

(c) Hotel is not yet completed. So far, DDA has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 5.76 crores. The actual cost of construction, etc. will be known after the completion of the work.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.

Modifications in Crop Insurance Scheme by Himachal Pradesh

2044. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Himachal Pradesh have suggested some modifications in the Crop Insurance Scheme so as to make it relevant for the peculiar geographical terrain and different agricultural patterns in the State; and

(b) if so, exact modifications sought by the State Government and the decision taken by Union Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following suggestions for modifying the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme have been made by the State Government of Himachal Pradesh :

- (i) The unit area of insurance may be made a village instead of a block;
- (ii) Ginger, potato and horticulture crops may be included in the scheme; and
- (iii) The scheme may be made optional for pulses and oilseeds crops.

A High Powered Committee has been set up in the Ministry of Agriculture to go into the suggestions received from the various State Governments and to make its recommendations regarding the modifications which may be made in the Scheme.

Constitution of Programme Advisory Committees for Radio/TV Stations

2045. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Programme Advisory Committees for the Radio/Television Stations in the Northern Region have been constituted during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the dates on which they were constituted and the names of members thereof; and

(c) if not, the likely date by which these committees would be constituted and the reasons for delay ?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Programme Advisory Committees consisting of official and non-official members are set up in all the AIR Stations which originate Programmes on a daily basis for not less than 5½ hours each. Such Committees are set up in programme producing Doordarshan Kendras also. The non-officials are chosen to represent broadly the interests of cultural, literary, social, tribal, women's welfare etc. in the service area. The recommendations for the composition of the Committees have been received. The lists are in scrutiny. After this process is completed, the Committees will be set up.

Separate Channels over TV/Radio for States

2046. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any of the States have demanded separate channels over TV/Radio so as to give suitable outlet to their programmes of a regional nature;