

per the provisions of Payment of Bonus Act, 1965.

(b) to (d) : Requests have been received from various associations in this matter and are under examination.

Construction of TV Studio Centre at Ahmedabad

175. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether T.V. Studio Centre at Ahmedabad is under construction at present ;

(b) when the said Studio Centre is likely to be commissioned ; and

(c) whether Regional Programmes in Gujarati language will be prepared by this Studio Centre and telecast from Ahmedabad T.V. Transmitter ?

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

(b) The Studio Centre is expected to be commissioned by the end of 1986.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Telecast of "Walt Disney Cartoon Films" from Delhi Doordarshan

176. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Doordarshan proposes to relay Walt Disney Cartoon Films, each of 25 minutes duration, from Delhi Doordarshan Centre ;

(b) whether these films will be dubbed in Hindi ;

(c) what will be the total expenditure ; and

(d) the time by which these films are likely to be telecast from Delhi Doordarshan ?

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

(b) Dubbing in Hindi has not been found feasible.

(c) The estimated cost of the films is US dollars 11,050,00.

(d) These will be telecast on the Sunday mornings beginning from 24th November, 1985.

[Translation]

Assistance to Bihar for Construction of Godowns in Rural Areas

177. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are providing assistance to Bihar for the construction of godowns in rural areas ;

(b) if so, the amount of assistance Government propose to give to Bihar for providing sufficient godown facilities for agricultural products during the Seventh Five Year Plan ;

(c) the amount of assistance provided for the purpose during the Sixth Five Year Plan ; and

(d) the number of godowns constructed in Bihar with the assistance provided by the Centre during the Sixth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Seventh Five Year Plan allocation for giving central assistance to the States/Union Territories under the scheme for establishment of a national

grid of rural godowns is Rs. 26.25 crores. However, the practice so far has been not to earmark funds State-wise, but to consider cases for assistance received from State/Union Territories on merit.

(c) During the Sixth Five Year Plan period (1980-85), under the scheme for establishment of a national grid of rural godowns, central assistance amounting to Rs. 114.71 lakhs was given to the State Government of Bihar for construction of 166 rural godowns.

(d) The State Government has reported that 37 sanctioned rural godowns have since been completed.

[English]

Setting up of TV Relay Centre at Gaya

178. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Gaya has been included in the list of places where Doordarshan relay centre is proposed to be set up during 1985-86 and ;

(b) if so, steps taken for setting up of Doordarshan relay centre at Gaya ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) A low power TV transmitter was installed at Gaya in July, 1984 and is functioning satisfactorily.

Extension of TV Facility in Bihar

179. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose extension of television facility in Bihar during the Seventh Five Year Plan period ; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Whereas low power TV transmitters one each at Darbhanga and Bettiah in Bihar are under installation as part of the VI Plan schemes, additional TV transmitters envisaged for setting up in Bihar during the VII Plan period, subject to yearwise phasing and priorities agreed to by the Planning Commission, are as per details given below :

(a) High Power TV Transmitter.

(i) Katihar.

(ii) Daltanganj.

(b) Low Power TV Transmitters.

(i) Madhubani.

(ii) Sasaram.

(iii) Giridih.

(iv) Siwan.

(v) Gopalganj.

(vi) Motihari.

(vii) Sitamarhi.

(viii) Saharsa.

(ix) Singhbhum.

(x) Forbesganj.

Subject to the same consideration, it is proposed to set-up a full-fledged colour TV studio centre at Patna, a smaller studio centre at Ranchi and also to provide programme generation facilities at Daltanganj during the VII Plan period.

[Translation]

Improvement in Doordarshan News Service

180. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to enter into a contract with an independent