

progress. As soon as external electrical service work is completed by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, these flats will be released for allotment.

[English]

Betel Leaf Research Centre in West Bengal

3019. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to set up a full-fledged betel leaf research centre in West Bengal ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has sanctioned on March 21, 1983 a full fledged Research Centre on Betelvine at the Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya (BCKVV) Kalyani in West Bengal.

(b) The Betelvine Research Project has 8 centres in different parts of the country apart from a Coordinating Cell with a Tissue Culture Unit located at the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore. BCKVV is one of the research centres of the Project which has been sanctioned for a period of 2 years at a total cost of Rs. 3,27,580/-. It is proposed to continue this project beyond March 1985 as a VII Plan project. The priority areas for research in respect of the Project are :—

- (i) Diagnosis and control of major diseases and pests of *Pan*.
- (ii) Improvement in agro-horticultural techniques of *Pan* cultivation.
- (iii) Identification and conservation of *Pan* varieties in the country and varietal improvement.
- (iv) Research on tissue culture on *Pan* for conservation of germplasm material.

(v) Any other important problems that may arise.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Increasing the Range of 25 KM Range TV Transmitters

3020. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to increase the present 25 K. M. range of television transmitters operating in the country ;

(b) if so, the names of the places where T. V. transmitters of 25 K.M. range are operating in Rajasthan ;

(c) whether Government propose to shift the 25 K.M. range T.V. transmitter of Ajmer-Rajasthan to Joragarh Fort which is situated at a high hill and to replace it with a high speed range transmitter ; and

(d) if so, the details regarding the areas which can be covered by this new transmitter and if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

(a) Replacement of some of the low power TV transmitters, which have an average range of about 25 KM, by high power transmitters is on hand according to the approved Plan for providing wider TV coverage.

(b) Low power TV transmitters are functioning at Suratgarh, Ganganagar, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Kota, Alwar, Khetri, Bikaner, Bhilwara, Ajmer, Jaisalmer and Barmer in Rajasthan.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. There is no approved scheme, at present, either to shift the low power transmitter at Ajmer or to replace it by a high power transmitter. Further extension of TV service to uncovered parts of Rajasthan would depend on the availability of resources for this purpose during future Plan periods.