

(b) if so, the State-wise break-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) to (b). Yes, Sir. Setting up of Composite Rural Training and Technology Centres is a new scheme proposed for implementation during Seventh Five Year Plan. Since the Seventh Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised, the details are not available.

Time given to the Marathi Programme at Bombay Doordarshan

3025. SHRI D. B. PATIL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are complaints to the effect that sufficient time is not being given for programmes in Marathi at Bombay Doordarshan ;

(b) if so, what Government propose to do in this matter ; and

(c) the average time allotted per week for various languages at Bombay Doordarshan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N.GADGIL) : (a) and (b). Doordarshan Kendra, Bombay serves a metropolitan area consisting of a large number of linguistic groups of viewers. Suggestions are received from time to time from different linguistic groups for more programmes in their respective languages, including Marathi. Attempts are made to accommodate these requests within the constraints of transmission time, production facilities at the Kendra, etc. With the implementation of the recently approved scheme for introduction of a second TV Channel at Doordarshan Kendra, Bombay, some more time is expected to be available for Marathi programmes.

(c) In terms of duration of programmes originated by Doordarshan Kendra, Bombay per week, programmes in Marathi accounted, on the basis of average for the last 13 weeks, for 61%, followed by Hindi

17%, Gujarati 10%, English 6% and Urdu 2%. Programmes in other languages like Sindhi, Konkani, Sanskrit, etc. are also telecast by the Kendra.

Agricultural Produce Price Fixation Committee

3026. SHRI N.V. RATNAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether each State has Agricultural Produce Prices Fixation Committees of their own ;

(b) whether all the States have been demanding for long to have their own committees ; and

(c) the reasons for not permitting them to have their own price fixation committees ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected.

Cost Index for the Agriculture Produce

3027. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether, like the industrial produce, Government have any cost index for the agricultural produce in the country ;

(b) whether Government propose to set up a machinery for this purpose ; and

(c) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) There is no cost index for the agricultural produce in the country. However, to study the cost structure and obtain the Cost of Production of Crops, a Comprehensive Scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation/Production of Principal Crops has been in operation since 1970-71. The scheme envisages collection of representative data on inputs and outputs both in physical and monetary terms and