

(c) whether any representations from the Gujarat Government or from the public have been received in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government thereon and the number and location of new TV relaying centres likely to be established in Gujarat State during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89?

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

(a) Twelve TV transmitters are, at present, functioning in Gujarat providing service to a population of about 236.8 lakhs, spread over an area of about 1.11, 200 Sq. Kms.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Replacement of the existing Low Power TV transmitter at Bhuj by a High Power (10 KW) transmitter and establishment of a 100 W TV transmitter each at Ahwa, Amreli, Godhra, Junagadh, Palanpur, Porbandar, Surendranagar, Valsad and Veraval included in the Seventh Plan of Doordarshan. While 100W transmitter at Palanpur and Amreli have been recently commissioned, three more such transmitters, on each at Ahwa, Surendranagar and Veraval are also expected to be commissioned into service during the current financial year itself. The establishment of the remaining TV relay centres well depend on availability of the required transmitter equipment, infrastructural facilities and annual allocation of Plan resources.

Floods in West Bengal

184. SHRI MANIK SANYAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the severe flood situation in West Bengal?

(b) if so, the total loss suffered by the State;

(c) whether a Central Team had visited the affected areas of the State to assess the extent of loss caused;

(d) if so, the details thereof and financial assistance sanctioned by the Union Government for relief measures to the State;

(e) whether floods are a permanent feature in the State;

(f) if so, the permanent measures taken in this direction?

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

(b) The value of damages to public and private property reported by the State Government is Rs. 439.93 crores, besides the loss of 156 human lives and 1391 heads of cattle.

(c) and (d) : A Central Team visited the State from 5th to 7th September, 1987 to make an on the spot assesment of the situation. On the basis of the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief, a celing of expenditure of Rs.67.72 crores has been approved to the State Govt. In addition Rs 0.06 crores for increasing vegetable production has also been approved to the State Government.

(e) Flood conditions of varying degrees have been reported by the Government of West Bengal for the last five years.

(f) It is for the State Government to take necessary steps to combat the situation created by flood conditions. The Government of India only supplements the efforts of the State Government by providing Central assistance to tackle the situation effectively.

Labour relations on Eastern Coalfields Ltd.

185. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the labour relations in the Eastern Coalfields Ltd. are under stress and strain;