Installation of Low Power Transmitters in Himachal Pradesh during Seventh Plan.

411. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of IN-FORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any steps have been taken for the installation of Low Power T.V. Transmitters planned for installation in Himachal Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any phased programme for installation of transmitters has been drawn up for each year of the Seventh Five Year Plan and i' so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir. Action for selecting suitable sites for the transmitters has been initiated. Orders for supply of some of the required equipment have also been placed on the manufacturers.

(b) The proposed low power (100 W) TV transmitter at Mandi is expected to be commissioned into service by the end of 1986-87. Installation of the remaining transmitters in Himachal Pradesh (as in the other parts of the country) would depend on the yearwise allocation of resources, availability of equipment and overall priorities, during the Seventh Plan period.

Livestock Census

412, PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any livestock census has been conducted in the country during the last five years;

(b) if so, the finding of the census, particularly the livestock population, state-wise and the general features revealed in the census; and

(c) if not, the time by which a fresh census would be undertaken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YÖGEN-DRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes Sir, the 13th All India Census of Livestock and Farm Equipment was conducted in 1982.

(b) The detailed results of the Census are being received from the various States and Union Territories. The Census results provided by some States are under detailed examination.

(c) Livestock Census is conducted quinquennially and the next All India Livestock Census falls due in 1987.

Famine conditions in Karnataka

413 DR. V. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious and acute famine conditions are prevailing in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether any Central team had visited the State to make on the spot assessment;

(c) whether any report has been submitted by the team; and

(d) the remedial measures proposed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGEN-DRA MAKWANA): (a) to (d) To tackle the continuing drought situation, the Government of Karnataka submitted 3 memoranda in March, August, December, 1985. In response to each of these memoranda, a Central Team was deputed to visit the affected area and make an on the spot assessment of the need for Central assistance. Based on the reports of these Central Teams and recommendations of the High Level Committee on