

(c) if so, whether Central Government have acceded to the request; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh for enhancement of the ceiling of expenditure by Rs. 449.60 lakhs has been considered by Government of India and it has been decided not to reopen up the case since the ceilings were fixed on the basis of the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief thereon. The extension of time limit however, has been granted upto 31st March, 1986, for utilising the ceiling of expenditure approved for 'irrigation' and 'repair of roads' for the year 1984-85 and 1985-86.

Wheat and rice allotted to Andhra Pradesh under NREP and RLEGP for 1986-87

5584. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :
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REDDY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quality and quantity of wheat and rice to be allotted to Andhra Pradesh under N.R.E.P./R.L.E.G.P. during 1986-87;

(b) whether representations have been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for increasing the distribution charges of foodgrains under NREP/RLEGP from the present Rs. 15/- per quintal to Rs. 25/- per quintal;

(c) whether representation has been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and other States for releasing the Budget provisions by Union Government in one instalment for schemes under NREP/RLEGP/IRDP/DPAP/PASMA on the ground that the release of the second instalment is invariably delayed; and

(d) whether Government have acceded to the suggestion and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) A total quantity of 95,560 MTs has been allocated to Andhra Pradesh under NREP/RLEGP for the first half of the year 1986-87. The quantity to be allocated for the second half of the year will depend upon the utilisation against this quantity. Half of the quantity of foodgrains will be supplied in the form of rice and the remaining quantity in the form of wheat. The quality of foodgrains to be supplied has to conform to the Fair Average Quality (FAQ).

(b) to (d). The Government of Andhra Pradesh had represented during the year 1984-85 that the subsidy provided for transportation and handling charges of the foodgrains under NREP should be enhanced from Rs. 15/- to Rs. 25/-. The rate of subsidy for transportation and handling charges has been revised to Rs. 20/- per quintal and States may book any expenditure over and above this amount to the non-wage component under NREP/RLEGP.

No proposal has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh or any other State that the funds under the programmes should be released in one instalment.

Telecast of Kannada Language Programmes

5585. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER :
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) how many sponsored programmes are being shown in a week in the regional language of Kannada by Bangalore Doordarshan Kendra; and

(b) whether it will be increased ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) At present, sponsored programme in Kannada is shown once a week.

(b) Yes, sir. It would be increased if suitable programmes are available.