

**Broadcasting of Questions Orally  
Answered in Lok Sabha**

6268. SHRI NIRMAL KHATRI : Will the minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government will make arrangements to ensure compulsory broadcast from All India Radio and Telecast from Doordarshan of all the oral questions asked and replies given by the Ministers concerned during the Question Hour of Lok Sabha ; and

(b) whether news agencies and daily newspapers will also be approached for the same purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) News items regarding the question hour in Parliament are included in the News bulletins of AIR and Doordarshan, based on their importance and news worthiness

With the limitation of broadcasting/telecasting time, it would not be advisable to accept the suggestion made.

(b) The Press in India is free and it will not be possible to compel news agencies and daily newspapers to compulsorily publish parliamentary proceedings, specially the oral questions and replies given during the Question Hour in the Lok Sabha. Even at present, daily newspapers cover a number of questions and answers which figure in the Lok Sabha, depending upon their news value, other news fall and the space available.

**[Translation]**

**FCI Wheat Procurement Centres**

6269. SHRI NIRMAL KHATRI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether wheat and paddy procurement centres are opened in different areas in the country by the Food Corporation of India ;

(b) the criteria followed in opening these procurement centres ; and

(c) the number of wheat procurement centres being opened in Uttar Pradesh at present ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State Governments decide the number of purchase centres and the places where they are to be opened for the procurement of wheat and paddy by the different agencies, including Food Corporation of India, on the basis of the anticipated procurement, keeping in view that the farmers should not have to travel long distances for the sale of their produce.

(c) During 1985-86 Rabi Marketing Season, the U.P. Government have decided to operate 4884 centres for purchase of wheat, out of which 353 and 4531 centres have been allotted to Food Corporation of India and State Government/agencies respectively.

**[English]**

**Setting up of Mini TV Centres at  
Mangalore, Mercarara and Mysore**

6270 SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up mini television centres at Mangalore, Mercarara and Mysore ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ;