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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA): (a) As per present indications, the proposed 100W TV transmitter at Cuddalore is expected to be commissioned into service during 1989-90.

(b) The capital cost of setting up a 100 W TV transmitter, at current prices, is estimated at about Rs. 37.05 lakhs.

(c) Installation of the proposed TV transmitter at Cuddalore (as also at a number of other places) is dependent on the annual allocation of Plan resources and availability of the required transmitter equipment.

Pesticides Producing Tobacco Plants

4448. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether pesticide producing tobacco plants have been produced through new agricultural bio-technology processes;

(b) whether it is a fact that introduction of such technology in Andhra Pradesh is likely to greatly change production and reduce pesticide use and thereby pollution; and

(c) whether similar technology has been developed by Research and Development units in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir, A bacterial gene active against some lepidopterous pests has been

incorporated in tobacco plant through genetic engineering mechanism. The pests feeding on leaves of such tobacco plants get paralysed and die. This work is under progress in the United States of America.

(b) It is too early to assess its influence under Indian Conditions since the experiments are still inconclusive in U.S.A. itself.

(c) No, Sir.

Affiliation of I.T.Is/I.T.Cs In Andhra Pradesh

4449. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has approached the Union Government for affiliation of the Government and private I.T.Is and I.T.C.s in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken in this regard; and

(d) the expected benefits to be derived as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b): The details are given in the statement below.

(c): All the 59 Inspection reports of Standing Committees in respect of ITIs/ITCs in the State of Andhra Pradesh forwarded by the State Government for affiliation to National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) during the session 1986-87 were processed at DGET Headquarters in the Ministry of Labour. After obtaining the approval of the Sub-Committee of NCVT deal-