

(a) whether fishermen in Rameshwaram are unable to earn their livelihood due to the threat from the Lankan Navy ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps so far taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) ; (a) and (b) Information is being collected.

Inadequate Advertisement to Small and Medium Newspapers

395. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether small and medium newspapers are not getting their due share of advertisements from Government and Public Undertakings ; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government advertisements routed through the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity are released in adequate quantity to small and medium newspapers. During 1983-84 in monetary terms these papers accounted for 66% approximately of the advertisements released through Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity. However, it is not incumbent on the Public Undertakings to route their advertisements through the said agency.

Setting up of a Low Power Transmitter at Pattanatitta, Charalkiunnu and Iankki in Kerala

396. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any request has been received by Government that Low Power Transmitter (L.P.T) Centres may be set up at Pattanatitta, Charalkunnu and Iankki so as to cover substantial parts of Kerala ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) Requests for provision of wider T.V. coverage in Kerala have been received from time to time. With the commissioning of 10 KW transmitter at Cochin and augmentation of the power of the existing transmitter at Trivandrum to 10 KW, several districts of Kerala, including Quilon district, are expected to be covered fully. Extension of TV service to various uncovered parts of the country, including Kerala will depend on availability of resources for future Plans of TV Expansion.

Supply of Foodgrains to Kerala

397. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the total monthly requirement of foodgrains in Kerala for distribution through Public Distribution System ;

(b) how much has been supplied by the Centre during 1984 with monthly break-up ; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the full requirement of Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b) A statement indicating the total monthly demand, allotment and offtake of foodgrains for the Public Distribution System in respect of Kerala during the year 1984 is attached.

(c) Allocations of foodgrains from the Central Pool to various States/Union Territories, including Kerala, for Public Distribution System are made on a month to month basis, taking into account the overall availability of stocks in the Central Pool, relative needs of the various States, market availability and other related factors. These allocations are only supplemental in nature to market availability.