

**T.V. Transmission for Rural
Population in Kerala**

1695. SHRI M. RAMACANDRAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the rural population of Calicut, Cannanore, Coynad and Kasaragod Districts in Kerala are not covered by T.V. transmission ; and

(b) whether Government will consider the question of installing a 10 K.W. Television Transmitter in Cannanore or Coynad to cover wide range of rural population ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) The parts of Cannanore and Calicut districts, at present, receiving TV signals, have a rural population of about 11 lakhs.

(b) With the completion of VI Plan schemes by May, 1985, about 77 per cent of population of Kerala is expected to receive TV service. Further extension of TV service to various uncovered parts of the country will however depend on the availability of resources for this purpose during future plan period.

**Coverage of Banaskantha District
by T.V. Network**

1696. SHRI B. K. GADHAVI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the entire Banaskantha District would be covered by T.V. network ;

(b) how much area is covered at present and the contemplated extension of coverage during the next year ;

(c) whether Government propose to cover Banaskantha under television

net work on a priority basis on the lines of other bordering districts ;

(d) if so, the details ; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) to (e) : A part of Banaskantha district is expected to receive by service when the high power transmitter at Ahmedabad is commissioned on full power of 10 KW. Further expansion of TV service in various parts of the country would depend on the availability of resources for this purpose during the future Plan period.

Price of Imported Wheat

1697. SHRI D. B. PATIL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of wheat imported from abroad in 1983-84

(b) the price paid per quintal and the cost of transport thereof ;

(c) whether the price of wheat fixed by A.P.C. for 1983-84 was much less than the price of imported wheat ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) A quantity of 21.30 lakh tonnes of wheat was contracted for import from abroad in 1983-84.

(b) The average estimated FOB price of this wheat was Rs. 158.59 per quintal and transportation cost Rs. 30.14 per quintal.

(c) During 1983-84 Rabi marketing season, the support price of wheat was Rs. 151 per quintal.