

Community Development Blocks

* 1865. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any increase in the number of Community Development Blocks in the country in the Sixth and the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the number of Blocks, State-wise at the beginning of each of the Plans *i.e.* 1 April, 1980 and 1 April, 1985 and as on 1 January, 1987;

(c) whether any more C.D. Blocks have been demanded by the State Governments including Himachal Pradesh during this period; and

(d) if so, the details of the demands, State-wise and the decision of Union Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) : (a) and (b). Desired information is still awaited from the States/UTs.

(c) and (d). The creation of blocks is within the jurisdiction of the State Governments and approval of Union Government is not required for this purpose. Earlier proposals relating to increase of number of blocks were sent by States to this Department as release of funds under IRDP were given on uniform basis to blocks in the country. In the Seventh Plan, this procedure of making allocations under IRDP has been discontinued.

Micro-wave Link in Himachal Pradesh

1866. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any demand for providing a microwave link between Shimla/Kasauli/Hamirpur (alongwith end-links at Bilaspur and Una) has been made and his Ministry has placed the order with Department of Telecommunications; and

(b) if so, the likely date by which it would be provided ?

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

(a) No such demand appears to have been made in the recent past nor any order for providing the linkage has been placed with the Department of Telecommunications.

(b) Does not arise.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Himachal Pradesh

1867. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have received any demand from State Government or the representatives of the people from Himachal Pradesh for setting up Krishi Vigyan Kendras in various districts of the State;

(b) if so, the districts for which the demand has been made; and

(c) the decision taken by Government for setting them up at these places and the likely date by which they would be opened ?

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

(b) The names of the districts for which the demand has been made for establishment of Kirshi Vigyan Kendras in Himachal Pradesh are as follows :

1. Palampur, District Kangra
2. Dehra, District Kangra
3. District Hamirpur
4. District Una
5. District Bilaspur

(c) No decision has so far been taken,