

**Transmission Capacity of Akashwani,
Imphal**

3932. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH :
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KAMSON :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken to enhance the transmission capacity of the Akashwani, Imphal ;

(b) whether the 50 KW transmitter for Akashwani, Imphal is hardly pressed into service to full capacity for some reasons or the other ; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) In its draft proposals for the 7th Plan, AIR has included a scheme to set up a 50 KW SW transmitter in addition to the existing 50 KW MW transmitter at Imphal. The implementation will depend upon the availability of funds.

(b) and (c). 50 KW MW transmitter at Imphal is operated on full capacity depending upon the availability of power supply. However, during the last few years, there have been frequent power supply interruptions. On such occasions, programmes are relayed on a stand-by 1 KW MW transmitter run on Diesel Generator supply. AIR stations are dependent on the local State Electricity authorities for uninterrupted power supply.

**Jhumming Cultivation in North-Eastern
Regions**

3933. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the I.C.A.R. had made a study of the ruinous effects of the

jhumming cultivation prevalent in the hill areas of the North-Eastern Regions ;

(b) if so, the findings and the proposed remedial measures ;

(c) whether the I.C.A.R. units in Imphal and other State capitals in the regions have failed to create any impact of their existence in this regard ; and

(d) if so, reasons therefor ?

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

(b) Alternative farming systems to replace jhumming have been developed. The model land use suggested as an alternative to jhum has about 1/3rd area towards the foothills under bench terracing for agricultural crops, middle 1/3rd area under horticultural crops and top 1/3rd of the slope under forest cover.

(c). No, Sir. Varieties of improved field crops vegetables and horticultural crops have been identified. Package of practices from optimum production have been developed. Efficient management system for livestock and fisheries production have been studied and formulated. Through Lab to Land, National Demonstrations, Krishi Vigyan Kendras and Teachers' Training Centres, the proven technologies have been disseminated to the State Governments as well as the farming community of this region.

(d) Question does not arise.

**Benefit to Women under Rural
Development Programmes**

3934. SHRIMATI BASAW RAJESWARI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal during Ist year of the Seventh Plan that more number of rural women be benefited