

non-journalist Newspaper Employees as per provisions of the Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Condition of Service) and Misc. Provisions Act, 1955. A non-statutory Wage Board for Sugar Industry has also been set up recently. The question of giving statutory backing to the Wage Boards was examined earlier, but it was not found feasible. Of late, a recommendation has come from the Group of State Labour Ministers, constituted by the 35th Session of the Labour Ministers' Conference held in May 1985, to the effect that the question of introducing a suitable legislation to enable the establishment of statutory Wage Boards in different industries, as and when necessary, may be examined.

Functioning of TV Relay Centre Nimpura

17. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the television relay centre at Nimpura, Khagarpur, West Bengal very often goes out of order leading to complete disruption of television channels ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the remedial measures taken or to be taken to set things right ;

(c) the area covered by the particular television relay centre ;

(d) whether the relay centre is inadequate for the big district of Midnapur with population of more than 70 lakhs ; and

(e) if so, whether this television relay centre will be made more powerful ; if so, when ?

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

(a) and (b) The interruptions in transmission from TV relay centre, Kharagpur, are due to frequent failure of power supply. A diesel generator has been provided to the Centre to meet such exigencies. Yet interruptions of 1-2

minutes each time when the power supply fails is unavoidable since some time is required for the diesel generator to be switched on.

(c) TV relay centre Kharagpur provides coverage to an area of about 2000 Sq. Km.

(d) and (e) Besides the low power transmitter functioning at Kharagpur, parts of Midnapur district are within the service area of high power transmitter at Calcutta and Asansol. There is no proposal to instal a high power TV transmitter at Kharagpur but it is envisaged to set up a separate low power TV transmitter at Midnapur during the VII Plan period.

Suggestions by FCI to Bring Down Prices of Foodgrains

18. SHRI T. BALA GOUD : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Food Corporation of India has suggested certain measures to Government to bring down the prices of foodgrains to a manageable level ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken to implement those proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) :

(a) No such suggestions have been received from the Food Corporation of India.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Agriculture Education

19. SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to take steps to make agricultural education more meaningful ;

(b) if so, what specific changes are proposed to be made in the existing