

(b) The transmitter and antenna system were supplied by M/S Bharat Electronics Ltd ;

(c) The suppliers have undertaken repairs to the defective units of the antenna system.

(d) It is expected that the repairs would be completed by about June, 1986.

Production of Gypsum.

4449. SHRI JUJHAR SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to State :

(a) the total year-wise production of gypsum in the country during the last three years and how it is being used ;

(b) whether consumption of gypsum is likely to increase in the Seventh Five Year Plan with the installation of new cement factories and the use of natural gypsum by the Sindri Fertilizer Factory once again, if so, the expected demand for gypsum by the end of Seventh Five Year Plan ; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to meet this demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA) : (a) Production of Gypsum during 1983, 1984 and 1985 was 10,20,000 tonnes 12,48,000 tonnes and 12,60,000 tonnes respectively. Gypsum is being used mainly in cement industry; and for agricultural purpose as soil conditioner.

(b) Yes Sir. The expected demand of gypsum at the end of Seventh Five Year Plan is likely to be 24 lakh tonnes.

(d) The demand will be met by the production of mineral gypsum and the by-product gypsum.

Allocation to Kerala for Implementation of Irdp

4450. SHRI SURESH KURUP: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated to Kerala under the Integrated Rural Development Programme during the year 1985-86 ;

(d) the amount utilised ; and

(c) the amount likely to be allocated for the year 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) The total amount allocated to Kerala under the Integrated Rural Development Programme during 1985-86 is Rs. 1341.32 lakhs.

(b) The total amount utilised so far according to figures available during 1985-86 is Rs. 550.00 lakhs.

(c) The total amount likely to be allocated to Kerala under the Integrated Rural Development Programme during 1986-87 is Rs. 1477.97 lakhs.

Mango Cultivation in Maharashtra

4451. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts of the Konkan region of Maharashtra are found to be showing remarkable progress as well as innovation in mango cultivation ; and

(b) if so, the nature and extent of Central assistance and facilities given or proposed to be given to mango cultivators to improve the yield so as to augment production of mangoes to earn foreign exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts of Maharashtra have been known suitable for cultivation of Alphonso variety of mango which has very high demand in foreign markets. The State Government is providing assistance for cultivation of mango through (i) capital subsidy for cultivation of fruit crops ; (ii) long-term loan to small farmers and (iii) 50% capital subsidy to small farmers for Alphonso mango cultivation and one-third subsidy for cultivation of other Mango varieties.