

Ladakhi, AIR, Leh broadcasts a fortnightly 30 minutes programme in Tibetan. But no programme in Balti is being broadcast at present from AIR Leh or Srinagar.

(b) There are reports that Radio Pakistan is broadcasting programmes in Balti which is the dialect spoken in India's Kargil district and in Pakistan occupied Kashmir.

(c) to (e). In its draft for the 7th Plan AIR has proposed hardware and software schemes to make AIR's service more effective in that region. The hardware schemes include the setting up of a S.W. Transmitter at Leh, upgrading the existing SW and MW Transmitters at Srinagar and Jammu. Introduction of new programmes in Balti from Leh and Srinagar is also receiving AIR's attention.

Amount Sanctioned for Kharif Crop Insurance in Andhra Pradesh

3956. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have sanctioned any amount of Andhra Pradesh for Kharif crop Insurance;

(b) if so, how much amount has been sanctioned;

(c) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have approached the Central Government for more amount for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the necessary amount will be released for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) and (b). No State-wise allocation/release of funds has been made under the Crop Insurance Scheme during the year 1985-86.

(c) and (d). The Government of Andhra Pradesh had enquired whether

the Central Government would contribute Rs. 2 crore to the corpus of the State Insurance Fund. The State Government was informed that the maximum contribution of the Central Government could not be more than Rs. 1 crore per State. However, no formal proposal for the release of funds has been received from the State Government.

Root disease in Coconut Trees in Andhra Pradesh

3957. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of coconut trees in Andhra Pradesh are suffering from root disease in the State;

(b) if so, whether a survey has been conducted in this regard;

(c) the steps being taken to provide financial assistance to the coconut growers in that State by the Central Government to protect them; and

(d) steps being taken to eliminate the root disease in the trees ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) No, Sir. According to the State Government, there is no root disease of coconut trees prevalent in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Medical Staff in ESI Hospitals

3958. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to the reply given to Unstarred Question No, 872 on 25 March, 1985 regarding ESI hospitals and state :

(a) the number of vacancies of doctors, nurses and para Medical staff in these hospitals lying vacant for over (i)