

(b) the number of villages that are yet to be provided with drinking water facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) : (a) 23,833 villages have been fully covered with drinking water supply upto 31.12.1986.

(b) 16,927 villages (including partially covered villages) and 25,000 habitations are yet to be provided with drinking water facilities.

**Minimum Wages for Agricultural and Construction Workers**

732. SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN :  
SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA:  
SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that some of the State Governments have fixed minimum wages for agricultural and construction workers at a level which will keep them permanently below the poverty line ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c). The employments in agriculture and construction industry fall primarily under the sphere of State Governments who determine minimum wages in these employments. Each State assesses its local conditions and follows suitable criteria while fixing the minimum wages. State Governments have been advised to take into consideration all relevant considerations including poverty line while fixing minimum wages.

**Setting up of TV Centre in Malappuram District of Kerala**

733. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a TV centre in Malappuram district of Kerala during 1987; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) and (b). The existing low power (100W) TV transmitter at Dibrugarh is under replacement by a 10 KW TV transmitter. It has been decided to install the said transmitter at Malappuram on its release.

**TV Facilities for Rajnandgaon District of Madhya Pradesh**

734. SHRI SHIVENDRA BAHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to bring the District of Rajnandgaon of Madhya Pradesh under the TV network ; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal ?

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

(b) The Seventh Plan of Doordarshan includes a scheme for replacement of the existing .1 kilowatt TV transmitter at Raipur by a 10 kilowatt transmitter. On completion of this project, substantial area of Rajnandgaon district is expected to be covered by TV service.

**Draw of Lots by Cooperative Group Housing Societies**

735. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP-