

have been adopted by the scientists for demonstrating relevant technologies specially low-cost technologies.

3. The schemes like Integrated Rural Development Programme, National Rural Employment Programme, Drought Prone Area Programme and Desert Development Programme are fully directed to creating employment and alleviation of poverty of the small and marginal farmers and other rural poor. In these programmes, more than 50% of the activities are agricultural based which help in transfer of new agricultural technologies.
4. The Mass Media of Communication including Radio, Television, Exhibition, Krishi Melas and print media are also educating all categories of farmers about latest agricultural technologies.

Extension of TV Facility in Andhra Pradesh

3524. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages in the country covered under the national and local T.V. programmes ;

(b) the number of such villages in Andhra Pradesh, covered as well as uncovered, by both national and local T.V. programmes ;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to extend this facility to more villages in Andhra Pradesh ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the time by which the scheme will be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) Approximately 62.5% of rural population of the country is at pre-

sent covered by TV signal. Information about the number of villages covered is not available.

(b) Approximately 57% of rural population of Andhra Pradesh is at present covered by TV signal. Information about the number of villages covered and not covered is not available.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). The existing low power transmitter at Vishakhapatnam has just been commissioned on full power of 10 KW. The 1 KW transmitter at Vijayawada is stated for commissioning on full power of 10 KW during 1986. Replacement of existing low power (100 W) transmitter at Tirupati and Anantapur by high power (10 KW) transmitters is included in the Seventh Plan. Setting up of additional low power transmitters at Adilabad, Ongole, Srikakulam and Khammam is also included in the Seventh Plan. Implementation of these schemes, depending on availability of resources, will substantially enhance TV coverage of rural population of Andhra Pradesh.

Deposits of Sapphire, Magnesite and Gallium in J & K State

3525. SHRI RAM DHAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether deposits of precious sapphire, magnesite and Gallium are found in appreciable quantity in the State of Jammu and Kashmir ; and

(b) if so, the action taken to mine them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRI-MATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) Small workable deposits of Sapphire crystals occur in the pegmatite veins and also as placers in the nearby nallahs in Padar area, Doda district. 3.045 million tonnes of magnesite has been located in Udhampur, Leh and Kargil districts. No deposits of gallium have been located. However, in the lignite and associated sedi-

ments from the 'upper' lignite horizon in Nichahom area, and the lignite seam of Dudhganga nala near Raithan village, Baramula district, Kashmir, gallium content was found to be around 10 to 20 ppm.

(b) The Padar sapphire deposit is known since 1882 and was mined intermittently till 1973. The Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited investigated this area in 1973 and 1975 and had recommended further exploration. The question of further exploration will be considered only after completion of detailed exploration by MECL. J & K Minerals is holding a mining lease of magnesite at Udampur. Production of magnesite, however, has not been reported from the area so far.

Possession of Plot to the Centre for Women's Development Studies

3526. DR. PHULRENU GUHA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 7961 on 28 April, 1986 regarding possession of plot to the Centre for Women's Development Studies and state :

(a) whether the Centre has since been given possession of the plot ;

(b) if not, the reasons for not getting the vacation by allotting alternative accommodation to the officer in occupation of the bungalow ; and

(c) the time by which the Centre for Women's Development Studies will be given possession of the plot of land ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c). No Sir. The present occupant of quarter standing on site allotted to the Centre for Women's Development Studies has been allotted alternative accommodation which is under repairs. The allottee will shift to alternative accommodation as soon as the repair work is completed, after which possession of the land will be handed over to the Institution.

Implementation of Rural Development Programmes

3527. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount released to Gujarat during the last three years for National Rural Employment Programme, Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme, Minimum Needs Programme and National Rural Employment Programme ;

(b) the amount utilised ;

(c) the achievements made during the period ;

(d) the steps taken to implement these programmes more effectively in adivasi areas of the State ; and

(e) the details of funds allocated for each State and particularly Gujarat during the Seventh Five Year Plan to implement the above-mentioned programmes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) :

(a) to (c). Minimum Needs Programmes are in the State sector and funds for these programmes are provided in the State Plans and not released by the Government of India. Statements showing releases of funds under National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP), outlays under Minimum Needs Programmes (MNP) and utilisation and achievements made in Gujarat during the last three years are placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—3080/86]

(d) Achievements under almost all the programmes excepting adult education are satisfactory. Following steps have been taken to implement adult education programme effectively in adivasi areas ;—

(i) cover on priority basis all the districts having literacy rate below national average ;