

**Setting up of air stations during  
1987-88**

5721. SHRI K. KUNJAMBU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up some more radio stations in the country in 1987-88; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Four new Radio Stations are expected to be ready for commissioning one each at Agra (Uttar Pradesh), Madurai (Tamil Nadu), Keonjhar (Orissa) and Jamshedpur (Bihar), during 1987-88.

**Cluster villages selected for National  
Demonstrations/Operational  
Research Projects**

5722. SHRI BANWARI LAL BAIRWA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any cluster of villages was selected for the National Demonstrations/Operational Research Projects under the agricultural extension scheme for transfer of agricultural technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to monitor the projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir. 'Cluster of Villages' were selected under National Demonstration Project and the Operational Research Projects.

(b) There are 48 National Demonstration Project Centres and 150 Operational Research Project Centres in the country. At

each National Demonstration Centre, 2 contiguous clusters of 3-5 villages each are selected for conducting National Demonstrations on farmer's fields. In the Operation Research Project, the area of operation is also a cluster of villages or a watershed so that the natural resources are developed and appropriate technologies are evaluated and refined to suit the needs of various socio-economic groups inhabiting these villages/watersheds. Such an arrangement facilitates the working of the scientists with rural communities representing different kinds of resource limitations and agricultural production constraints. The system promotes the participation of rural communities in the project activities and also provides the required feed back to the scientists.

(c) The National Demonstration Projects and Operational Research Projects are monitored at 3 levels. Central level monitoring is done by the ICAR Headquarters staff, Zonal level monitoring by the Zonal Coordinators and implementing level monitoring by the Directors of Extension of Agricultural University or Director, Department of Agriculture in the Union Territories of Goa and Pondicherry. The National Demonstrations Projects are exclusively monitored by 4 Regional Coordinators located at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, Orissa University of Agricultural and Technology, Bhubaneswar and J. N. Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur. The monitoring is done by making on-the-spot visits, scrutinizing periodic reports and by conducting biennial workshops.

**Revamping of T and V system of  
agricultural extension**

5723. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Governments have not implemented the Union Government's recommendation to revamp 'Training and Visit' system of agricultural extension;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to impress upon the States to implement the scheme in letter and spirit ?