

BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b). Persons are engaged on daily wage in AIR and Doordarshan for specific items of work of causal nature. Therefore, when the work ceases such persons are disbanded. According to instructions issued by the Department of Personnel, persons engaged on daily wage who had put in 240 days of work in a minimum spell of two years may be considered for appointment as peons subject to their fulfilment of certain conditions and availability of posts. AIR had in fact regularised six such persons since February, 1985.

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

[English]

Information Regarding SC and ST Benefited under IRDP

3919. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether every month telegraphic report indicating the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes people benefited under Integrated Rural Development Programme is obtained from all the States ; and

(b) if so, details thereof and the reasons for obtaining such reports telegraphically ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information for every month regarding the total beneficiaries covered as well as SC and ST families, under Integrated Rural Development Programme, is being obtained from all the States/UTs, telegraphically by 7th of the succeeding month to transmit the same to Planning Commission for their monthly report on 20-Point Programme.

Foreign Tour of Officials of NDDB in Connection with Import of Cows

3920. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the officers of National Dairy Development Board went to Germany in connection with the gift of 20000 Holstein Freisain cows to India ;

(b) if so, what are the details of these officers and the amount spent on them ?

(c) whether they have since taken charge of these animals :

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) when these cows are to arrive in the country and where these are to be kept ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) and (b). The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) deputed one of its Executive Directors twice to Europe in connection with the proposed gift of cows to India. The amount spent by the NDDB on his visits was approximately Rs. 1,15,988/-.

(c) to (e). No, Sir. The modalities of acceptance of the gift and other details regarding the keeping of the cows after they arrive in India have not been finalised.

Telecast of Educational Programmes

3921. SHRI S.M. BHATTAM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to give more time for educational programmes in Doordarshan ; and