Setting up of air stations during 1987-88

Written Answers

- 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, 'Cir. '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 socioeconomic 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 Tciences, 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 biennual 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?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI **YOGENDRA** MAKWANA): (a) and (b). The majority of the States have taken steps to implement the recommendations made by the Union Government from time to time for effective operation of 'Training and Visit' System of agricultural extension. Some States are not in a position to adhere to the implementation schedule of the Project on account of inadequate resources.

(c) Instructions have been issued to State Governments for providing adequate funds. National level Seminars/Workshop are being held for indepth analysis of the problems being faced by the State Governments in the implementation of the scheme and appropriate remedial measures suggested. Review Teams/Consultants and senior officers are also regularly visiting the States for guiding them in proper implementation of the scheme.

Survey on deep sea fishing areas

5724. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any systematic study has been made to identify the various kinds of fish in deep sea and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the programmes formulated under the Seventh Five Year Plan for fuller exploitation of the fishing resources in deep sea areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF (SHRI YOGENDRA AGRICULTURE Sir. Systematic MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Survey of deep sea fishery resources in Indian Exclusive Economic zone is a continuous activity done by the Fishery Survey of India, Bombay which is the nodal agency for the purpose. Survey of the demersal fishery resources upto 70 M depth has been completed. In some areas viz. Wadge Bank, Gulf of Mannar, Kerala-Karnataka Coast, Lower Tamil Nadu Coast, survey of demersal fishery resources upto 300 M depth has also been completed. Survey of South Kerala Coast, South Maharashtra Coast, North-West Coast, Orissa and West Bengal Coast is in progress. A number of potential grounds for deep sea prawns, deep sea lobster, tuna, perches, horse mackeral, squid and cuttle-fish have been located.

(b) In order to optimally utilise the available fishery resources in deep sea areas, it is envisaged to build up a fleet of about 500 deep sea fishing vessels through indigenous construction, import, charter, and joint venture by the end of Seventh Five Year Plan.

Morning Transmission by Bombay Doordarshan

5725. DR. DATTA SAMANT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Bombay Doordarshan was scheduled to start the Morning Transmission from 31 January, 1987;
 - (b) if so, the reasons for delay; and
 - (c) the time by which it will be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA): (a) to (c). The morning transmission originates from Delhi and is relayed by all the Kendras on the National network including Doordarshan Kendra, Bombay. Initially, the transmission was decided to start from the 31st January, 1987. However, because of constraints of Programme planning, the transmission has commenced from 23rd February, 1987.

Development of satellite centres for metro cities and rural growth

- 5726. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the steps being contemplated to diffuse the alarming situation arising as a