

and Jorhat in the North-Eastern region have been approved and are under implementation. Domestic TV coverage in the North-Eastern region, including Mizoram, would improve considerably on commissioning of the transmitters mentioned above.

Setting up of T.V. Relay Station at Amlapuram

909. SHRI A.J.V.B. MAHESHWARA RAO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a TV Relay Station at Amlapuram East Godavari Distt. In Andhra Pradesh which will benefit 10 lakh listeners, specially agriculturists; and

(b) whether considering the importance of the proposal Government will take sympathetic view in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) With the implementation of schemes in hand, TV service expected to be available to half of East Godavari district. Further expansion of TV service to uncovered areas would depend upon availability of resources during future Plan periods.

Advertisement of State Governments on T. V.

910. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether some State Governments advertisements of their achievements on T.V.;

(b) whether there is any set norm for Doordarshan to accept such advertisements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). All commercial advertisements on Doordarshan are subject to the provisions of "Code for Commercial Advertising on TV."

Bonded Labour Freed and Rehabilitated in Bihar

911. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of bonded labour freed in Bihar during the years 1983 and 1984;

(b) number of those rehabilitated and those who have been sent to their home States; and

(c) details regarding their rehabilitation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) : (a) and (b). As per the reports received from the Government of Bihar, the number of bonded labourers identified and freed in the State during the years 1983 and 1984 was 62 and 469 respectively. The corresponding number of bonded labourers rehabilitated was 800 and 2,177. The information regarding the number of bonded labourers sent to their home States is not available.

(c) The Government of Bihar is rehabilitating the freed bonded labourers under land based, animal husbandry based and skill/craft based schemes.

Representation from Betel Leaf Growers

912. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the representatives of betel leaf growers;

(b) if so, details of proposals for improving the lot of betel leaf growers;

(c) whether Government have considered the proposals; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to increase betel leaf production, to do research for developing its quality and to