

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :** (a) No, Sir. Research on the effect of sewage water on vegetable production at the Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal is not being carried out. The work being carried out is on the utilisation of sewage water in forestry system.

(b) to (e). Does not arise.

#### Production of Apples

**2405. SHRI HARISH RAWAT :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the per hectare production of apples in various States in the country;

(b) whether per hectare production of apples in India is less as compared to the other countries; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to increase the production of apples ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :** (a) Apple being a non-forecast crop, official estimates on per hectare production of apples in various States are not available. However, rough estimates of per hectare production of apples in important States are as follows :

State	Per hectare production of apple (in tonnes) (1984-85)
1. Jammu and Kashmir	9.8
2. Uttar Pradesh	3.5
3. Himachal Pradesh	8.8

(b) Per hectare production of apple in some other countries is reported to be high.

(c) Government of India is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme on improved technology for quality apple production in Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh. Under Indo-Australian Apple Technology Extension Project, improved technology for apple production is imparted to growers in Jammu and Kashmir. Super varieties of apple which have high productivity are being introduced in our country. Besides, State Governments are implementing programmes for increasing apple production. Agricultural Universities in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir are improving existing cultivation practices.

#### LPT at Jagadapur

**2406. SHRI MANKU RAM SODI :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the capacity in kilowatts of Doordarshan transmitter proposed to be set up at Jagadapur in district Bastar (Madhya Pradesh) and the range thereof;

(b) the details of the scheme formulated by Government in order to provide Doordarshan facility to tribal population belonging to rural areas of Bastar; and

(c) the future plan of Government keeping in view the fact that area of Bastar is more than that of entire Kerala State ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :** (a) Power of the transmitter at Jagadapur is 0.10 KW (100 W) and its service range is about 25 kms.

(b) The Seventh Plan of Doordarshan includes :

(i) replacement of the low power (100 W) transmitter at Jagadapur by a high power (1 KW) transmitter, which will result in coverage of a larger area;

(ii) setting up of a low power (100 W) transmitter at Bailadilla; and

- (iii) replacement of the 1 KW transmitter at Raipur by a 10 KW transmitter, which is also expected to provide service to parts of Bastar District.

(c) Further expansion of TV service in Bastar District would depend on the availability of resources during the future plans for TV expansion in the country.

[English]

#### Telecast/Broadcast of Wrong News

2407. SHRI NARESH CHANDRA CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of instances of incorrect broadcast/telecast in news bulletin during the last three years;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken in those instances; and

(d) whether any institutional mechanism is being devised to avoid recurrence of such instances in future and if so, the details thereof ?

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

(a) to (d). If the reference is to instances like the announcement of death of Babu Jagjivan Ram wrongly made on 4th July, 1986, there has been no other instance during the last three years. So far as the said broadcast over AIR is concerned, the position conveyed in reply to Unstarred Question No. 352 in the Lok Sabha on 21st July, 1986 holds good. Corrective action, as may be required, would be taken after considering the findings of the enquiry.

2. It may, however, be mentioned that AIR puts out over 200 bulletins in different

languages and dialects spoken in the country every day. Similarly all the major Door-darshan Kendras telecast daily bulletins in the concerned regional languages. Every effort is made by the media to maintain the highest standards of accuracy and professional efficiency in giving up to date and authentic information. Excepting for possible rare instances where authentic/official news sources themselves might have given different information later, no instance of incorrect broadcasting or telecasting of news has come to notice; save what has been referred to in para—1 above.

[Translation]

#### “Grants of Agricultural Universities in Uttar Pradesh”

2408. SHRI NIRMAL KHATTRI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the grants paid to the three Agricultural Universities in Uttar Pradesh during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(b) the reasons for paying less amount of grant to Narendra Dev Agricultural University, Faizabad; and

(c) the criterion fixed for giving such grants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). The grant paid to the three State Agricultural Universities *i.e.* Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology (GBPUAT), Pantnagar Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology (CSAUAT), Kanpur and Narendra Dev University of Agriculture and Technology (NDUAT), Faizabad under the scheme “Establishment and Development of Agricultural Universities” during the VI Plan and in 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 are as under :