

12. Uttar Pradesh :

Haldwani

Sandila in Distt. Hardoi,

13. West Bengal :

Dankui

14. Maharashtra :

Surrounding areas of Sangli and Miraj.

TV Coverage in Arunachal Pradesh

4078. SHRI WANGPHA LOWANG : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Television coverage in Arunachal Pradesh is very poor; and

(b) if so, steps taken/proposed to be taken to provide maximum coverage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) At present, a low power (100 Watt) transmitter (LPT) at Itanagar provides TV service in Arunachal Pradesh.

(b) The TV expansion Plan for the North-Eastern region, approved in March, 1984, provides for replacement of the existing LPT at Itanagar by a 1 KW transmitter and setting up of LPTs at Tezu and Passighat. These schemes are under implementation. In addition, 7th Plan of Door-darshan includes setting up of 2 × 10 Watt relay transmitters at 11 places viz. Bomdila, Namsai, Roing, Along, Changlong, Daporijo, Khonsa, Tawang, Ziro, Seppa, and Anini. Implementation of these schemes will depend on year-wise availability of resources.

Supply of Agricultural Implements to Small Farmers at Subsidised Rates

4079. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to extend financial assistance to States during the current year for supplying agricultural implements to small farmers at subsidised rates; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(b) A statement is given below.

Statement

A sum of Rs. 219.60 lakhs (central share) has been provided for the current financial year against the centrally sponsored scheme of "Establishment of Farmers Agro Service Centres and popularisation of improved Agricultural Implements and hand tools". The statewise allocation of funds is as under :-

(Rs. in lakhs)

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	17.444
2.	Assam	9.774
3.	Bihar	18.119
4.	Karnataka	13.208
5.	Madhya Pradesh	35.399
6.	Maharashtra	26.823
7.	Orissa	22.388
8.	Tamil Nadu	15.127
9.	Uttar Pradesh	24.705
10.	Gujrat	6.725
11.	Haryana	1.494
12.	Himachal Pradesh	1.494
13.	Jammu and Kashmir	1.494
14.	Kerala	4.484
15.	Meghalaya	0.600
16.	Manipur	0.600
17.	Nagaland	0.450
18.	Punjab	0.748
19.	Rajasthan	5.980
20.	Sikkim	0.300

21. Tripura	0.600
22. West Bengal	9.045

UNION TERRITORIES

1. Goa	0.310
2. Pondicherry	0.150
3. Mizoram	0.620
4. Arunachal Pradesh	0.920

Total :	219.000
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Salary of Staff at Head

Quarters	0.600
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G. Total :	219.600
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Setting Up of TV Relay Station Near Surendranagar

4080. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the funds allocated for setting up of TV relay stations, upto 1 KW capacity during the current year; and

(b) whether priority has been given to the proposal for setting up of one such station near Surendranagar in Gujarat State ?

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

(a) Doordarshan's VII Plan outlay of Rs. 700 crores includes a provision of Rs. 53.05 crores for setting up new TV transmitters of powers upto 1 KW and associated maintenance centres.

(b) It is envisaged to set up a low power (100 W) TV transmitter at Surendranagar during the VII Plan period. Its implementation would, however, depend on year-wise availability of funds.

Production of Betel Leaves

4081. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the production of betel leaves during the last three years and the estimated production during the current year ;

(b) whether betel leaf growers are not getting remunerative prices for their produce ;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof and steps Government propose to take in this regard ;

(d) whether Government have decided to give subsidy to betel leaf growers till the remunerative price is fixed ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The data on area and production in respect of betelvine are not available. However, the major producing States are Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Assam, Bihar, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa.

(b) to (e) Some of the State Governments are providing assistance in the production and marketing of betel leaves to ensure remunerative prices to the growers. Indian Council of Agricultural Research is implementing a scheme for the control of diseases on betel leaves for increased production to ensure higher returns to the growers.

Installation of 10 KW T.V. Transmitter Centre at Jabalpur

4082. SHRI AJAY MUSHRAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to instal 10 KW TV transmitter centre in place of 1 KW at Jabalpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the date by which this would be installed;

(c) whether Government have allocated sufficient funds in the Seventh Plan for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?