

[*Translation*]

**Labourers Rendered Jobless due to  
Closure of Sugar Mills**

1868. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of labourers have become unemployed due to closure of sugar mills in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of sugar mills closed and labourers under unemployed in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) whether Government are taking effective steps to provide employment to these labourers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b). According to the latest available information, during 1986, there were no closures of sugar factories in the country.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

**TV Reception in Sindhudurg and  
Ratnagiri Districts of  
Maharashtra**

1869. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had assured in the Lok Sabha that necessary arrangements were being made to ensure effective reception of Doordarshan programmes in the Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts of the Konkan region of Maharashtra; and

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

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

(a) and (b). It was, *inter alia*, stated in reply to Unstarred Questions Nos. 55 and 2070 answered in the Lok Sabha on 18.11.85 and 10.3.1986 respectively that (i) TV service was proposed to be provided to Ratnagiri district and (ii) it was expected that the TV transmitter at Panaji would be commissioned on full power of 10 KW by about the middle of 1986, bringing parts of Sindhudurg district under TV coverage. The steps taken to achieve the said objectives are : (i) The scheme for setting up a TV transmitter of 100 W power at Ratnagiri is already under implementation and the transmitter is expected to be commissioned shortly. (ii) The TV transmitter at Panaji was commissioned on full power of 10 KW on 2.9.1986, and a large part of Sindhudurg district has since then been getting TV service from this transmitter.

**Subsidy for Coconut Production**

1870. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the subsidy given at present by Union Government under different schemes to encourage coconut production; and

(b) the steps taken to motivate small and marginal farmers to grow coconuts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The Coconut Development Board extends subsidy to small and marginal farmers for expansion of area under coconut and promotion of irrigation facilities in coconut gardens. The incentive subsidy under the scheme of expansion of area under coconut is at the rate of Rs. 3,000 per hectare to farmers possessing less than 2 ha. of land. For irrigation facilities, the subsidy is Rs. 1,000 per unit.

(b) The following steps are taken to encourage small and marginal farmers to take up coconut cultivation :

1. Production and distribution of quality coconut seedlings.

2. Providing subsidy at the rate of Rs. 3000 per ha. for taking up coconut cultivation.
3. Educating the growers on improved methods of cultivation through extension literature, demonstration programmes, organising exhibitions, etc.

#### **Allotment of Plots to Freedom Fighters in Delhi**

1871. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have decided to give a piece of land/plot in the Union territory of Delhi, on concessional rates to the freedom fighters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) The DDA have no policy to allot land/plot to the freedom fighters on concessional rates.

(b) Question does not arise.

#### **Advertisements of Second TV Channel**

1872. DR. B.L. SHAILESH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a decline in the advertisements through the Second T.V. Channel at Delhi and Bombay;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to review the entire gamut of contents, scheduling and tariff pattern for advertisement on the Second Channel; and

(c) the annual expenditure incurred on the Second Channel at Delhi and Bombay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) The income varies from month to month depending upon the festival season and marketing period of products advertised.

(b) Does not arise. However, the rate structure for advertisements has been revised w.e.f. 1.3.87 in such a way that Second Channel becomes more attractive for the advertisers.

(c) The annual expenditure incurred on the Second Channel at Delhi and Bombay for the year 1986-87 was Rs. 52.99 lakhs and Rs. 45.55 lakhs respectively.

#### **Crash Programme to Enhance output of Pulses**

1873. DR. B.L. SHAILESH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any crash programme has been prepared to give a boost to the production of pulses, if so, the broad outlines thereof;

(b) the steps taken to encourage the farmers to use the inputs judiciously and follow improved cultivation practices;

(c) the steps taken to ensure attractive terms to the growers so as to narrow down the gap between the price realised by the growers and the ultimate price paid by the consumers; and

(d) the further steps taken to augment of the supply of genetically pure seeds to the growers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Government of India have sanctioned a Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Project at a total cost of Rs. 46.05 crores with Rs. 29.00 crores as the central share during the Seventh Plan.

(b) Under National Pulses Development Project, demonstrations are laid out to educate the farmers for the use of various inputs and follow the improved cultivation practices. Efforts are also being made to make them available with good quality seeds of latest varieties through minikits.

(c) Government of India declares support price for different pulse crops as