

Prepare the Software Plan for Doordarshan headed by Dr. P. C. Joshi has, inter-alia, recommended that the transmission time in respect of children's programmes needs to be increased and adequate facilities made available for production of such programmes. This recommendation has been accepted by the Government.

(b) The responsibility for maintenance of community viewing TV sets including those installed in schools is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations concerned. However, in some cases maintenance is looked after by Doordarshan, which has been provided adequate facilities to ensure their proper functioning.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

**Losses on Bombay port trust works
by NBCC**

5861. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain irregularities in the Annual Accounts of the National Building Construction Corporation for the year 1985-86, particularly regarding irrecoverable loss to the tune of crores of rupees on Bombay Port Trust works, have been pointed out by the statutory auditor;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c). The Statutory auditors in their report on the accounts of the National Buildings Construction Corporation for the year 1985-86 have mentioned an amount of Rs. 23.34 crores (approx.) as irrecoverable. In fact, the overall pricing pattern for the Bombay Port Trust Works is under arbitration due to abnormal change in the scope of work covered in the original contract. The NBCC have already received interim awards amounting to Rs. 4.25 crores. The

Corporation has also amply disclosed these facts in their notes on accounts for the year 1985-86. Pending final award of the arbitrator the amount mentioned by the statutory auditors can not be viewed as recoverable or a loss and, as such, the question of Government taking any action does not arise.

Damage to orange crop by white flies

5862. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO :
SHRIMATI USHA

CHOUDHARI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of orange crop affected by "Black Sooty Mould" a fungus caused by microscopic white flies in Vidarbha belt of Maharashtra State;

(b) since when this disease is prevailing in those areas of Maharashtra;

(c) the estimated loss as a result thereof;

(d) whether Government also propose to give subsidy to the farmers hit by the 'Kolshi, disease; and

(e) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The percentage of crop (orange) affected by 'Black Sooty Mould,' a fungus caused by microscopic white flies in Vidarbha belt of Maharashtra State is about 94 per cent.

(b) The incidence of the disease (Kolshi) in prevailing in those areas of Maharashtra for the last 8-9 years, but it assumed higher proportions only from 1984-85 onwards.

(c) The crop loss due to this disease has been estimated to vary from 30 per cent to 40 per cent.

(d) and (e). The Government of India has sanctioned financial assistance to the

tune of Rs. 1,34,77,000/- during 1986-87 as a Central share of subsidy on the cost of pesticides etc. under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, to cover a gross area of 4,60,000 acres (1,84,000 hectares), for spraying against white flies (Kolshi) in Maharashtra.

News telecast

5863. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether complaints have been received from viewers against Doordarshan regarding telecast of inaccurate news;

(b) if so, whether the same has been looked into; and

(c) if so, action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) to (c). While it is the endeavour of Doordarshan to telecast news which is factual, accurate and objective, there have been some instances of viewers complaining against the factual inaccuracies of news bulletines of Doordarshan. Such complaints are looked into promptly and corrective action taken.

Bauxite Mines in Krishnadeveta in A. P.

5864. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA MURTY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have signed a contract with USSR in January, 1986 for preparation of feasibility report for Bauxite Mines in Krishnadeveta in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the report has since been made available and decision taken for appropriate investment on the project;

(c) whether Government had undertaken feasibility study of the Alumina Plant in Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) the estimated capital cost at 1980 price level for 6 Lac-tonne plant; and

(e) the stage at which the matter stands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) National Aluminium Company Limited signed a contract with Tsvetmetpromexport of USSR.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). In 1980, the Soviets prepared a feasibility report. The estimated capital cost for a six lac tonne per annum alumina plant was Rs. 426 crores at first quarter of 1980 price level.

(e) At present the Government is examining the export oriented bauxite project.

Second dose financing to the beneficiaries under IRDP

5865. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the second dose financing to the Integrated Rural Development Programme beneficiaries is very poor;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the actual achievement as against the targets set for last two years i.e. 1985-86 and 1986-87; and

(d) the details of actual cases identified for second dose financing and number of cases who were actually benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) : (a) to (d). The strategy for Integrated Rural Development Programme during the Seventh Plan period inter-alia includes consolidation of gains made during the Sixth Plan by way