

up a fruit processing unit at Bhagalpur in Bihar and a pineapple processing unit at Silchar in Assam. It is also considering proposals to set up some more fruit and vegetable processing units.

- (ii) A company, namely, the North-Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC) has been set up to undertake procurement, marketing and processing of fruits and vegetables produced in that region. The corporation is engaged in setting up a pineapple and orange processing unit at Kumarghat in Tripura.
- (iii) The Ministry is providing financial assistance to Bihar Fruit and Vegetable Development Corporation, an undertaking of the Bihar State Government, in setting up a fruit and vegetable processing project. It is proposed to extend such assistance to other State Government undertakings for taking up such projects.
- (iv) Subject to certain conditions, the Government has exempted the fruit and vegetable processing industry from the requirement of licensing so as to encourage growth of the industry.

Regular Employment for Casual Workers in C.P.W.D.

5280. SHRI LALIT MAKEN : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the casual workers employed by CPWD are doing work of permanent nature for a number of years ; and

(b) if so, whether thousands of such workers have not been regularised against permanent vacancies as per the yardstick of C.P.W.D. ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. There is a complete ban on creation of posts and filling up of vacancies. Regularisation of casual workers, however, is subject to availability of vacancies in the direct recruitment quota, and fulfilling other eligibility conditions by the workers.

Commissioning of Permanent T.V. Station at Bangalore

5281. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bangalore is having only a relay TV station at present ;

(b) the time by which permanent T.V. station will be commissioned at Bangalore City ; and

(c) whether the viewers of Bangalore will get the colour transmission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) No, Sir. A high power (10 KW) transmitter with an interim studio set-up for local programme production is functioning at Bangalore.

(b) and (c). The permanent TV Studio Centre at Bangalore, capable of operation in colour, is expected to be commissioned during 1986-87.

[Translation]

Acute water shortage in Patna

5282. SHRI VIAY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether drinking water problem is becoming acute day by day with the extension of Patna town ;