

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No, Sir, Coconut, copra and coconut oil are not being imported. However, exporters of fatty acids have the facility of importing negligible quantities of coconut oil under the Replenishment scheme.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A suggestion in this regard is under consideration of Government.

Installation of TV relay centres at Penukonda and Kadiri AP

2018. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to install television centre transmitters in places of cultural, historical and industrial importance; and

(b) whether Government propose to establish television relay centres at Penukonda and Kadiri in Anantapur district being places of historical and religious importance in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL): (a) Places of cultural, historical and industrial importance are given due priority along with the coverage needs of the people while deciding locations of TV transmitters in the country.

(b) No, Sir. A high power TV transmitter envisaged to be set up in Anantpur district during VII Plan period is expected to provide TV service to almost entire district including Penukonda and Kadiri subject to terrain conditions.

#### Dryland farming

2019. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) total amount earmarked for dry-land farming during Seventh Plan, State-wise;

(b) various schemes worked out by Government to preserve the land moisture; and

(c) whether any committee was set up to survey dry-land areas and if so, findings of the committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) A sum of Rs. 120 crore as Central share has been earmarked for the implementation of National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Agriculture during the Seventh Plan. Detailed proposals are still awaited from the State Governments and the funds will be released on receipt of the proposals.

(b) The following Centrally/World Bank assisted schemes are in operation or being worked out to conserve land moisture :—

- (i) World Bank assisted Pilot Projects for Watershed Development in Rainfed areas in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra,
- (ii) Central Sector Pilot Project on Propagation of Water Conservation/Harvesting Technology in dry farming areas in 15 States at a total cost of Rs. 5.00 crore.
- (iii) National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Agriculture in 11 States.
- (iv) World Bank Kandi Watershed and Area Development Project in Punjab.

(c) A Task Force was set up in 1977 to identify problems of the semi-arid/rainfed areas and suggest policy approach and strategy for development of these areas and to indicate priorities and programmes for different agro climatic regions. The

Recommendations *inter alia* were development of dry land farming on watershed basis.

#### Coverage by AIR

2020. SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps to cover more areas in the country by All India Radio;

(b) if so, the percentage of areas in different States covered by All India Radio by the end of the Sixth Plan; and

(c) percentage of area in Madhya Pradesh covered by All India Radio during that period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the statement below.

(c) After the completion of 6th Plan Schemes, radio coverage will be available to 92% of the population and 89% of the area of the State of Madhya Pradesh.

#### Statement

S. No.	Name of the State/U. Territory	Percentage of coverage after completion of the 6th Plan projects	
		Area	Population
1. States			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	93	95
2.	Assam	87	86
3.	Bihar	99	99
4.	Gujarat	98	98
5.	Haryana	96	97
6.	Himachal Pradesh	45	75
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	30	85
8.	Karnataka	92	92
9.	Kerala	80	85
10.	Madhya Pradesh	89	92
11.	Maharashtra	97	97
12.	Manipur	99	99
13.	Meghalaya	96	96
14.	Nagaland	95	95
15.	Orissa	80	88
16.	Punjab	97	97
17.	Rajasthan	81	94
18.	Sikkim	70	80
19.	Tamil Nadu	96	97
20.	Tripura	95	96
21.	Uttar Pradesh	87	96