

Decentralisation in the management of agriculture, dairy and poultry farms

8859. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is need for decentralisation in the management of agricultural farms and dairy farms and R & D units of Indian Council of Agricultural Research;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether a number of Central agricultural farms and dairy farms need toning up of management to cut short losses and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Import of seeds of pulses

8860. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have plans to import seeds of new varieties of pulses having better performance as in the case of wheat, rice and maize etc; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

AIR stations in Malabar area of Kerala

8861. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of All India Radio stations in the Malabar area of Kerala consisting of six districts Kasaragod, Cannanore, Wynad, Calicut, Malappuram and Palghat, where almost half the population of Kerala resides; and

(b) whether the existing station/stations are sufficient to cover the entire Malabar area; and

(c) if not, the steps Government have taken in this regard ?

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

(a) The AIR station at Calicut is in the Malabar area of Kerala. This Station has a 10 KW MW Transmitter.

(b) and (c). The All India Radio at Calicut provides coverage to the entire district of Calicut and major part of Malappuram and some parts of Cannanore and Wynad. Besides, the All India Radio Transmitters located at Trichur (20 KW MW) in Kerala also provide coverage to the Malabar area.

In order to provide coverage to the remaining uncovered parts of Malabar area, All India Radio in its 7th Plan has included a scheme to set up a new radio station with a 2 x 3 KW FM transmitter at Cannanore. The existing 20 KW MW transmitter at Trichur is being upgraded to 100 KW MW. A 50 kw sw transmitter is also being set up at Trivandrum which would provide support service to the entire State.

Major Mines under private ownership

8862. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any major mines still under private ownership in India ;

(b) if so, the locations thereof and the names of the owners; and

(c) whether Government intend to nationalise any more mines, if so, the details thereof ?