

items are also broadcast. Consideration of the question about the commencement of regular external service broadcasts in Malayalam will have to await the finalisation of the Seventh Five Year Plan. In any case, for commencement of such a service as and when decided upon, it is not essential that a short-wave transmitter should be located only in Kerala.

[*Translation*]

Meetings of the Hindi Advisory Committee

1690. SHRI KRISHAN PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of meetings held by the Hindi Advisory Committee of his Ministry during 1984 ;

(b) the resolutions adopted in these meetings ; and

(c) the details in respect of the implementation of these resolutions ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) Two meetings of the Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies were held during 1984.

(b) and (c) : The Committee did not adopt any resolution as such in these meetings. However, the Committee reviewed the progress made in the use of Hindi in official work of the Ministry and its lower formations and laid stress on the implementation of the annual programme drawn up by the Department of Official Language.

[*English*]

Expenditure and Achievements of Social Housing Scheme during Sixth Five Year Plan

1691. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the actual expenditure and achievements in physical terms as compared to the Plan outlay and physical targets in the Central Sector and States' Sector for Social Housing Scheme during the Sixth Five Year plan period 1980-85 ; and

(b) the performance in West Bengal as compared to the performance in other States of India during the period mentioned above ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) : (a) Housing is a State subject. Central assistance is given to the States and U Ts in the shape of block loans and block grants without being tied to any particular scheme or head of development.

(b) There is only one social housing scheme in Central sector *viz.* Subsidised Housing Scheme for plantation Workers. The performance of West Bengal relating to the Scheme upto 31.12.84 is 83.9% as against overall performance of 107.7%, which is attributable to the reason that the construction of houses taken up earlier was also completed during the sixth plan period.

As regards the schemes in the State Sector, the performance (in terms of percentage) of the State vis-a-vis the overall achievement in respect of schemes covered by the 20-Point Programme upto 28.2.85 for which the progress is monitored by the Govt. of India has been as follows :—

	Overall performance (%)	Performance of West Bengal (%)
EWS Housing House-site-cum-Construction	49.51	3.34
<i>Assistance Scheme</i>		
(i) Allotment of house-sites	78.07	62.92
(ii) Construction assistance	50.49	64.57

Setting up of News Unit for Air at Sambalpar in Orissa

1692. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government had assured Government of Orissa to set up a separate News Unit for A.I.R. at Sambalpur in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the action taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Location of T.V. Centres in Backward Areas

1693. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether priority has been given for the location of Television Centres in the backward areas during the Sixth Plan;

(b) if so, the number of backward districts in Orissa which have been covered with such Television Centres during the above Plan period; and

(c) steps taken to provide Television facility in Phulbani District of Orissa.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL): (a) and (b): During VI Plan period, TV service has been extended to several backward districts in the country. At present, TV service is available in parts of nine backward districts of Orissa. Backwardness of the area is one of the criteria for setting up TV Centres.

(c) Extension of TV service to uncovered parts of the country, including Phulbani district of Orissa would depend on the availability of resources for this purpose during the future Plan periods.

Increase in Production of Oilseeds in Sixth Plan

1694. SHRI SOMNATH RATH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government to increase the production of oil-seeds during the Sixth Plan;

(b) if so, the State-wise achievements made in the production of oil-seeds during the above plan period; and

(c) the details thereof?