

under-employed to the total rural population for the year 1982-83;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to provide production oriented employment to the rural under-employed and un-employed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) : (a) and (b). Information on such aspects has been collected by the National Sample Survey Organisation in their 38th Survey Round conducted in 1983. The results of that Survey are under tabulation.

(c) and (d). The main programmes in operation aimed at employment generation for the rural under-employed and unemployed are the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), the National Rural Employment Programme (NREP), the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) and the Scheme for Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM). Their objectives are as under :

(i) IRDP—This programme has the objective of providing assistance in the form of productive assets to the families below the poverty line, so as to bring them above the poverty line.

(ii) NREP—This programme aims at providing supplementary employment opportunities to the work-seekers, particularly during the lean agricultural seasons.

(iii) RLEGP—This programme aims at improving and expanding employment opportunities for the rural landless with a view to providing guarantee of employment to atleast one member of every rural household upto hundred days in a year.

(iv) TRYSEM—Under this scheme, suitable skills are imparted to the rural youth to take up self employment.

Information about the targets and achievements under these programmes is shown below :

(Figures in lakhs)

Programme	Unit	1982-83		1983-84		1984-85	
		Target	Achievements.	Target	Achievements.	Target	Achievements.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
IRDP	Families	30.07	34.55	30.54	36.85	30.27	30.95*
TRYSEM	No. of Youth Trained.	2.00	2.46	2.00	2.06	2.00	1.43**
NREP	Mandays	35.32	3512	3222	3028	3091	2850*
RLEGP	Mandays	—	—	—	—	3000	1924*

*Upto February, 1985

**Upto October, 1984

Meeting of Advisory Council on Public Distribution System

3968. SHRI RAM SAMUJHAWAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a meeting of the Advisory Council on the Public Distribution System was held in New Delhi on 29 March, 1985;

(b) if so, the specific problems connected with Public Distribution System (PDS) discussed at the above meeting; and

(c) the further steps, if any being taken to streamline the working of this system in the various States particularly in the rural and backward areas?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Sixth meeting of the Advisory Council on Public Distribution System was held in New Delhi on 29 March, 1985.

(b) and (c). At this meeting various issues connected with the efficient functioning of the public distribution system were discussed. They included opening of new fair price shops, commodity coverage, formation of advisory/vigilance committees, strengthening of infrastructure for the PDS, streamlining the PDS in States/Union Territories, steps for eliminating shortage of essential commodities, setting up of grievance cells at State/District level etc. It was reiterated that States should strengthen the PDS at grass root level and for this purpose develop a monitoring system to ensure timely availability of essential commodities through the fair price shops. It was emphasised that consumers in rural, hilly, backward and tribal areas should not experience any difficulty in getting essential commodities from the fair price shops.

Upgradation of TV Transmission Station at Mysore

3969. **SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to upgrade TV transmission Station at Mysore to enable neighbouring districts of Mandya, Madikeri, Hassan and other distant parts of Mysore District to receive T. V. signals; and

(b) if so, the likely date by which the work will be carried out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b). There is no approved scheme, as yet to upgrade the existing TV transmitter at Mysore.

TV Transmission Station in Chamundi Hills in Mysore

3970. **SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR :** Will the

Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had proposed to erect the T. V. transmitter station in Mysore on Chamundi Hills and subsequently changed the venue; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b). The site initially identified for installation of a Low Power Transmitter at Mysore was in private premises at Chamundi Hills. This did not become available in time for completion of the project. The transmitter was, therefore, installed at the site readily available in the AIR complex.

Drought in Orissa

3971. **SHRI K PRADHANI :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated to Orissa for implementing Drought Prone Area Programme in 1985-86;

(b) the different areas included under DPAP in Orissa;

(c) whether Government are aware that many more areas in Orissa are affected by drought this year;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to provide additional allocation to Orissa to mitigate hardship caused due to drought conditions; and

(e) if so, the details of additional grant proposed to be provided to Orissa for the above purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) A total allocation of Rs. 4.68 crores (including State share) has been made for Orissa for 1985-86 for implementing the Drought Prone Areas Programme.

(b) 39 blocks in 4 districts of the State are covered by the Drought Prone Areas Programme. The names of the districts and blocks are as under :