

Setting Up of T. V. Centre at Siliguri

329. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a Television Centre at Siliguri in Darjeeling District ; and

(b) if so, when the proposal would be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :

(a) and (b) The T. V. transmitter at Kurseong in Darjeeling district, at present operating on reduced power, is already giving satisfactory signals to Siliguri. On completion of the 135 Metre Tower, a High Power (10 KW) Transmitter will be commissioned at Kurseong. As a result, the reception at Siliguri is expected to improve further.

Plan and Design of Monument in Memory of Smt. Indira Gandhi

330. SHRI R. P. DAS : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the salient features of the plan and design of the monument which will be erected in memory of Smt. Indira Gandhi ; and

(b) The place where the proposed monument will be erected ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) :

(a) and (b) The Government has recently set up a Committee to go into this question.

Creation of a New Press Council

331. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the Editors Guild of India has urged Government to create a new Press Council for preserving press freedom ; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :

(a) No sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Health Hazards for the Workers Employed in Surf and Other Detergent Powders

332. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn towards the dangerous effects on the health of the workers employed in the production and storage/transport of Surf and other detergent powders ;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to ensure that the units manufacturing synthetic detergents take necessary preventive measures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJALIAH) : (a) and (b) A review of the safety measures for workers engaged in the manufacture of detergents was undertaken in the year 1982 and detailed guidelines were issued to State Govts. for intensifying inspection and ensuring strict compliance of the Factories Act and Rules. The State Governments are competent authorities for enforcing these safety regulations under the Factories Act, 1948.

Improved Seeds for Pulses and Oilseeds

333. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether National Seeds Corporation has increased improved pulses seeds by six times and oilseeds by 70 percent ;

(b) whether there has been corresponding increase in production and if so, details thereof ;

(c) whether the claims on oilseeds and pulses made by IARI and other agricultural institutions have generally proved to be bloated ; and

(d) If so, corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) National Seeds Corporation produced 25,490 quintals of certified seeds of pulses during 1983-84 as against 13,447 quintals in 1980-81 which is about two times. The estimated pulse seeds production of National Seeds Corporation during 1984-85 is about 45,162 quintals.

The production of seeds of oilseeds by the Corporation during 1983-84 was 21,019 quintals compared to 6,843 quintals in 1980-81 which is three and a half times. The estimated production of seeds of oilseeds during 1984-85 is about 40,551 quintals.

(b) Yes, Sir. Increase of availability of certified seeds has contributed to higher production of pulses and oilseeds. However certified seeds constitute only one of the inputs and there are other factors also, such as, fertilizers, moisture, plant protection and agro-climatic situation determining the productivity.

Total production of pulses and oilseeds in the last four years is as follows :

(Quantity in lakh tonnes)

Year	Pulses	Oilseeds
1980-81	106.3	93.7
1981-82	115.1	120.8
1982-83	118.6	100.0
1983-84	126.5	128.1

During 1982-83, the production of oilseeds had a set back due to widely prevailing drought conditions in the principal oilseeds producing areas.

(c) No Sir. Through the efforts of IARI and other Research Institutes the following results have been achieved :

(a) 49 new varieties of pulses and 72 varieties of oilseeds have been developed which are suitable for different agroclimatic conditions in the country.

(b) A number of disease-resistant varieties have been developed which have added to the productivity of oilseeds and pulses.

(c) Early maturing varieties of pulses have been developed with better or comparative yields. This have in effect enhanced the productivity of pulses.

(d) Besides, the new varieties developed have shown capability of giving higher yield to the extent of 20 per cent.

(d) Does not arise.

SC/ST Families covered under NREP

334. SHRI AMARSINGH RATHAWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe families covered in each State under the National Rural Employment Programme during the Sixth Five Year Plan period, yearwise ;

(b) the target fixed to cover the number of such families during the Sixth Plan period ;

(c) whether the target fixed has not been achieved ; if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor ; and

(d) the special measures being taken to achieve the target ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) The information of employment generation under National Rural Employment Programme including the employment generated for SCs/STs is collected in terms of mandays and not in terms of families benefited. On the basis of information furnished by the State Governments and Union Territory Administration a statement indicating the employment generated in terms of mandays for SCs/STs under the programme state-wise and year-wise from the year 1982-83 onwards is enclosed.

(b) to (d) No such target was specifically fixed. This aspect is, however, being monitored from 1982-83 onwards. The actual employment generation of S. C. and S. T. during 1982-83, 1983-84 (upto January, 1985) as against the total generation of employment was 42.89%, 45.64% and 45.48% respectively.