

second channel on the same antenna installed for channel first of our TV and when this breakthrough is likely to be achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA) :

(a) Yes, Sir. Two audience research surveys at Delhi as well as at Bombay had been undertaken by Doordarshan.

(b) The expenditure incurred on Second Channel of Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi is Rs. 46,53,200 from its inception on 17-9-84 and upto 31-10-1986. The expenditure incurred on Second Channel of Doordarshan Kendra, Bombay is Rs. 18,73,000 for its inception on 1.5.1985 and upto 31.10.1986. This expenditure includes only payment for programmes, professional services and salaries to the staff of Channel-II at each Kendra. The gross income from the commercials on the Second Channel service of Doordarshan Kendra Delhi is Rs. 8,04,800 from 17.9.1984 to 30.9.1986.

(c) and (d). The primary TV channel and the second channel operate in VHF Band-I and Band-III respectively, both at Delhi and Bombay. Use of separate antenna for two different frequency bands is advisable to obtain best results particularly at long distances. Provision of a separate receiving antenna for the second channel is also not very costly. Separate antennae are used under similar conditions even in foreign countries. However, a single broad band antenna can also be used at close distances where the signal is strong. Many advanced countries have introduced a 'Central Reception and Distribution System' for TV within an apartment block over cables to avoid ghosts in TV pictures and also installations of clusters of individual antennae for a large number of channels by individual viewers.

Cooperative Spinning Mills in Andhra Pradesh

2008. **SHRI V. TULSIRAM :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government have requested the National Cooperative Development Corporation to grant approval for setting up of some cooperative spinning mills in the State;

(b) if so, since how long the request has been pending and the reasons for non-clearance; and

(c) the time by which final clearance would be given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c). National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) is a promotional, developmental and financing institution. For cooperative spinning mills, it provides financial assistance in the form of loans to State Governments for participating in the share capital.

Out of the 4 proposals received from Andhra Pradesh Government for assisting Cooperative spinning mills, NCDC sanctioned assistance in respect of 3 mills during the Sixth Plan period. NCDC's assistance for more spinning mills will depend upon obtaining industrial licence, finalisation of additional spindle capacity to be created in the Seventh Plan and availability of term loans from all India financing institutions.

Steps to Increase Oilseeds Production in A.P.

2009. **SHRI V. TULSIRAM :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government have approached Union Government to seek expert assistance for increasing the production of mustard, til, groundnut and other oilseed crops in the State;

(b) whether the climate of Andhra Pradesh is most suited for niger cultivation; and

(c) if so, the steps taken for increasing the production of niger, mustard, oil groundnut and other oilseeds in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.