

those bordering China, Pakistan and Bangladesh, A number of schemes towards upgradation of existing and establishment of new transmitters are already under implementation. The details are given in the statement below. Additional schemes for improving radio coverage in these areas have also been included by AIR for implementation the 7th plan.

(c) Yes, Sir. During the 7th Plan AIR proposes to establish a number of radio stations with F. M. transmitters, for improving radio coverage in the country.

(d) Yes, Sir.

#### Statement

S. No.	Scheme
1.	Upgradation of KW MW transmitter at Shillong to 100 KW transmitter.
2.	Upgradation of 100 KW MW transmitter at Dibrugarh to 300 KW transmitter.
3.	Upgradation of the existing SW transmitter at Gauwahati from 10 KW to 50 KW.
4.	Establishment of a new integrated service for the N. E. region with a 50 KW SW transmitter at Shillong.
5.	Establishment of a new Radio Station at Tura with 20 KW MW transmitter.
6.	Upgradation of the existing MW transmitter at Patna to 100 KW.
7.	Upgradation of existing MW transmitter at Lucknow to 300 KW.
8.	Upgradation of existing MW transmitter at Siliguri to 200 KW.

9. Upgradation of the existing MW transmitter at Ajmer to 200 KW.
10. Upgradation of the existing MW transmitter at Rajkot to 300 KW.
11. Setting up of a new radio station at Itanagar with a 100 KW MW transmitter.

#### Agreement with France to Help African Countries Facing Food Shortage

1087. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether an agreement between India and France has been reached to help African countries facing food shortage;

(b) if so, the terms and details of the agreement reached between the two countries and the amount involved as share of each country; and

(c) names of the countries in Africa that will be covered under this scheme and the time by which the agreement will be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir. However, the question of cooperation between India and France for assisting agricultural development in African countries was discussed when the Minister of State for Cooperation in the Ministry of External Relations, Government of France called on Minister of Agriculture, Government of India, recently.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

#### Construction of Roads in Rural Areas

1088. SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :