

units for augmenting school, University and adult education programmes.

Five units are proposed to be set up in Maharashtra under the above scheme at Aurangabad, Ratnagiri, Sangli, Parbhani and Solapur.

The implementation of the above schemes in Maharashtra and else where depends on the final shape of the 7th Plan.

**Extension of ESI Scheme to agricultural labourers**

1976. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to extend the ESI scheme to the agricultural labourers who are above 60 years of age ;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposal ; and

(c) the time by which a decision will be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) : (a) The Government has no proposal to extend the ESI scheme to the agricultural labourers, who are above 60 years of age.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Introduction of National Capital Region Schemes for Metropolitan Cities**

1977. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADKAR PATIL : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce scheme like National Capital Region Scheme for all metropolitan cities i.e. Madras, Bangalore, Jaipur, Pune etc. to decongest them ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) : (a) and (b). "Urban Development" and "Town Planning" are State subjects. Some State Governments like Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, etc., have established authorities (such as Bombay Metropolitan Regional Development Authority, Calcutta Metropolitan Development Authority and Madras Metropolitan Development Authority) for the purpose of planning, coordinating and supervising the proper, orderly and rapid development of the areas consisting of the State capitals and certain areas round about forming into a metropolitan region, in according with the State legislations enacted for the purpose. The Central Government have however no proposal to introduce schemes like National Capital Region for all the metropolitan cities in order to de-congest them.

**New Newsprint Policy for Small and Medium Newspapers**

1978. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADKAR PATIL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a new newsprint policy for the benefit of small and medium newspapers ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b). While formulating the Newsprint Allocation Policy for 1985-86, the interests of the small and medium newspapers will be duly taken into consideration. The Policy is likely to be finalised shortly.

**Implementation of IRDP by States**

1979. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :  
SHRI DHARAM PAL  
SINGH MALIK :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE