

Marathi programmes should be introduced in Doordarshan Kendra. Hyderabad and that the time for such programmes should also be increased from AIR Stations like Hyderabad, Indore, Gwalior, etc.

(d) As explained in reply to part (a), the principal language of All India Radio Stations/Doordarshan Kendras will be the regional language of the service areas concerned. The over-all broadcasting time which has necessarily to accommodate several items of regional and national interest and importance is limited and the telecast time is even more so. Having regard to these and having to the requirement of the listeners in the service areas concerned, it is not feasible presently to accept such requests.

Supply of Edible Oils to Maharashtra

1702. SHRI R. M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state ;

(a) the quantity of edible oils, including imported palm oil, supplied to Maharashtra State for distribution among the weaker sections of the society, especially to those living in far flung tribal and Adivasi areas

(b) the total annual financial assistance given for the supply of edible oils to them and steps taken to ensure the supply ; and

(c) the agency through which these oils are supplied ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) During Oil Year 1984-85 (November, 1984 to October, 1985) Maharashtra has been allocated total quantity of 52,000 MTs. (42,000 MTs. of Palmolein and 10,000 MTs. of RBD Palm oil) of imported edible

oils till March, 1985, for distribution to consumers under Public Distribution system. The State Governments have been advised to ensure proper and equitable distribution of imported edible oils to consumers through fair price shops and to strengthen this scheme in far-flung places in rural areas and in areas inhabited by weaker sections of the society.

(b) No financial assistance has been provided to Maharashtra for supply of imported edible oils to them.

(c) The imported edible oils to States/Union Territories for Public Distribution System is supplied through State Trading Corporation. The State Government distribute the oil to consumers through fair price shops.

[English]

Central Government Land in Greater Bombay

1703. SHRI YASHWANT RAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) how many hectares of land belongs to the Central Government in Greater Bombay ;

(b) how many hectares of land have been built upon, lying vacant, and encroached upon by slum dwellers ; and

(c) whether Government propose to evict the slum dwellers from such vacant land and rehabilitate them else, where ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) : (a) to (c) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.