

ने 1976 के आरम्भ में न्यूजीलैंड तथा वेस्टइण्डीज का दौरा किया था। भारतीय क्रिकेट टीम को अप्रैल, 1977 तक विदेश भेजने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ख) भारतीय क्रिकेट नियंत्रण बोर्ड, पाकिस्तान के क्रिकेट नियंत्रण बोर्ड के साथ दोनों देशों की क्रिकेट टीमों द्वारा एक दूसरे देश में खेलने की संभावना का पता लगा रहा है।

[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) According to the information given by the Board of Control for Cricket in India, a cricket team from New Zealand, and the M.C.C. Cricket team from U.K., are scheduled to visit India during November, 1976 to February, 1977. The Indian Cricket team visited New Zealand and West Indies during early 1976. There is no proposal to send Indian Cricket team abroad upto April, 1977.

(b) The Board of Control for Cricket in India is exploring with its Pakistani counterpart the possibility of exchange of cricket teams between the two countries.]

Kunjirapuzha Irrigation Project

124. SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN:
SHRI PATTIAM RAJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kunjirapuzha Irrigation Project in Kerala which was started in the year 1961 has so far not been completed and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what is the amount of additional money needed to complete the project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH): (a) and (b) The latest estimated cost of Kanjirapuzha Irrigation Project is Rs. 13-75 crores. The expenditure incurred on the project upto the end of March, 1976 was Rs. 4-84 crores, leaving

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a balance of Rs. 8-91 crores to complete the project. The work on the project was started in 1961 but it has not been completed as the State Government has not been able to provide adequate funds for the projects.

Crop Failure in Kerala

125. SHRI PATTIAM RAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report from Kerala regarding the loss to agricultural production due to failure of monsoons in the State this year; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL): (a) No specific report about loss to agricultural production has been received from Kerala.

(b) Does not arise.

Central Assistance for Diseased Coconut Plantations in Kerala

126. SHRI PATTIAM RAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any reports from the Kerala Government to the effect that the Coconut Plantations in that State have been seriously affected by a disease;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have given or propose to give any special assistance to Kerala for eradicating the disease?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL): (a) to (c) A statement giving the relevant information is enclosed.

Statement

The Government have not received any report from Kerala Government recently on any serious disease affecting coconut plantation in the State.

The root-wilt is the most serious coconut disease of Kerala. This disease has been