

(b) if so, whether these will be relayed by all T.V. transmitter ?

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

(b) The proposed morning transmission will be put out by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi on the National book-up, and will be relayed by all T.V. transmitters in the country.

**Growth of Agriculture Sector to Provide Employment to Rural Population**

3493. DR. T. KALPANA DEVI :  
SHRI NARSINGH SURYA-  
WANSHI :  
SHRI V. SOBHANADREES-  
WARA RAO :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased so state :

(a) the measures taken for the growth of agriculture sector during the Seventh Plan period ; and

(b) the extent to which growth of agriculture sector will help in providing employment to rural population ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) In addition to expansion of technological base, a number of programmes are under implementation, specially to increase the productivity of rice in the Eastern Region, to develop dryland farming, to increase production of pulses and oilseeds, to raise the productivity of small and marginal farms, and to develop cattle wealth and fishery resources in the country.

(b) According to the Seventh Plan Document brought out by the Planning Commission, additional employment of the order of 17.98 million standard person years is projected to be generated in agriculture including crop and non-crop sectors during the Plan period.

**Microwave project for TV Relay Transmission Trivandrum**

3494. PROF. K.V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the microwave project for T.V. relay transmission from Trivandrum to Calicut via Cochin has been approved ;

(b) if so, the cost of the project and the time by which the project will be completed ;

(c) the details of the other microwave projects in Kerala, particularly for interior areas like Kuttanadu in Alleppey ;

(d) whether there is any proposal to have a wide based microwave link from Mangalore to Ernakulam ; and

(e) if so, the cost of project and the time by which the project will be commissioned ?

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

(b) Doordarshan will pay an estimated rental of Rs. 82 lakhs per annum to the Department of Telecommunications. The microwave link is expected to be commissioned into service during 1988-89.

(c) Alleppey is covered by the TV transmitter at Cochin and, therefore, there is no need for an additional microwave link for relay of TV programmes in this area.

(d) and (e). Extension of the microwave link (under implementation) between Trivandrum and Calicut to Mangalore will depend on the availability of resources in future.

**Laying cess to raise funds for upgrading Telecommunication Facilities**

3495. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :  
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH  
MALIK :  
SHRI Y.S. MAHAJAN