

Firemen on daily wage basis in CPWD

3683. SHRI P. JEEVARA THINAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the strength of fire-fighting crew under the Central Public Works Department in New Delhi;

(b) the number of firemen working on daily wage basis since 1982;

(c) whether the deployment of such firemen is in keeping with the rules laid down; and

(d) the steps being taken to regularise the services of firemen working on daily wages ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Sanctioned strength of the fire fighting crew under CPWD for various categories is as follows :—

(1) Fire Officer	1
(2) Fire Superintendent	1
(3) Leading Firemen	13
(4) Firemen	104
(5) Motor Lorry Driver	19
(6) Khalasi	6

(b) Four persons are working as Firemen w.e.f. 24.12.85 on daily wage basis.

(c) and (d) Yes. The daily wage firemen will be considered for regularisation in due course as per the prescribed procedure.

Setting up of T.V. relay centre in Sundergarh in Orissa

3684. SHRI MAURICE KUJUR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) Whether there is any proposal to set up a television relay centre in Sundergarh in Orissa during 1987-88; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) and (b) A 100 watt T.V. transmitter is expected to be installed and commissioned at Sundergarh during 1987-88. Orders for the major equipment have already been placed.

Small and marginal holdings

3685. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of small and marginal holdings in the country in 1976 and in 1986;

(b) whether small and marginal holdings have increased to a great extent during this period,

(c) if so, the reasons for such an increase;

(d) whether Government have made any study in this regard; and

(e) if so, the result of the study ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANANI YADAV) : (a) and (b) The number of small and marginal holdings in the country has increased from 59.25 million in 1976-7 to 66.68 million in 1980-81. The result for 1985-86 census have not yet become available from the States.

(c) Reasons for this increase may be attributed to implementation of redistributive land reform measures as well as devolution of landed property through the process of inheritance.