a major issue. Inside the party elderly is controversial. The controversy is who after Pinaray.

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Sri.Kodiyeri Balakrishnan and Sri. M.A. Baby deserve it. Sri. M.A. Baby is a politburo member, but the problem is he will not get majority in his constituency. Dr. Thomas Issac also not bad; what is the problem with Sri. A.K.Balan who is senior than Sri. Kodiyeri Balakrishnan : He is senior in Party; What is wrong with a Scheduled Caste party secretary; is he not deserve? There is so many argument like this there.(noise)....Comrade P. Krishnapilla memorial was burned, statue was destroyed. If you were not able to protest against at least this, what is the relation between your party. Sri. E.P. Jayarajan said that the opinion of Sri. V.S. Achuthanandan is not the opinion of the party. Party decided that there is no conspiracy in this. Sri. V.S. Achuthanandan said that he stands firm in his opinion of conspiracy. Mr.A.K.Balan, what is the agreement among you?. By distorting the face of P. Krishnapilla, actually the face of C.P.I.(M) is getting distroted. How you stand before the people of Kerala if you were not able to

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take a right decision in this matter; you should answer. The congress welcomed who came out in the leadership of M.N. Govindan Nair and T.V. Thomas when they experienced thrust and spit in C.P.I (M). C. Achuthamenon and P.K Vasudevan became Chief Ministers when Congress accepted them. But you decide to go back from Congress. At last you said that it was a mistake. You should remember that the Chief Ministership of C. Achuthamenon was the result of that mistake. The result of that mistake was the Chief Ministership of P.K. Vasudevan. Not only M.N. Govindan Nair and T.V. Thomas but you all are getting enough thrust and spit from there; what an agreement ; you went out that day. I'm not saying you're bad either. You says as your strength. The news of a speech by Ismail came in the

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Janayugam. Let me read some of it – “They (C.P.I.(M).)have to think if they could have won at least one seat if they had contested alone. C.P.I won three seats by facing the election alone. It is a glorious achievement. It is ridiculous to constantly claim that we are the big party. A meat eater does not hang a piece of bone around his neck. There is no point in still serving the myths of division. It is not right for C.P.I.(M) to put lime on Atta's eyes when need consensus. “ I have heard many proverbs, but this is the best among it. Sri. K. E. Ismail says looking the face of C.P.I (M) that it is not good to hang a piece of bone around neck. What is your reply; if we see Mr. Sunil Kumar of C.P.I standing in this Assembly it may seems that he is the one man army against the corruption. If Dr. Bennet Abraham says the truth C.P.I will not be here. The house of Sri. V.S. Sunil Kumar is guarded by the party members so as not to

tell the truth openly. The former district secretary of C.P.I Sri.P. Ramachandran Nair said that if he say the truth openly, it will be a problem. It is not me. Party doesn't have any responsibility in the candidature of Dr. Bennet Abraham; Sri. Panyan Raveendran do not have any responsibility; when Sri.Panyan Raveendran worked for the election, was Dr. Bennet Abraham eligible; now got only Sri.C.Divakaran to accuse. Sri. C. Divakaran only was punished. As you are the party leader, you are in this Chair. Otherwise you also might have gone as Sri. P. Ramachandran Nair and Sri. Venjaramood Sasi gone.

Minister of Labour, employment and Training (Sri. Shibu Baby John): Here you referred about Sri. P.Ramachandran Nair. Have you noticed the news that Shri P Ramachandran Nair has held discussions with C.P.I (M) leaders and he is going back to C.P.I (M)?

Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair: What is the problem in taking Sri. P. Ramachandran Nair to C.P.I.(M) if C.P.I can take T.J. Anjalose; If cpi can admit Sri. T.J. Anjalose who was expelled from C.P.I (M) - cpi (m) can admit Sri. P. Ramachandran Nair. No doubt about it. You are in cohesion; you come out and open this cohesion before the people. You are saying against bar corruption. During the tenure of last Government you are giving instruction on 12th of March to extend time up to 31st to acquire three star status to two star hotels, without checking whether these hotels have standard to change the staus, in one day you have given license to all bar hotels through this notification and now you are saying about bar hotel corruption. We are the one who closed ten percent of the outlets. Now you are saying looking to our face that we are flowing liquor here. Who gave all recommendations for the benefits of

the liquor kings says that we are corrupted and backhanders. We are not planning to change our liquor policy. We will implement the liquor policy of the UDF. No doubt about it. We are not changing from that policy. But who is getting affected due to this policy? This policy will affect the Bar owners and liquor shop owners very badly. They are moving against us. They are creating allegation against us. Keeping shoulder to shoulder the LDF who supported and protected them always is pointing towards us. That is what is happening now. Here in the case of U.D.F we have taken unanimous decision regarding our liquor policy in all times. There is no doubt that we will move forward with the same

policy in future too. I support this demand by saying that you should have a democratic mind and common sense to hear Sri.K.M Mani's reply.

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Sri. Chittayam Gopakumar: Sri. K.M. Mani doesn't have any right to present a bill like this. In the last budget presented, 24 percentage only was spent. The rest of what was presented in the last budget has not yet been spent. Before saying about last budget I would like to point out one thing. Just before this respected K. Sivadasan Nair pointed out one news published in Janayugam. I am happy to see that he has read Janayugam at least now. I think he is not reading it usually. I am happy to see that at least for this news he read it. If there is some problem between our party and C.P.I (m) we will solve it. We never need the support of Mr.Sivadasan Nair for it. What he said. Sri. P Ramachandran Nair has gained so many things with the help of the party. Party has made enquiry about it and has taken certain steps regarding this. We will admit the mistake if it happen. Do you agree with it; if you made a mistake, you are always moving through it. You are repeating that mistake again and again and not admitting that it

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is a mistake; have you taken any step against that mistake? You are presenting this now to deceive the people of Kerala and to divert the subject of Bar corruption from the mind of the people...., the bar scam was released by Mathrubhumi newspaper and Marubhumi channel. What action you have taken. In connection with this, the law minister said in this Assembly that as I am the Minister, the A.G may come to meet me. The A.G called the investigation officer two times. It was to say not to give report against the government. Is it not a corruption; the Mathrubhoomi daily said tha the Home Ministry and Chief Minster joined together to protect the legal minister. What you have done in connection with this? Aren't you the one who files a case if someone talk something; Sri. Biju Ramesh said that he gave one crore to Sri.K.M.Mani; What did you do even if he said that " I could commit suicide, confiscate my belongings, and be subjected to a lie detector test?". Not taken any action. You have not taken any decision because what Mr.Biju Ramesh told was right; the Government gives support to do

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corruption and the Chief Minister also give all supports to them without taking any action; who is not corrupt; Titanium scam, solan scam, consumerfed scam, civil supplies scam, plus two scam, pwd scam, bribe of officials, bar scam – scam in allotting Bar, getting money offering bar, money for re-start bar. This is a government with full of scam and bribe. Why you are protecting the corrupted people;

Shri.K.Sivadasan Nair, why you are not saying anything about this scam? Is this not a government with full of corruption. Is this not a government of corruption. Respected Sri. Sivadasan Nair, I am asking you; why you are protecting these corrupted people; did you say anything; congress says that this is a Government doing welfare projects for the people. You claims that you have solved the problems of

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the scheduled castes. For how long these tribal people are in strike, did you solve anything, did you give land to them. Not given land. Did you give them any benefits. You don't have to give food and medicines. Even then he says that we will give Medical College. There is no food to give but we can give Medical College. What is this. Food is not available here, the Food Security Bill is not being implemented. The former Prime Minister Sri. Manmohan Singh told them that we will give sim card. When you feel hungry in the morning, you send 10 s.m.s, you will not feel appetite. What actions are this. Is this your rule. As per K.S.R.T.C 19 people were committed suicide. I would like to say to the Labour Minister that, the farmers are going to commit suicide when you are the Labour Minister. People above 60 years who

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has taken membership in the Farmers welfare fund are struggling for their survival. Give 207 crores should be paid. Did you give it. Farmers, K.S.R.T.C pensioners, Bar employees....all are going to commit suicide. Farmers commits suicide. All poor people are going to suicide. Sri Oommen Chandy and Sri. KM Mani are going ahead with that kind of approaches which push them to do it. What type of welfare are you are doing here. Are you giving any kind of pension, nothing. This Government is not giving any pension or not doing any public welfare instead you are doing corruption everywhere. I conclude this saying that Mr.K.M.Mani who is doing and supporting corruption, does not have any right to present this Budget. There is no doubt that the house where the evil woman, the deceitful friend, the snakes live, is dead, and I want to say that this UDF is the sum of all this.

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Sri. P.K. Basheer: I support this supplementary request. After this Government came to power in the constituencies..... let me talk, why you are crying. You only need to speak here. No one should speak. Everyone should keep manners. I will not allow this. Do you have two horn.

This Government is one which gave new courses, colleges, taluks, medical colleges and so on. My friend Sri. P. Sreeramakrishnan presented urgent resolution two times when this government sanctioned new Medical College in Manjeri. He said that the lab was constructed above the septic tank and students doesn't have any facilities there to study. When students give option, the manjeri

medical college is getting opted lastly. That medical college is the one out of 25 medical colleges in Kerala state from where more students in the first year batch passed (93 percentage).

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For that I congratulate respected Mani sir. Do not allow college even if the children who have studied are different; don't pay for it; what you say? Students should come to Malapuram to get wisdom. They will not have wisdom if they come to your place. That you should understand first. Likewise Karunya project. This Government created 32,000 new employment post. Has any government in the history of Kerala since 1957 appointed so many posts. Didn't employ 32,000 people. When give medical colleges, new colleges in constituency where no colleges at present and also creating new posts definitely there will be economic crisis and financial liability. Sri. Sivadasamenon was the Minister during the period of 1957. At that time also the treasury has closed. You tell me whether the treasury has closed during the time of Mani sir. When the expenditure is more comparing to income, there may be financial crisis. Here everybody is getting everything. Which of you does not give? I will come to the point which Sri.Ganesh kumar said. I know since when you are in love with Sri. Ganesh Kumar. The son of a

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corrupted father says about it here. You do not say anything about it here. Our people has not gone to jail. Sri. Balakrishna Pillai was in jail and Sri. Ganesh Kumar is his son. You don't say that. You will accommodate everyone. You will take all wastes. This Government is the one which give appointment to all dependents. Here you said about corruption.

Sri. R. Rajesh: Sir, Point of Order

Sri. P.K.Basheer: Sir, no point or anything. Sit down there. Sir, I do not agree.

Mr.Deputy Speaker: Sri. P.K. Basheer. Point of Order....

Sri. R. Rajesh: Sir, Member of this Assembly say that Sri. Balakrishna Pillai is a corrupt. This government appointed Sri.Balakrishna Pillai as the Chairman of forward development corporation. It is a position with cabinet rank. Government should enquire about this.

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Sri. P.K. Basheer: Sir, there is no point in it. Leave all of it. What I said is Sri.Ganesh Kumar pointed out an allegation here. His father was in jail due to corruption. I was just pointed out it here when Sri.Ganesh Kumar said it. You should not say something without base. Shall I ask something to CPI, is it possible to take case against every person who making noise at public road. There was a suicide note about a member of this Assembly yesterday and the day before yesterday. None of have commented on it. Here somebody writes and keep something, writing suicide note when going to commit suicide, will Mr.Kodiyeri Balakrishnan be ready to file case against these. You are the one with some knowledge. Can we stand as somebody says. You know the experience received in connection with an F.I.R. Sri.V.S.Sunil Kumar, there should be some dignity for all. Nowadays anybody can say anything.

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There are twenty twentyfour channels for that. There is a braking also in all of it. Go for it and get a makeup for Manorama like Sunil Kumar and a makeup for Asianet.....there are debates in 12 places at a time. Anything more than this. Nothing on it. Can we encourage this . You are saying about Mani sir. One disclosed corruption about him. Said given money to him. Who saw this. Simply saying without any base. What you understood about Mani sir. He has 50 years of political tradition. Some group accused Mani sir when the did not get Bar. Can we take up this. When you are in power and somebody says something what will be the situation. Let me ask to C.P.I. You are saying about corruption and F.I.R and also boycotting the reply of Mani sir. Also you are moving emergency resolution. You are coming forward when the leaders says something. Let me ask you why you went to the High Court and bought

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the stay when your party committee discussed and the Lokayukta decided to look into it saying that you bought money for a candidate. If you have individuality you should not have two faces. Should have only one face. Face the enquiry. You are saying that Mani sir should face the enquiry. Should remember it when you take money. (noise....)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Why you are making noise. If you say nobody should talk....talks are from this side also.

Sri. P.K. Basheer: F.I.R was put against Mani sir. You are thinking that if F.I.R put on somebody, he should be arrested. Let me ask, Sri.Kodiyeri was the Home Mninster, Sri. Achuthanandan was the Chief Minister, Sri. C. Divakaran sitting on the other side, Sri.Mathew T. Thomas who says as a great lawyer let me ask, is it possible to arrest somebody when put F.I.R? my name was there in an F.I.R and what if I had been taken a way that day? When made mistake we will confess, we will not have two face.

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There should be a clear stand for everything. You are interfering in all unwanted things, what you are going to do next. Will you hear the reply of Mani sir?, no. You will boycott. You are treating everything in the same way. C.P.M should be sacked. Such as respected Balettan said here. People are out foundation. Three and half year you have gone behind Saritha, Kiritha....in the parliament election the U.D.F got 12 seats and 90 in Assembly seat. This you should understand. You will not win any strike. You are moving away from the people. Why you are accusing the congress. What is your status. Earlier you had 46 members in the Indian Parliament but now it is only 9. You should understand that. Leave the case of C.P.I, your love, C.P.M and C.P.I are in deep love. Sri. Prakash Babu was an M.L.A. Now only we see

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some statements, Binoy Viswam....the tough reply of our Mr.Pinarayi, why you are not saying anything? but you only said that we commented Aryadan so, that we sometimes says to Aryadan, not like you. I am not saying more, Mani sir, you have overcame every crisis. Requesting you to go ahead with full strength by neglecting all allegations, I support this request.

Sri. Jose Thettayil: I am reading an editorial came in Malayala Manorama first. Out of the 22,762 crore sanctioned for the state annual scheme, the expenditure done when six months are over is 4,174 crore only, the expected expenditure up to September was 30 percent and the plan is moving slowly with the actual done is only 18.34 percent. It is suspected that the plan will be in crisis as the Government is in financial crisis. When Malayala Manorama says it, the responsibility is not only of financial department

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but the respected Finance Minister also have role in this as he is not giving enough money for the plans in the Budget but sanctioning money for other things without controlling the expenditure.

Mr.Deputy Speker: Please conclude.....your time is over.

Sri. Jose Thettayil: At the same time do not spend the money given and ask for the money again.

Mr. Deputy Speker: Please conclude....

Sri.Jose Thettayil: I will conclude by saying only one thing. Respected Aryadan Muhammad said one thing in the morning. The B.J.P has not joined with Congress, the Congress has joined hands with the BJP and have you brought down the Government of V.P. Singh?

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Sri. Thomas Unniaden: Sir, I support this appropriation bills. I congratulate Sri. Mani sir who is leading the Finance Ministry very effectively by facing the challenges in the financial sector. We all know very well that the reasons for the present financial crisis are the after effect of the global economic crisis, and the price slump of various products including rubber in the market. So it is very difficult to run the financial management properly and effectively. It is in this time, our respected Finance Minister is handling this very effectively and moving ahead with confidence. During the term of this government we have done 1,06,810 appointments where as the earlier government was able to give 60,000 employments only. This government created 25,000 new posts during these time. During the time of the L.D.F government, they gone out of power giving very high financial liability to the new government.

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The financial department is moving forward by shouldering these responsibilities. We started 8 new Medical Colleges in our state. 12 new Taluks, 22 colleges, this government has taken action to establish colleges in all constituency where there is no colleges. The welfare pension increased considerably, this government established 18 new treasury in our state. Salary commission was appointed, grant D.A, this government has increased bonus and festival allowance every year. This government has granted L.T.C, this is the first time in the history of the government that L.T.C was granted. This government is moving forward with all the development activities. Vizhinjam Port Project, Technopark, second phase of

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Infosys, the construction of cyber park at Kozhikode, Kannur Airport project etc are moving ahead. This government is moving forward with all type of developmental activities. This government increased welfare pension. Our Financial Minister gave leadership to implement farmers welfare pension and all other pensions in our state. Karunya benevolent scheme is a record scheme in the world history. A government which gave the benefits of 58 crore to 65,000 people. In this context, we can see our Minister in a great state of mind who compassionately treats the sick and the afflicted in spite of problems and crises. Our respected Mani sir is in the middle of so many allegations. We are experiencing mental pain now. As we all know our Mani sir has 50 years political experience. He is getting elected from one constituency always. He has not experienced failure till now. 12 budgets he

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presented has become the golden feathers of the government. As a Minister, he handled his department very efficiently. I surprise whether a responsible social worker can throw mud with unnecessary and baseless allegations against a Minister who speaks nicely, giving all possible help to

everyone. We would like to point out one thing very firmly that we have faith in our Minister respected Sri. Mani sir. You should be ready to understand that his mind and ideology are purely white as his dresses. We know some political leaders who presented allegations here. The Indian Democracy is the ideal example for the whole world. The Indian Parliament is the shrine of Indian

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Democracy. One party who accepted crores of rupees to give candidacy in Thiruvananthapuram Parliament constituency during the Parliament Election, made enquiry by themselves, others also enquired, court found that all have done crime in this case and now go up and down the courts. Such a political party is presenting allegations here, against who; against Pinarayi. Pinarayi is presenting allegations against Panyan Raveendran. There is no days which doesn't have allegations, recrimination, mockery, contradictions. No one has.....(noise...).

Sri. K. Raju: Sir, Point of Order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: What is the Point of Order?

Sri. K. Raju: Sir, Sri. Thomas Unniyadan made a false statement in his speech. That is his statement in the Assembly stating that in connection with the Parliament Election C.P.I has given seat by accepting

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money to somebody, is a wrong statement, such an incident has not happened, no commission has found such an incident. So that reference should be removed from the records.

Mr. Deputy speaker: Respected Raju, Chair has not heard it due to noise, chair will examine it.

Sri. A.K.Saseendran: Sir, I object this Appropriation bill. The reason is, as all the welfare schemes were freezed by the Government, the development sector faces a stagnation. Moreover the Minister and this Government has lost ethical right to approach the Assembly with such an appropriation bill. If we say about this subjects, I have lot of things to say. But I have only one request to the ruling party and also to the Finance Department. Here the allegation against Sri.Mani sir was raised by a Bar owner.

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When he got a letter from the advocate, the owner of the bar sri. Biju Ramesh has sent a reply for it – 'you don't have the reputation not only for the ten crore which you demanded but even for a single paisa. I stay firm in this statement. Have you taken any action or given any reply for the letter asking you that 'do you have the guts to take case against me'. My question is 'are you ready to give reply'.

Sri. Elamaram Kareem: I object this Appropriation bill. What for this Government should allow money through this appropriation bill. This Government has lost their collective responsibility. There is no

developments in Kerala. All developments has stopped. The Government is in very pathetic situation as they are not able to give salary and pension. Rubber plantations were collapsed, what are the steps taken by this Government to give help the farmers in the rubber plantations? Was it possible to give support to the rubber farmers through the declared financial package? Respected Mani sir and Sri.Ommen Chandy said that rubber was in protected list when the Asean agreement came into effect.

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The agitated people were bantered. What is the position of rubber farmers now? Why you people says as Kerala Congress, if you are not able to protect the interest of the people of Kerala you can be Congress. Why you are here with this type of policy. Where is your working class theory? What is the alternative policy which you can put forward. Where is your so called development projects of Coach Factory, I.I.T, Vizhinjam Project? What for you are granting this money. Your dream projects, you said seven projects transparent and non-corrupted administration – that is what is going on here. What are the activities done during these three and half years for the quick development and to solve the unemployment problem? Where is your strengthened basic infrastructure developments? Can you say any one thing done in connection with this seven projects? You also agrees that the emerging Kerala

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project was an utter failure. Is any project completed which can change the face of Kerala? Whether Kerala High Speed Rail Corporation was given the responsibility of the project and was able to conduct the investigation? The Kozhikode-Thiruvananthpuram mono rail project abandoned half way. Now debates are going on for light metro project. What is the status of Cochin Coimbatore corridor feasibility study? Is the construction going on as per the Smart City Agreement? Any thing happening in connection with the Kollam Kottapuram National Waterway project? Are you able to complete the piping for L.N.G.project. For which project you are asking money? Care and development – the main agenda of the election manifesto of United Democratic Front. Have you been able to accomplish any of this in three and a half years? How many project was completed during the period of 2011-16 from

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the basic development project announced for rupees one lake crore? The development of 17 small ports included in the Vizhinjam Project, development of capital city, P.P.P model vehicle parking facility in all towns. 550 km costal highway, recommendation to change Sabarimala Highway into National Highway...the promises are going on like this... sea plane and all plane have gone. Why a failed Government without any collective responsibility is asking money. Today the Assembly started with an emergency resolution in connection with the suicide of a K.S.R.T.C employ. Who is responsible for the

present status of K.S.R.T.C? Can the finance minister absolve of that responsibility? This is a minutes of the discussion in Kerala Road Transport Corporation. This is the minutes copy which the was given to

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transport unions by the respected Transport Minister. The minutes of discussion the Minister had with the recognized union on 26.08.2014 at three pm says that, 'as a main suggestion in the restoration package prepared for the betterment of the financial state and also to increase the efficiency of K.S.R.T.C , the formation of pension fund proposal was objected by the finance department.....' so it has not been implemented. As many as 19 workers committed suicide after realizing that the pension scheme will not be implemented. Don't have to file a case of incitement against yourself who made the decision to incite this suicide? The first witness is transport department, things are moving like this. How you are going to protect K.S.R.T.C? Kerala Transport Corporation is the biggest public sector establishment in Kerala. If K.S.R.T.C. is closed what will be the transportation problem?. Is it possible to borrow and pay salaries? For how many days have the workers been protesting in front of the Secretariat? Can you defame it by saying that it is the opposition? The worker federation lead by the

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I.N.T.U.C also is doing indefinite strike for this reason. Do you think the employment problems should be handled like this? The Government should think of a package after having discussion with the labour unions. Yesterday when the dead body of that employ brought to the strike place, one I.N.T.U.C leader was talking in front of that dead body that the Government is ungrateful. Myself and Sri.V.S.Sunil kumar are the witness. We have gone there. Do you see their emotion? You should step down from the top of the elephant and see the problems of the poor workers and poor people. They only brought you to power by electing you as M.L.A. Trade union leaders including Sri. Aryadan muhammad is sitting here, are you not able to understand this emotion? Do not have a comprehensive plan of how you are going

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to protect and restore this corporation? Without even doing that why this appropriation bill. Is it in the history that every month we need to borrow thousand crore to give salary to the employees? You are not able to give pension, no welfare schemes, as the Government doesn't have money to P.W.D contractors, all the development projects were stopped. When we tender a work by taking sanction using M.L.A asset development fund, contactors are not ready to take work. No construction is taking place here. No job for construction workers. The coir workers lost their job. ASHA workers are doing strike for the last ten days. Yesterday only it settled temporarily after the discussion with the Minister for Health. How long this lady employees needed to strike for this. All including nursing rank holders are in strike. You have instructed to all departments not to report vacancies. The rank lists are going to

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expire. Those who are in commando rank list holders are doing suicide threat from the top of the building. This is the situation of the unemployed youth. You and we all are safe in this hall. Where is the Entrepreneurship Mission? Where is unemployment elimination projects? Where is the industry development projects? Without doing any of this, can you continue as a Government? There is no union in the united front. Isn't the Congress the leader of this United Democratic Front? Congress separated their own member party J.S.S and C.M.P, where are they now? You changed R.Balakrishna Pillai party nothing. Nobody knows where the one and only one M.L.A stands now. What did the Congress do to the Kerala Congress, the the main member party of this front? Congress is responsible for what you are now. Will Kerala Congress show probity to say it openly? Saying as political conspiracy what conspiracy?

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Some of women in our place says about their husband as father of our children. As they shame to call his name they says and call him as the father of children. Who done this political conspiracy? The allegation came not from the opposition side, it was from your side and from the leaders of your member parties. It was the political conspiracy with the help of them to distroy you. Two lions are not needed in one forest, no other leader should be at Kottayam. Once you went to Delhi to take oath as the Minister and who brocked it, only Congress, wasn't it. Congress party brocked the oath of son. Despite of doing all this, whose disunity are you talking about?

Do congress leader ship have the plan to neutralize the Muslim League? This Congress will entrap all the member parties of the front. It is known that the wild cat will eat its children when childbirth.

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The Congress also in the same path. Here the Minister is responsible for the suicide of the K.S.R.T.C. employee and so it is unethical and totally against law and so I object the appropriation bills presented by him in this Assembly.

(When respected Finance Minister stand up from his seat all the opposition members started making noise.)

Finance, Legal and Housing Minister (Sri.K.M. Mani): Sir, name is Elamaram, previously Elamaram has had a very soft behavior...(noise..) but now it is very hard.....

(All the opposition members were creating disturbance by displaying the banners)

Finance, Legal and Housing Minister (Sri.K.M. Mani): Sir, (noise)....(noise).....here Sri.Chittayam Gopakumar and Sri. Jose Thettayil says that, only 24 percent of the Budget was spent. It is not like that, spend 50 percent. Exactly 49.86. Mr. Sasindran asked whether he had filed a defamation suit or sent a notice. It is going to take the necessary steps for this. The only thing I can tell you about it is that wait and see.(noise...)

(The opposition members were interrupting the proceedings by calling slogan near the diet.)

Chief Minister (Sri. Oommen Chandy): Do you have the courage to listen to the reply of Mani sir?... (noise)... why you are afraid of it.....(noise).....will reply.....(noise).....you are afraid of his reply....(noise).....what a democracy is this.....(noise)....listen the reply of Mani sir....(noise).....

(The opposition members were interrupting the proceedings by calling slogan near the diet.)

Finance, Legal and Housing Minister (Sri.K.M. Mani): Sir I would like to inform Sri. A.K. Sasindhran that I am going to file a case for that.(noise).....another question was what we have done for Rubber. This Government will do all possible things for the rubber farmers. Today a meeting of the businessmen has been called and this meeting is followed by a discussion with the businessmen.(noise).....if they are ready to give fair price to the farmers then only rubber plantation will remain here. The meeting is to understand that to them. The respected Chief Minister is doing all actions for that. Nothing more is talked here....(noise).....all these are shame. You are criticizing from there...(noise)...making noise when reply...(noise)...what is this. So I stop....(noise).....Minister is talking you people are making noise....this is very shame...(noise).....so I request that this appropriation bill be passed.

(The opposition members were interrupting the proceedings by calling slogan near the diet.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Resolution to consider this appropriation bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The resolution is passed.

The bills are taking into consideration.

1) The appropriation bill 2014 (number 16th) number bill

Section wise consideration

Section 2 and 3

(No amendment)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The problem of making sections 2 and 3 as part of the bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

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The Assembly approved to make 2nd and 3rd sections as a part of this bill.

Now 2 and 3 sections are part of this bill

Table

(No amendment)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The problem of making the table as part of the bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved to make the table as a part of the bill.

The table is part of the bill .

The first section, preliminary and name

(No amendment)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The proposal to make the first section and preliminary as a part of the bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved to make the first section and preliminary as a part of the bill.

The first section and preliminary are part of the bill.

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Finance, Legal and Housing Minister (Sri.K.M. Mani): Sir, I am presenting the resolution of Kerala Appropriation bill 2014 (number 16th) for the approval of this Assembly.

Urban Affairs and Minority Welfare Minister (Sri.Manjalamkuzhi Ali): Sir, I second his resolution.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The resolution to approve the Kerala Appropriation Bill 2014 (Number 16th)

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved the resolution.

The Bill has passed.

2) The appropriation bill 2014 (number 17th) number bill

Sections wise consideration

Section 2 and 3

(No amendment)

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: The proposal to make sections 2 and 3 as a part of the bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved to make sections 2 and 3 as a part of the bill.

2 and 3 sections are now part of the bill.

Table

(No amendment)

Mr.Deputy Speaker: : The problem of making the table as part of the bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved to make the table as a part of the bill.

The table is part of the bill .

The first section, preliminary and name

(No amendment)

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: The problem of making the first section and preliminary as a part of the bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved to make the first section and preliminary as a part of the bill.

The first section and preliminary are part of the bill.

Finance, Legal and Housing Minister (Sri.K.M. Mani): Sir, I am presenting the resolution of Kerala Appropriation bill 2014 (number 17th) for the approval of this Assembly.

Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Printing and Stationery Minister (Sri.K.P.Mohanan): Sir, I second this resolution.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The resolution to approve the Kerala Appropriation Bill 2014 (Number 17th)

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

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The Assembly approved the resolution.

The Bill has passed.

3) The appropriation bill 2014 (number 18th) number bill

Sections wise consideration

Sections 2 and 3

(No amendment)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The problem to make sections 2 and 3 as a part of the bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved to make sections 2 and 3 as a part of the bill.

2 and 3 sections are now part of the bill.

Table

(No amendment)

Mr. Deputy Speaker : The problem of making the table as part of the bill

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Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved to make the table as a part of the bill.

The table is part of the bill .

The first section, preliminary and name

(No amendment)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The problem of making the first section and preliminary as a part of the bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved to make the first section and preliminary as a part of the bill.

The first section and preliminary are part of the bill.

Finance, Legal and Housing Minister (Sri.K.M. Mani): Sir, I am presenting the resolution of Kerala Appropriation bill 2014 (number 18th) for the approval of this Assembly.

Home and Vigilance Minister (Sri. Ramesh Chennithala): Sir, I second this resolution.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: The resolution to approve the Kerala Appropriation Bill 2014 (Number 18th)

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved the resolution.

The Bill has passed.

**4) The appropriation bill 2014 (number 19th) number bill
sections wise consideration**

Sections 2 and 3

(No amendment)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The proposal to make sections 2 and 3 as a part of the bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved to make sections 2 and 3 as a part of the bill.

2 and 3 sections are now part of the bill.

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Table

(No amendment)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: : The problem of making the table as part of the bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved to make the table as a part of the bill.

The table is part of the bill .

The first section, preliminary and name

(No amendment)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The problem of making the first section and preliminary as a part of the bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved to make the first section and preliminary as a part of the bill.

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The first section and preliminary are part of the bill.

Finance, Legal and Housing Minister (Sri.K.M. Mani): Sir, I am presenting the resolution of Kerala Appropriation bill 2014 (number 19th) for the approval of this Assembly.

Fisheries, Port and Excise Minister (Sri.K.Babu): Sir, I second this resolution.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The resolution to approve the Kerala Appropriation Bill 2014 (Number 19th)

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved the resolution.

The Bill has passed.

5) The appropriation bill 2014 (number 20th) number bill
sections wise consideration

Sections 2 and 3

(No amendment)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The proposal to make sections 2 and 3 as a part of the bill

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Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved to make sections 2 and 3 as a part of the bill.

2 and 3 sections are now part of the bill.

Table

(No amendment)

Mr.Deputy Speaker: : The problem of making the table as part of the bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved to make the table as a part of the bill.

The table is part of the bill .

The first section, preliminary and name

(No amendment)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The problem of making the first section and preliminary as a part of the bill

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Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved to make the first section and preliminary as a part of the bill.

The first section and preliminary are part of the bill.

Finance, Legal and Housing Minister (Sri.K.M. Mani): Sir, I am presenting the resolution of Kerala Appropriation bill 2014 (number 20th) for the approval of this Assembly.

Scheduled Cast – Backward Community Welfare, Tourism Minister (Sri.A.P Anil Kumar): Sir, I second this resolution.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Minister, do you have anything to talk?

Finance, Legal and Housing Minister (Sri.K.M. Mani): Sir No, request you to approve.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The resolution to approve the Kerala Appropriation Bill 2014 (Number 20th)

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Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved the resolution.

The Bill has passed.

(The opposition members were interrupting the proceedings of the Assembly by chanting slogan sitting in the central hall)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The resp. Finance, Law and Housing Minister can be placed the new statement corrected the material mistake happened in the Budget in Brief 2014-2015 Table A (52) on table.

Finance, Law and Housing Minister(Sri. K.M. Mani): Sir, I am placing the new statement after correction of the material mistake happened in the Budget in Brief 2014-2015 Table A (52) on table.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All sub-missions cancelled.

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Legislative matter

Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (personal accident group insurance, better facilities for the passengers, cess on social security journey ticket of the employees) bill as per the report of the Subject Committee – 2014.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The resolution can be presented to consider the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Bill 2014 (personal accident group insurance, better facilities for the passengers, cess on social security journey ticket of the employees) as per the subject committee report given to the respected Forest, Environment, Transport, Sports and cinema Minister.

Forest, Environment, Transport, Sports and cinema Minister (Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan):

Sir, I present the resolution to consider the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Bill - 2014 (personal accident group insurance, better facilities for the passengers, cess on social security journey ticket of the employees) as per the subject committee report.

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Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Printing and Stationery Minister (Sri. K.P.Mohanan): Sir, I second this resolution.

(As respected members Sri. Kodyeri Balakrishnan, K.Suresh Kurup, C. Divakaran, Mathew T. Thomas who gave non-agreement intimation are not in the seal, the dissent note was not presented).

Sri. N. Shamsudeen: I propose an amendment should be made to circulate it for getting the public opinion on the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Bill - 2014 (personal accident group insurance, better facilities for the passengers, cess on social security journey ticket of the employees) as per the subject committee report.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Sri. N.Shamsudeen, are you pressing the amendment 1 (A)?

Mr. N. Shamsudeen: Sir, I do not press.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: The amendment 1 (A) presented by Sri. N. Shamsudeen is withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The resolution to consider the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Bill - 2014 (personal accident group insurance, better facilities for the passengers, cess on social security journey ticket of the employees) as per the subject committee report

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The resolution is approved. The bill is taking into consideration.

(All the opposition members chanting slogans and disrupting the proceedings standing near the dais)

Department wise consideration

Second section

Sri. Benny Behannan: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

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138. In section 2, sub section (A) include the following and rewrite the rest.

“(A) “position of authority” “means the position of authority formed according to the fifth section”.

146. In chapter 2 (D), add “those who eligible for free travel” after “in Bus”.

164. In chapter 2 (E), add “safety facilities” after “primary treatment facilities”.

Sri. K. Muhamadunni Haji: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

142. In chapter 2 (D) replace “ running by corporation” with “running by corporation service”.

167. In Chapter 2 (H) add “table as part of the act” instead of “table of act”.

172. In Chapter 2 (J), add “ which include pension to the employees and traveling facilities to them” in place of “which include pension to the employees”.

Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

143. In chapter 2 (d) "running" should be replaced with "under the control"

173. In chapter 2 (J) "pension" should be replaced with "pension and other facilities".

Sri. Abdulrahman Randathani: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

144. In chapter 2 (d) remove the word "one" coming in two places.

158. In chapter 2 (E) "in the facilities of the travellers" should be replaced with "travel facilities".

Dr.N. Jayaraj: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

145. In chapter 2 (d) "in one stage carriage bus one" should be replaced the "any stage carriage bus"

Sri. M. Ommer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

147. In chapter 2 (d) the word "one" before the word "travel"

150. In chapter 2 (d) before the word " and a child" add the words "of certain age".

175. In chapter 2 (J) the word "provided by" should be replaced with "and giving"

178. After chapter 2 (J) the following sub chapter should be added.

"(K) "Assembly" means " Kerala State Assembly".

Sri. Joseph Vazhacken: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

151. In chapter 2 (d) "one child also" should be replaced with "one child not aged to take ticket".

163. In chapter 2 (e) after the sentence "facilities for drinking water" the word "snack centre" should be added.

Sri. T. A. Ahammed Kabeer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

152. In chapter 2 (d) "one child" should be replaced with "children also".

153. In chapter 2 (d) Instead of "for concession in the ticket rate" , "Partial concession in the ticket rate" should be added.

Sri. V.M. Ummer Master: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

154. In chapter 2 (d) Instead of “for concession in the ticket rate”, “Partial or full concession in the ticket rate” should be added.

Sri. C. Moyinkutty: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

157. In chapter 2 (d) instead of the word “which includes” it should be written as “included but not included a person who travel with completely free pass”.

Sri. P.B. Abdul Rasak: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment.

159. In chapter 2 (e) instead of the sentence “waiting room as the facility for travellers” in “passenger facilities” waiting room, snacks in subsidized rate” should be included.

Sri. N. A. Nellikunnu: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments

160. In chapter 2 (e) sir, I am presenting the following amendments

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(i) After “waiting room” please add “there”.

(ii) “ are included” should be replaced with “ also, any accident or due to engine trouble or any other reason if the journey stops, alternative travel facility up to the destination also included”.

168. In chapter 2 (I) “as per this act” should be replaced with “as per the terms of this act”.

Sri, K.M.Mani: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

162. In chapter 2 (e) instead of “drinking water facilities, primary treatment facilities” it should be added as “drinking water facility, primary treatment facility, snacks in subsidized rate at the waiting room”.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: No more amendments should be presented.

Minister of Forest and Environment, Transport, Sports and Cinema (Sri, Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan):
Sir, accepting the amendments presented by Sri. M. Ummer. Other amendments are not acceptable.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Assembly approved the amendments 147 and 175 presented by Sri. M. Ummer.

The amendments 138, 146 and 164 presented by Sri. Benny Behanan have been withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

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The amendments 142,167 and 172 presented by Sri. Muhammadunni have been withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendments 143 and 173 presented by Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair have been withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendments 144 and 158 presented by Sri. Abdulrahman Randathani have been withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendment 145 presented by Dr.N Jayaraj has been withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendments 150 and 178 presented by Sri. M. Ummer have been withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendments 151 and 163 presented by Sri. Joseph Vazhakkan have been withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendments 152 and 153 presented by Sri. T.A.Ahammed Kabeer have been withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

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The amendment 154 presented by Sri. V. Ummer Master has been withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendment 157 presented by Sri. C. Moyinkutty has been withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendment 159 presented by Sri. P.B. Abdul Rasak has been withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendment 160 and 168 presented by Sri. N.A. Nellikunnu has been withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendment 162 presented by Sri. K.M.Shaji has been withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The issue of whether the second section as amended should be part of the Bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree....

The issue of whether the second section as amended should be a part of the bill was approved by the Assembly.

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The amended second section has become part of the bill.

(All the opposition members were near the dais with slogans and disturbing the procedures.)

Third Section

Sri. K.M. Shaji: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

180. In chapter 3 (1), instead of “the passengers of that” it should be “under this act”.

Sri. P.B Abdul Rasak: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment”

181. In chapter 3(1) Instead of “for the paassangers” should be replaced with “passengers”

Sri. N. Shamsudeen: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

182. In chapter 3 (1), remove the word “for the passengers” after the words “insurance coverage”.

Sri. M. Ummer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

186. In chapter 3 (1), the word “procedures” should be replaced with “facilities”.

194. In chapter 3(2) (a) (i), add the word “recognized” before the word “Indian”

204. In chapter 3(2) (a) (iv), instead of “matter happening” should be replaced with “if happened”

207. In chapter 3 (2) (a) (iv), “eligibility” should be replaced with “right”

218. In chapter 3(2) (b), the words “yatha facilities” are wrong and it should be replaced to come the meaning as “travel facilities”.

220. In chapter 3(2) b (i), add “given” in place of “can be provide”.

226. In chapter 3(2) (b) (ii), the word “better” should be added before “facilities”.

230. In chapter 3(2) (b) (iii), the words “any facilities” should be replaced with “necessary facilities”

234. In chapter 3(2) c(iii) the word “notable” should be replaced with “not able”.

235. In chapter 3(2) c(i), “to give “ should be replaced with “to give”.

241. In chapter 3(2) c(iii), after the word “of the employees” add the words “as per the assessment”.

246. In chapter 3(3), “immediately after publication” should be replaced with “immediately after notification”.

249. In chapter 3(3), the words “should be kept” should be replaced with “should be submitted”.

Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

187. In chapter 3(1), before the word “gazette” add “with prior permission of the Government”.

199. In chapter 3(2)(a)(i), after this chapter it should be re-numbered with the following:

“(ii) regarding the personalized insurance premium to be paid;

(iii) regarding the availability of maximum amount in the personalized insurance coverage”

224. In chapter 3(2)(b)(i), before the word “can be suggested” the word “services” should be added.

239. In chapter 3(2)(c)(iii), the word “pension” should be added before “fund”.

Sri. Dominic Presentation: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

188. In chapter 3(2) a, instead of “accidental group insurance” should be replaced with “accidental group insurance”.

Sri. K.N.N. Khadar: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

191. In chapter 3(2) (a) (i), in place of “with prior permission” add “in clear terms and conditions with prior permission” and in place of “for the arrangements” add “for arrangement”.

205. In chapter 3(2) (a) (iv), the word “yathrakkaranteyum” should be replaced with “of the passenger”.

Dr. N.Jayaraj: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

195. In chapter 3(2)(a)(i), after the word “Indian” add “nationalized”.

206. In chapter 3(2)(a)(iv), after the words “also of the successor” add “also the right”.

209. In chapter 3(2)(a)(v), instead of the word “amount” should be replaced with the words “treatment expenses”.

Sri. V.M. Ummer Master: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

197. In chapter 3(2) a (i), the word “for the passengers” should be replaced with “for the passenger”

Sri.C. Moyinkutty: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

200. In chapter 3(2) (a) (ii) should be removed and the rest should be re-numbered.

Sri. P.Ubaydulla: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

211. In chapter 3(2)(A) (iv), “any dispute in the scheme” should be replaced with “any dispute arising in the implementation of this scheme”

229. In chapter 3 (2)(b), the sentence “any facilities to provide service” should be changed to “other general facilities to provide service”

245. In chapter 3 (2) (c) (iii) add the following as limited terms and conditions:

“But terms of the scheme in (a), (b) chapters of the sub section (2) will have preference than than the terms and conditions in chapter (c)”

Sri. C.Mammooty: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

213. In chapter 3(2) (a)(vii), “ necessary for the implementation “ should be replaced with “find needed for implementation”.

223. In chapter 3(2) (b) (i), instead of “can be recommended “ “can be described” should be added.

Sri. Sunny Joseph: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

221. In chapter 3(2)(b)(i), after the word “make available” the word “including safety” should be added.

Sri. Joseph Vazhacken: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

242. In chapter 3(c)(iii), instead of “for the benefit” the word “for the needs” should be added.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Do not present any other recommendations.

The Minister of Forest, Environment, Transport, Sports and Cinema (Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan):

Sir, The amendment number 188 presented by Sri. Domenic Presentation , amendment number 205 presented by Sri. K.N.A. Khadar and the amendment number 211 presented by Sri. P. Ubaidulla are approved. I am presenting the amendment number 216 verbal amendment.

216. In chapter 3(2)(b), the word “yatha” should be corrected to “yathra (journey)”

Other amendments are not acceptable.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Assembly accepted the verbal amendment number 216 presented by respected Minister.

The amendment number 188 presented by Sri. Dominic Presentation is approved by the Assembly.

The amendment number 205 presented by Sri.K.N.A. Khadar is approved by the Assembly.

The amendment number 211 presented by Sri.P.Ubaidulla is approved by the Assembly.

The amendment number 180 presented by Sri.K.M.Shaji is withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendment number 181 presented by Sri.P.B. Abdul Rasak is withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendment number 182 presented by Sri.N.Shamsudeen is withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

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The amendment numbers 186,194,204,207,218,220,226,230,234,235,241,246 and 249 presented by Sri.M. Ummer is withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendment numbers 187,199,224 and 239 presented by Sri.K.Sivadasan Nair is withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendment number 191 presented by Sri.K.N.A. Khadar is withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendment numbers 195, 206 and 209 presented by Dr. N. Jayaraj is withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendment number 197 presented by Sri.V.M.Ummer Master is withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendment number 200 presented by Sri.C. Moyinkutty is withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

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The amendment numbers 229 and 245 presented by Sri.P. Ubaidulla is withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendment numbers 213 and 223 presented by Sri.C. Mamootty is withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendment number 221 presented by Sri.Sunny Joseph is withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The amendment number 242 presented by Sri.Joseph Vazhakken is withdrawn with the permission of the Assembly.

The issue to make the amended third section to be as a part of the Bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

Assembly approved the issue to make the amended third section to be as a part of the Bill.

The amended third section now became the part of the Bill.

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Fourth section

Sri. M.Ommer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

251. In chapter 4 (1), "For the needs" should be replaced with "for the implementation".

255. In chapter 4(1), remove the word "one" which comes before the word "cess".

260. In chapter 4(2), instead of "each person" should be replaced with "each passenger".

263. In chapter 4(2), instead of the word "faarre" use the word "fare"

266. In chapter4(3), "to be contained " should be replaced with "to be included".

267. In chapter 4(3), add the word "travel" before the word " ticket"

269. In chapter 4(4), remove the word "for tax".

276. In chapter 4(6), instead of the words "collected cess" add the words "entered as per the 5th sub section ".

Sri.K.N.A. Khader: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

253. In chapter 4(1), instead of “over the travel tickets” add the words “in each of the tickets”.

Sri. C. Moyinkutty: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

256. In chapter4(1), instead of “rates, one” add “in rates”.

Sri V.M. Ummer Master: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

258. In chapter 4 (2) instead of “run by Corporation” should be replaced by “service run by the Corporation”.

Sri. N. Shamsudeen: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

261. In chapter 4(2) instead of “each person should, when he was given the travelling ticker along with the fare” should be replaced with “each passengers, along with fare”.

Sri. K.Sivadasan Nair: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

262. In chapter 4 (2), remove the words “immediately after giving the travel ticket”.

Sri. K.M.Shaji: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

265. In chapter 4(3), instead of “tickets” the word “travel ticket” should be added.

Sri. C. Mammooty: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

268. In chapter 4 (4), “any that can be levied upon road, passenger or vehicle as per any existing valid law” should be replaced with “to travel through any road, any other that can be levied upon any passengers or vehicle, as per any existing valid law”.

Sri. Joseph Vazhacken: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

278. In chapter 4(6), instead of the words “three month” add the words “two month”.

Sri. P.A. Madhavan: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

279. In chapter 4(6), the words “three months” should be replaced with “four months”.

Sri. P.B. Abdul Rasak: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

283. In chapter 4(7), instead of the words “should be kept under the heading” should be replaced with the words “should be kept recorded under the heading”.

Dr. N. Jayaraj: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

285. After chapter 4(7) the following should be added:

“(8) the corporation should spend that amount for the social selfare schemes only”.

The Minister for Forest, Environment, Transport, Sports and Cinema (Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan): Amendment number 254 is presented as official amendment.

254. In chapter 4 (1), instead of the word “inn travel tickets” should be replaced with “in travel tickets”.

No other amendments are accepted.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Assembly approved the official amendment number 254 presented by respectable Minister.

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The amendment numbers 251, 255, 260, 263, 266, 267, 269, 276 presented by Sri. M. Ummer, were withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The amendment number 253 presented by Sri. N.A. Khadar was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The amendment number 258 presented by Sri. Ummer Master was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The amendment number 261 presented by Sri.N. Shamsudeen was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The amendment number 262 presented by Sri.K. Sivadasan Nair was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The amendment number 265 presented by Sri. K.M. Shaji was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The amendment number 268 presented by Sri. C. Mammooty was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The amendment number 278 presented by Sri. Joseph Vazhacken was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

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The amendment number 279 presented by Sri. P.A. Madhavan was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The amendment number 283 presented by Sri. P.B.Abdul Rasak was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The amendment number 285 presented by Dr. N. Jayaraj was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The issue of amended fourth section should be a part of the Bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The issue of amended fourth section should be a part of the Bill is approved by the House.

The amended fourth section is now became a part of the Bill

(The opposition members were interrupting the proceedings of the Assembly by chanting slogan sitting in the central hall)

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Fifth Section

Sri. M. Ummer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

287. In chapter 5(1), instead of the word "social" the word "group" should be added.

Sri. N.Shamsudeen: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

288. In chapter 5(1), Instead of the sentence “every traveler will be eligible to get the benefits of the Insurance Coverage” add “every traveler is entitled to insurance coverage”

Sri. N. A. Nellikunnu: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

290. In chapter 5(2), instead of “ any passenger who is distressed by the decision of the corporation may suggest in the plan that” add “the passenger who thinks that the decision of the corporation is unsatisfactory or the legal heir in the event of the death of the passenger is suggested in the plan”.

297. In chapter 5(3), instead of the sentence “any passenger who is distressed by the decision of the corporation” add the sentence “the passenger who thinks that the decision of the corporation is unsatisfactory or the legal heir in the event of the death of the passenger”.

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Sri. Joseph Vazhakken: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

291. In chapter 5(2), instead of the word “suffering” the word “diffifulty” should be added.

Dr. N. Jayaraj: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

292. In chapter 5(2), instead of the word “suffering” the word “without justice” should be added.

Sri. Benny Bahannan: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

293. In chapter 5(2), instead of the word “passenger” add the words “every passenger or passenger’s legal heirs”.

298. In chapter 5(3), instead of the word “passenger” add the words “any passenger or the legal heir of the passenger”.

Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

294. In chapter 5(2), instead of the word “such a time period” add the words “within two months”.

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Sri. K.Muhammadunni Haji: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

295. In chapter 5(2), remove the word “one”.

Sri. V.D. Satheesan: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

300. In chapter 5(3), instead of the word “sixty” add the word “fortyfive”.

The Minister for Forest, Environment, Transport, Sports and Cinema (Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan): Sir, accepting the amendment number 298 presented by Sri. Benny Bahannan, no other amendments are acceptable.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Assembly accepted the amendment number 298 presented by Sri. Benny Bahannan.

The amendment number 287 presented by Sri. M. Ummer was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The amendment number 288 presented by Sri. N. shamsudeen was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

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The amendment numbers 290, 297 presented by Sri. N.A. Nellikunnu was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The amendment number 291 presented by Sri. Joseph Vazhacken was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The amendment number 292 presented by Sri. N.Jayaraj was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The amendment number 293 presented by Sri. Benny Bahannan was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The amendment number 294 presented by Sri.K. Sivadasan Nair was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The amendment number 295 presented by Sri.Muhammadunni Haji was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The amendment number 300 presented by Sri. V.D. Satheesan was withdrawn with the approval of the House.

The issue of amended fifth section should be a part of the Bill

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Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The issue of amended fifth section should be a part of the Bill is approved by the House.

The amended fifth section is now became part of the Bill.

Sixth Section

Sri. M. Ummer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

304. In chapter6(1), after the word “either decrease” add the words “may be removed”.

309. In chapter 6(2), remove the words “of the State Assembly”.

310. In chapter 6(2), before the word “act” add the word “amendment”

314. In chapter 6(3) instead of the word “session” add the word “period of session”.

Sri. V.M. Ummer Master: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

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307. In chapter6(2),

(i) Instead of “Such of the Legislature” add the words “Same with the Legislature”.

(ii) Instead of “an act of Legislature should bring” add “Should be introduced in the Legislature and become an Act”

Sri. K. Muraleedharan: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

308. In chapter 6(2), instead of “during the session” add “during the session or in the next session”

Sri. K.N.A. Khadar: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

311. After chapter 6(2) add the limited terms as below”

“However, if the Assembly makes any change in the Bill presented before the Assembly under sub-section, it will be valid from then onwards only if it is amended and if the Bill's proposals are rejected it will be valid like that only”.

Sri. P.K. Basheer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

313. In chapter 6(3), instead of “if a State Legislature act is not bring as stipulated” add “If the bill is not introduced in the next session of the Assembly as stipulated”.

Minister for Forest, Environment, Transport, Sports and Cinema (Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan):
Sir, Amendmants are not acceptable.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The amendments 304,309,310,314 presented by Sri. M.Ummer were withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The amendment number 307 presented by Sri. M.Ummer Master was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The amendment number 308 presented by Sri. K.Muraleedharan was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The amendment number 311 presented by Sri. K.N.A. Khadar was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The amendment number 313 presented by Sri. P.K. Basheer was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The issue of amended sixth section should be a part of the Bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The issue of amended sixth section should be a part of the Bill is approved by the House.

The amended sixth section is now became part of the Bill.

Seventh Section

Sri. M. Ummer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

316. In chapter 7(1), before “can be stopped” add “temporarily”.

321. in the limited terms in chapter 7(2), instead of “as soon as stops” “within six months of termination”

Sri. C. Mammooty: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

318. In chapter 7(2), instead of “any or all of the schemes under this act can be stopped or continued” should be replaced with “All the schemes except accidental insurance scheme under this act can be stopped or restarted”.

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Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

320. In the limited terms of chapter 7(2), “immediately after stops” should be replaced with “within 6 months” with digit and word.

Sri. T.A. Ahammed Kabeer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

324. After chapter 7(2) add the following:

“Any order issued under sub-section 93) (1) shall be submitted before the next session of the Legislative Assembly, after its issuance”.

Minister for Forest, Environment, Transport, Sports and Cinema (Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan):
Sir, Amendmants are not acceptable.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The amendment numbers 316 and 321 presented by Sri. M. Ummer was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The amendment number 318 presented by Sri. C.Mammootty was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

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The amendment number 320 presented by Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The amendment number 324 presented by Sri. T. A. Ahammed Kabeen was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The issue of amended seventh section should be a part of the Bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The issue of amended seventh section should be a part of the Bill is approved by the House.

The amended seventh section is now became part of the Bill.

(The opposition members were interrupting the proceedings of the Assembly by chanting slogan standing near the dais)

Eighth Section

(No amendment presented)

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The issue of eighth section should be a part of the Bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The issue of eighth section should be a part of the Bill is approved by the House.

The eighth section is now became part of the Bill.

(The opposition members were interrupting the proceedings of the Assembly by chanting slogan standing near the dais)

(All the opposition members were interrupting the proceedings of the Assembly by standing near the seat of the opposition leader).

Section 9

(No amendments presented)

The issue of 9th section should be a part of the Bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The issue of 9th section should be a part of the Bill is approved by the House.

The 9th section is now became part of the Bill.

Tenth Section

Sri. M. Ummer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

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329. In chapter 10(1), instead of “social” add “group”

Sri. Abdurahiman Randathani: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

331. In chapter 10(2), the word “proceedings” should be replaced with “decision”.

Minister for Forest, Environment, Transport, Sports and Cinema (Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan):
Sir, Amendmants are not acceptable.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The amendment number 329 presented by Sri. M. Ummer was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The amendment number 331 presented by Sri. Abdurahiman Randathani was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The issue of 10th section should be a part of the Bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The issue of 10th section should be a part of the Bill is approved by the House.

The 10th section is now became part of the Bill.

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Table

Sri. C.P Muhammad: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

332. Change the serial number 1 of table as follows:

Sl No.	Slab as per ticket charges	Cess amount (in rupees)
1	upto 24 rupees	no

Sri. Therampil Ramakrishnan: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

333. Change the serial number 3 in the table as follows”

Sl No.	Slab as per ticket charges	Cess amount (in rupees)
2	From Rs.25 to 49	one

Sri. M. Ummer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

339. Instead of “ten” in the third column straight to serial number 6 in the table add “seven”.

Minister for Forest, Environment, Transport, Sports and Cinema (Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan):
Sir, Amendmants are not acceptable.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The amendment number 332 presented by Sri. C.P Muhammad was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The amendment number 333 presented by Sri. Therampil Ramakrishnan was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The amendment number 339 presented by Sri. M. Ummer was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The issue of the Table should be a part of the Bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The issue of Table should be a part of the Bill is approved by the House.

The Table is now became part of the Bill.

First Section, Preliminary and Name

Sri. M. Ummer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

109. In the title, instead of the word "social", "group" should be added.

110. In the title, instead of the word "for the paaassengers" add "passengers".

115. In the long title, instead of the word "social", "group" should be added.

117. The word "personal" coming after "better" in the long title should be removed.

121. In the preliminary, the word "social" should be replaced with "group".

125. In the preliminary, instead of the word "personal" coming before "facilities" the word "better" should be added.

129. In chapter 1(1), instead of "society insurance" add "group insurance".

131. In chapter 1(1), instead of “cess” add “application of cess”

Sri. N. Shamsudeen: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

111. in the title, instead of “better facilities for the passengers” add “better travel facilities”.

Sri. P. Ubaidulla: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

116. In the long title, instead of “better personal” add “better travel”

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In this, instead of ‘better personal’ facility add ‘better travel’ facility.

Sri. C. Moyinkutty: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

118. In the long title, instead of “employee’s social security measures” add “the social security measures for the employees”.

Sri. K.M. Shaji: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

120. In the preliminary instead of “run by the corporation” add “conducted by corporation service”.

Sri. P.B. Abdul Rasak: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

123. In the preliminary, “personal facilities for the passengers” should be replaced with “travel facilities”

Sri. T.A. Ahammad Kabeer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

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126. In the preliminary, “extension of the social security measures” should be replaced with “ and take social security measures for employees”.

Sri. Abdurahiman Randathani: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

130. In the chapter 1(1),-

(i) Instead of “better facilities for the passengers” add “better travel facilities”

(ii) After the word “safety” add the word “for that”.

Minister for Forest, Environment, Transport, Sports and Cinema (Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan):
Sir, the amendment number 110 presented by Sri. M.Ummer is accepted. Other amendments are not acceptable.

Mr.Deputy Speaker: The amendment number 110 presented by Sri. M Ummer is accepted by the House.

The amendment numbers 109, 115, 117,121, 125, 129 and 131 presented by Sri. M. Ummer were withdrawn with the consent of the House.

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The amendment number 111 presented by Sri. M. Shamsudeen was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The amendment number 116 presented by Sri. P. Ubaidulla was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The amendment number 118 presented by Sri. C. Moyinkutty was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The amendment number 120 presented by Sri. K.M. Shaji was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The amendment number 123 presented by Sri. P.B. Abdul Rasak was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The amendment number 126 presented by Sri. T.A. Ahammad Kabeen was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The amendment number 130 presented by Sri. Abdurahiman Randathani was withdrawn with the consent of the House.

The issue to make the amended first section, preliminary and name as a part of the bill

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Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The Assembly approved to make the first section, preliminary and name as a part of the bill.

The first section, preliminary and name are part of the bill.

Third Reading

Forest, Environment, Transport, Sports and cinema Minister (Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan): Sir, I present the resolution for the approval of the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Bill - 2014 (personal accident group insurance, better facilities for the passengers, cess on social security journey ticket of the employees).

Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Printing and Stationery Minister (Sri. K.P.Mohanan): Sir, I second this resolution.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: The resolution for the approval of the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation Bill - 2014 (personal accident group insurance, better facilities for the passengers, cess on social security journey ticket of the employees).....

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The resolution is approved

Bill is passed.

2) Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention)

Amendment Bill, 2014

(All the opposition members were disrupting the Assembly proceeding by chanting slogans sitting in the central hall).

Home and Vigilance Minister (Sri.Ramesh Chennithala): Sir, I am presenting the resolution to consider the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill-2014 as reported by the Subject Committee.

Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Printing and Stationery Minister (Sri. K.P. Mohanan) Sir, second the resolution.

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Sri. Ramesh Chennithala: This is a law of historical significance. This shows the determination of this government to completely eradicate the Blade Mafia in our state. This is a law which will give relief to

the common people and poor people of our State. The las presented here is the one that gives relief and hope to the people by suppressing the anti-social forces.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The respected member who has given dissent note to the Subject Committee can talk.

(All the opposition members were disrupting the Assembly proceeding by chanting slogans sitting in the central hall).

Chief Whip (Sri. P. C. George): I am presenting the amendment 1 (a) to circulate the Kerala Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill-2014 reported to the Subject Committee, for getting the public opinion.

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Sir, this is a very happy moment in this Assembly Session ..(noise)....more happy and sadness. It is very happy proud moment for the Government that this Assembly Session can be concluded by passing a Bill through which we can resist the anti-social activities, arrest the usurers and also to bring them before the law. I support this Bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Respected Minister, are you talking about this Bill?

Sri. Ramesh Chennithala: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Sri. P.C. George, are you pressing your amendment?

Sri.P.C.George: Sir, I am not pressing.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The amendment number 1(a) presented by Sri. P.C. George is withdrawn with the permission of the House.

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Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The resolution is approved by the House

Bill is taking for consideration.

Section wise consideration

Second section

Sri. M. Ummer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

117. In chapter 2, instead of “prevention act” add “(prevention) act”

118. In the section 2(j) of the main act which is supposed to be amended as per chapter 2(ii), instead of “money chain offender” use the words “money chain fiddler”

124. In the section 2(j) of the main act which is supposed to be amended as per chapter 2(ii) after the words “money chain offender “ “real estate fiddler” should be added with symbol.

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135. In the section 2(q) of the main act which is supposed to be amended as per chapter 2(iv), instead of “kerala money lenders 1958” add “kerala money lending 1958”.

137. In the section 2(q) of the main act which is supposed to be amended as per chapter 2(iv), before the word “any other” add “valid in real time”.

142. In the chapter 2(iv), instead of “words should be added” add “words” and after “physical violence or threat of assault” add “doing mental torture”.

Sri. T.N. Prathapan: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

129. In the section 2(L) of the main act which is supposed to be amended as per chapter 2(iii), after the word “or sell” add “or hold”.

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Sri. Joseph Vazhacken: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

139. Instead of the words supposed to add in the section 2(q) as per chapter 2(iv) of the main act “ provided as excessive interest” the words “money given as excessive interest” should be added.

Dr. N. Jayaraj: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

140. Instead of the words supposed to add in the section 2(q) as per chapter 2(iv) of the main act “ provided as excessive interest” the words “charged excessive interest” should be added.

144. In section section 2(q-a) as per chapter 2(v) of the main act, instead of the word “directly” add the word “organized”.

147. In section section 2(q-a) as per chapter 2(v) of the main act, after the word “including ” add the words “any means of transporation ”.

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Sri. Sunny Joseph: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

143. In section section 2(q-a) as per chapter 2(v) of the main act, instead of the words “to motivate” add the word “motivating”.

Home and Vigilance Minister (Sri. Ramesh Chennithala): Sir, accepting the amendments presented by Sri. M.Ummer as number 117 and 137. No other amendments acceptable.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The House accepted the amendments number 117 and 137 presented by Sri. M. Ummer.

The amendments number 118, 124, 135 and 142 presented by Sri. M. Ummer were withdrawn with the permission of the House.

The amendment number 129 presented by Sri. T.N. Prathapan was withdrawn with the permission of the House.

The amendment number 139 presented by Sri. Joseph Vazhacken was withdrawn with the permission of the House.

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The amendment number 140,144,147 presented by Dr. N.Jayaraj was withdrawn with the permission of the House.

The amendment number 143 presented by Sri. Sunny Joseph was withdrawn with the permission of the House.

The issue of amended second section should be a part of the Bill.....

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The problem of the amended 2nd section should be a part of the Bill is approved by the House.

The amended 2nd section is now a part of the Bill.

Third Section

Sri. Banny Bahannan: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment.

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154. In section 12, which seeks to replace the main act under section 3, instead of “six months” add “five months”.

Sri. M. Ummer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment.

157. In section 12, which seeks to replace the main act under section 3, instead of “can be upto one year” add “not exceeded one year”.

Home and Vigilance Minister (Sri. Ramesh Chennithala): Sir, the amendments are not acceptable.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The amendment number 154 presented by Sri. Benny Bahannan was withdrawn with the permission of the House.

The amendment number 157 presented by Sri. M. Ummer was withdrawn with the permission of the House.

The issue of 3rd section should be a part of the Bill.....

Those who agree..

Those who disagree.....

The issue of 3rd section should be a part of the Bill is approved by the House

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The 3rd section is now a part of the Bill.

Forth Section

Sri. Dominic Presentation: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

164. In section 16 A (1), which proposed to be added in the main act under section 4, instead of the word “nobody” write “anybody”.

Sri. P.A. Madhavan: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

168. In section 16 A (1), which proposed to be added in the main act under section 4, instead of the word “that” should be replaced with “like that”.

Sri. M. Ummer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

171. In section 16 A(2) of the main act, which is proposed to amend as per chapter 4, “not existing” should be replaced with “not in effect”.

Home and Vigilance Minister (Sri. Ramesh Chennithala): Sir, the amendments are not acceptable.

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The amendment number 164 presented by Sri. Dominic Presentation was withdrawn with the permission of the House.

The amendment number 168 presented by Sri. P.A. Madhavan was withdrawn with the permission of the House.

The amendment number 172 presented by Sri. M. Ummer was withdrawn with the permission of the House.

The issue of fourth section should be a part of the Bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The issue of fourth section should be a part of the Bill is approved by the House

The fourth section is a part of the Bill now.

Fifth Section

Sri. M. Ummer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

173. In the section 17(1) of the main act which is proposed to amend as per chapter 5, the word “vehicle” coming after “carriage” should be removed.

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175. In the section 17(1) of the main act which is proposed to amend as per chapter 5, instead of “if reliable reason is there” add “if convinced”.

176. In the section 17(2) of the main act which is proposed to amend as per chapter 5, the word “vehicle” coming after “carriage” should be removed.

187. In the section 17(2) of the main act which is proposed to amend as per chapter 5, instead of the word “efficiency” add the word “authorized”.

Sri. K. Muraleedharan: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

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180. In the section 17(1) of the main act which is proposed to amend as per chapter 5, instead of the word “not below” add “not less”.

Sri. Joseph Vazhacken: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

185. In the section 17(2)(a) of the main act which is proposed to amend as per chapter 5, instead of the words “immediately” add the words and digits as “within 24 hours”.

190. In the section 17(2) (b) of the main act which is proposed to amend as per chapter 5, instead of the word “immediately” add the words “within 24 hours”.

Home and Vigilance Minister (Sri. Ramesh Chennithala): Sir, the amendments are not acceptable.

The amendment numbers 173, 175, 176 and 187 presented by Sri. M. Ummer was withdrawn with the permission of the House.

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The amendment number 180 presented by Sri. K. Muraleedharan was withdrawn with the permission of the House.

The amendment numbers 185 and 190 presented by Sri. Joseph Vazhacken was withdrawn with the permission of the House.

The issue of fifth section should be a part of the Bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The issue of fifth section should be a part of the Bill is approved by the House

The fifth section is a part of the Bill now.

Sixth Section

Sri. M. Ummer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

198. In the section 17(1) which is proposed to add in the main act as per chapter 6, instead of “possibly” add the word “maximum”.

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211. In the section 17 b (1)a which is proposed to add in the main act as per chapter 6, instead of the word “written” add the word “recordically”.

214. In the section 17 b (1) (b) which is proposed to add in the main act as per chapter 6, instead of the word “written” add the word “recordcally”.

216. In the section 17 b (1) (c) which is proposed to add in the main act as per chapter 6, instead of the words “to say what is to be said” add the words “ to present what is to be presented”.

224. In the section 17 b (2) which is proposed to add in the main act as per chapter 6, remove the word “vehicle” wherever it comes.

227. In the section 17 b (2) which is proposed to add in the main act as per chapter 6, instead of the word “favour” add the word “agreeably”.

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233. In the section 17 c (2) which is proposed to add in the main act as per chapter 6, instead of the word “to get released” add the word “to give up”.

234. In the section 17 c (2) which is proposed to add in the main act as per chapter 6, instead of “get it back” add “to give back”.

239. In the section 17 c (2) which is proposed to add in the main act as per chapter 6, “proclamation date” should be replaced with “publishing”.

240. In the section 17 c (2) which is proposed to add in the main act as per chapter 6, instead of “proclamation” add “order”.

247. In the section 17 d which is proposed to add in the main act as per chapter 6, before the word “owner” add the word “within thirty days”

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251. In the section 17 f which is proposed to add in the main act as per chapter 6, instead of “transport mode” add the words “transport modes”.

Sri. N. Jayaraj: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

202. In the section 17 a (2) which is proposed to add in the main act as per chapter 6, instead of the word “grieving” add the words “thinks unfair”.

Sri. P.C. Muhammad: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

203. In the section 17 a (2) which is proposed add in the main act as per chapter 6, instead of “thirty” add “fortyfive”.

Sri. V.D. Satheesan: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments:

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225. In the section 17 b (2) which is proposed add in the main act as per chapter 6, instead of the word “or his” add “his”.

Sri. Therampil Ramakrishnan: Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

226. In the section 17 b (2) which is proposed add in the main act as per chapter 6, instead of “if anything” add “if anyone”.

Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair: Sir, Sir, I am presenting the following amendment:

230. In the section 17 b (2) which is proposed add in the main act as per chapter 6, instead of the word “none” add the word “one”.

Home and Vigilance Minister (Sri. Ramesh Chennithala): Sir, I am presenting the following verbal amendment.

In section 17 F, instead of “of the advisory board” add “of the Government”.

The amendment number 203 presented by Sri. C.P. Muhammad is accepted with an amendment such as the word "fortyfive" of the amendment number 203 can be approved by changing to "sixty". The amendment number 226 presented by Sri. Therampil Ramakrishnan also is acceptable. Other amendments are not acceptable.

203. In the section 17 a (2) which is proposed add in the main act as per chapter 6, instead of "thirty" add "sixty".

The verbal amendment presented by resp. Minister and the amendment number 203 presented by Sri. C.P. Muhammad with the amendment and the amendment number 226 presented by Sri. Therampil Ramakrishnan are accepted by the House.

The amendment numbers 198, 211, 214, 216, 224, 227, 233, 234, 239, 240, 247 and 251 presented by Sri. M. Ummer were withdrawn with the permission of the House.

The amendment number 202 presented by Dr. N. Jayaraj was withdrawn with the permission of the House.

The amendment number 230 presented by Sri. K. Sivadasan Nair was withdrawn with the permission of the House.

The issue of amended sixth section should be a part of the Bill

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The issue of amended sixth section should be a part of the Bill is approved by the House.

The amended sixth section is a part of the Bill now.

First Section, Preliminary and Name

Sri. M. Ummer: Sir, I am presenting the following amendments.

112. Instead of "prevention" in the preliminary add the word (prevention) and symbol.

Home and Vigilance Minister (Sri. Ramesh Chennithala): Sir, The amendment number 112 presented by Sri. M. Ummer is accepted.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The amendment number 112 presented by Sri. M. Ummer is approved by the House.

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The issue of amended first section, preliminary and name should be a part of the Bill.

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The amended first section, preliminary and name should be a part of the Bill is approved by the House.

The amended first section, preliminary and name is now a part of the Bill.

Third Reading

Home and Vigilance Minister (Sri. Ramesh Chennithala): Sir, through this amendment, the government will be able to completely eradicate the blade mafias operating in the state and combat anti-social forces. There is no doubt that this Bill will help to secure the lives of the people and ensure a peaceful life by giving more impetus to the Kappa Act which has been passed earlier. That is why the

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Government brought this amendment. This shows the determination of this government to completely control the Blade Mafia and usurers and to eradicate the anti-social activities which harassing the ordinary people of the state with various types of financial activities. So I present the resolution to pass the Kerala anti-social activities (prevention) amendment bill-2014.

The Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration (Sri. Anoop Jacob): Sir, I second the resolution.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The resolution to pass the Kerala anti-social activities (prevention) amendment bill-2014

Those who agree.....

Those who disagree.....

The resolution is approved by the House. Bill is passed.

