

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

AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Integrated Rural Development Programme has not been fully implemented by various State Governments ?

(b) whether more than half of the State Governments had not been prepared plans to implement the programme ;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof ; and

(d) the action Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) to (d). At the all-India level, the physical and financial targets under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) have been exceeded during the Sixth Plan period. 15 States/Union Territories have achieved/exceeded the targets under IRDP and 4 States/UTs. have achieved between 80% to 100% of the targets in the Sixth Plan. In the North-Eastern region there were peculiar problems relating to lack of basic infrastructure, etc., which affected performance.

The evaluation report of the Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Plann-

ing Commission has found from information collected at State level, that more than half of the States studied had not attempted preparation of Five Year perspective plans. However, the report also states that out of the 33 selected districts the perspective plan had been prepared for 17 districts. Further, the report says that from 1982-83 onwards the annual action plans were prepared for nearly all the blocks of the selected districts.

The preparation of such plans was provided in the programme guidelines and was being constantly pursued.

Stock of Foodgrains and Pulses with F.C.I.

1980, SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated stock of each variety of foodgrains including pulses with the Food Corporation of India as on 30 June, 1985 ; and

(b) how much foodgrains have been procured during April to June, 1985 ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) Stocks of foodgrains with the Food Corporation of India as on 30.6.1985 were estimated as under :

(In million tonnes)

Rice	...	6.95
Wheat	...	12.54
Coarsegrains	...	0.01
Total	...	19.50