

II. Production of Jute (and Mesta) in India (in Lakh beles)

Name of State	1968-69 (July-June)	1969-70 (July-June)	1970-71* (July-June) (excluding mesta)
Assam	8.06	11.12	9.57
Bihar	4.80	7.99	7.73
Orissa	4.10	4.51	2.97
Uttar Pradesh	0.88	0.86	1.00
West Bengal	15.44	37.35	26.83
Andhra Pradesh	2.71	2.98	N.A.
Tripura	0.89	1.06	0.65
Rest of India	1.49	2.09	0.50
	38.37	67.96	49.05

*Estimates for Mesta are not yet available.

III. Consumption of jute by mills and imports

Year (July-June)	Mill consumption (Lakh bales)	Imports (jute & Mesta)	
		Quantity (Lakh bales)	Value (₹ Lakhs)
1968-69	53.58	6.09	21.38
1969-70	62.28	Nil	Nil
1970-71 (upto April 71)	51.51	Nil	Nil

IV. Steps taken to increase jute production

The Special Package Programme for jute is being extended to a larger acreage in 1971-72. Complete saturation with all developmental inputs has been aimed at in the areas selected for the programme. Similar arrangements are being made also for Mesta. The area under aerial spraying of urea, subsidised distribution of improved seeds, foliar spraying, have also been extended. A new scheme for ground spraying of urea has also been undertaken. The crop in 1971-72 is expected to be good.

भारत में प्रधान मंत्री तथा अन्य केंद्रीय मंत्रियों के चुनाव दौरों पर व्यय

560. श्री मान सिंह वर्मा :

श्री लाल आडवाणी :

श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी :

श्री निरंजन वर्मा :

श्री ना० कु० शेखवलकर :

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि केंद्रीय सरकार द्वारा देश में हाल के लोक-सभा के मध्यावधि चुनावों के दौरान प्रधान मंत्री तथा अन्य केंद्रीय मंत्रियों के दौरों के सिलसिले में विभिन्न मदों पर कितना धन व्यय किया गया ?

EXPENDITURES ON P.M.'s AND OTHER UNION MINISTERS' ELECTION TOURS IN INDIA

560. SHRI MAN SINGH VARMA :
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI : SHRI
SUNDAR SINGH BHANDARI

f[] English translation.

SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA :
SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR :
SHRI J. P. YADAV :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS/ ^
*T^ be pleased to state the amount of
expenditure incurred by the Central Govern-
ment on the various items in connection with
the tours of the Prime Minister and of other
Union Ministers during the recent mid-term
Lok Sabha elections in the country ?]

गृह मन्त्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री एफ० एच०
मोहसिन) : इस सम्बन्ध में ऐसे अनुदेश हैं कि
चुनाव अभियान हेतु की गई यात्राओं के लिये
मंत्रियों को यात्रा खर्च तथा दैनिक भत्ता नहीं
लेना चाहिए। दौरो के सम्बन्ध में अन्य मदों
के बारे में सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और
सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

ft THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS/
गृह मन्त्रालय में उप मंत्री (SHRI F. H.
MOHSIN) : There are instruction to the effect
that no travelling expenees or daily allowance
should be charged by ministers for journeys
undertaken for election campaign. Information
regarding other items in connection with the
tours is being collected and will be laid on the
Table of the House.]

VIOLATION OF GROUND RULES BY PAK AIR FORCE

561. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD : Will the
Minister of HOME AFFAIRS/गृह मंत्री
be pleased to state :

(a) whether during the heavy strafing by
Pakistani Air Force fighters on the 4th April
1971 on the Kasba area, the Indian territory
was also hit by machine-gun bullets which in
fact was an unprovoked violation of the
ground rules which had been agreed to be-
tween the Governments of India and Pakistan ;

(b) whether any protest was lodged by the
Indian Government to Pakistan Government ;
and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

t [] English translation.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND
MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS/
प्रधान मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्री (SHRIMATI
INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN TAMIL NADU

562. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHIDEEN :
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS/
संचार मंत्री be pleased to state the number
of telephone connections proposed to be
provided during the current financial year and
during the Fourth Plan period in the State of
Tamil Nadu ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICA-
TIONS/संचार मंत्री (SHRI H. N. BAHU-
GUNA) : As on 31-3-1971, about 105,000
direct exchange telephone connections were
working in the State of Tamil Nadu, including
about 47,000 in the city of Madras and its
suburbs.

It is expected that during the current
financial year, about 8,000 direct exchange
telephone connections may be added in Tamil
Nadu State of which about 3,000 may be in
Madras and its suburbs.

During the 4th Plan periyd it is expected
that about 35,000 to 40,000 additional tele-
phone connections may be provided in the
State of Tamil Nadu of which about 10,000 to
12,000 may be in the city of Madras and its
suburbs.

ELECTRONIC PLANT IN KERALA

563. SHRI B. V. ABDULLA KOYA :
Will the PRIME MINISTER/प्रधान मंत्री
be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under
consideration of the Government of India to set
up an electronic plant in Kerala in near future ;
and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (WILL
ALSO ASSIST THE PRIME MINISTER
IN PARLIAMENTARY WORK RELA-
TING TO DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC
ENERGY AND ELECTRFNICS)/

गृह मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (परमाणु ऊर्जा
तथा इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स विभा ों से सम्बन्धित संसदीय