

(d) whether any programme has been formulated to make Ahmedabad Door-darshan telecasts more attractive ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b). The TV Transmitter at Ahmedabad is operating on full power of 10 KW. A Studio Centre under implementation is expected to be commissioned during 1986-87.

(c) With the commissioning of the High Power TV Transmitter at Ahmedabad, the Transmitter at Peej became non-operational and programmes produced by Space Application Centre Studio, Ahmedabad are now transmitted on the new High Power TV Transmitter. No further change is contemplated at present.

(d) Yes, Sir.

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Amelioration of living conditions of Slum Dwellers

1922. SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) total Central Budget provision for 1985-86 for slum improvement programmes ; and

(b) whether Government propose any new initiatives for amelioration of the living conditions of slum dwellers ?

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

(a) The Scheme of Environmental improvement of Urban Slums is in the State sector and is implemented by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations out of their annual Plan provisions. No allocation exists in the Central budget for this purpose, during 1985-86.

(b) The strategy to be adopted during the Seventh Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised.

Rescue Facilities for Fishermen
In Kerala Coast

1923. SHRI M. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of fishermen reported dead/lost while fishing along the Kerala Coast during this monsoon ;

(b) whether the loss of these lives was mainly due to lack of rescue facilities ;

(c) whether Government have sought assistance from Indian Navy in rescue operation ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) As per information received from Government of Kerala, 17 fishermen belonging to Trivandrum, Alleppy, Quilon, Malappuram and Cannore districts are reported dead. In addition, one fisherman was reported missing.

(b) The facilities available with the State Government of Kerala are reported to be inadequate to save the lives of fishermen from danger due to storm, rains and rough sea. However, the available facilities were pressed into service.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. On five occasions, local authorities sought the assistance of Navy in locating fishing boats in distress. On each occasion, air sorties were launched and ships sailed to locate these boats. On one occasion, a fishing boat was located and brought to Cochin harbour.

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1924. SHRI S.M. BHATTAM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION