

(iv) About 4,500 villages were raised above High Flood levels.

(v) Anti-sea erosion works were carried out to protect about 36 miles of sea coast in Kerala.

The measures undertaken have provided protection to about 50.6 lakh hectares (125 lakh acres) of land.

(d) The Central Government advances long-term loans to State Governments for meeting the expenditure on approved flood control works (including drainage, anti-waterlogging and anti-sea erosion works). The total expenditure in the Flood Control Sector up to the end of the Third Plan was Rs. 147.40 crores. The anticipated expenditure during 1966-67 is Rs. 13.18 crores.

#### BLACK LISTING OF U.P.C.C

1017. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United Provinces Commercial Corporation was black-listed by the former Ministry of Supply and Technical Development;

(b) what were the reasons for this black-listing; and

(c) whether the black-listing has caused loss of export of sillimanite to the tune of Rs. 50 lacs?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SHRI JAGANNATH RAO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The firm had obtained 90 per cent advance payments in respect of over 400 road rollers on inspection but had failed to despatch these. These road rollers are not physically available in the firm's premises and the firm has also not refunded the advanced payments received by it.

(c) No information is available with this Ministry on this point.

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#### †PHYTO CHEMICAL FACTORY IN KERALA

891. SHRI V. V. ABDULLAH KOYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made with regard to the setting up of the Phyto Chemicals Factory at Neriya Mangalam in Kerala; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND OF PLANNING AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH): (a) and (b) In view of the high prices of raw materials and the consequent increase in the cost of production of caffeine, which was the principal item of manufacture according to the production programme, the Phyto Chemicals Factory proposed to be set up at Neriya Mangalam has been abandoned.

#### †SPINNING MILLS IN COOPERATIVE SECTOR

892. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: SHRI M. M. DHARIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of spinning mills that have been organised in the co-operative sector and the number of such mills that are being run by cotton growers;

(b) the nature of the assistance that has been given by Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the cooperatives have been denied long term loan from Industrial Finance Corporation of India; and

(d) the alternative steps government propose to take to assist such spinning mills?

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