

**Action Plan 1983—93 for Removal of Rural Unemployment**

4441. SHRI MANMOHAN TUDU : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Action Plan ( 1983—93) by some eminent economists, journalists, academicians and social workers has been released aiming at removal of unemployment in rural India;

(b) if so, the details of the action proposed by the above section of people; and

(c) when it is expected to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) to (c) A publication titled "An Action Plan : 1983—1993 for Removal of Unemployment in Rural India" prepared" in discussion—at two Conferences, one at Sabarmati and the other at Mount Abu" has been published by Sarvashri Vadilal Lallubhai Mehta, R. T. Popawala, Tarlok Singh and ten others. This Plan of Action is, according to the authors, "addressed to all citizens of India, but particularly to those with skills and resources, or who can organise voluntary work in a non-violent, self-reliant, but effective manner".

The Plan has focussed attention not on the whole range of activities embodied in the National Five Year Plan but on employment possibilities in the rural areas and the resources required for their fruition. The possibilities explored concern a few selected areas of economic activity, namely, cattle breeding and dairy development spinning on ambar charkha and other village industries, agriculture, especially dry farming, etc.

The areas dealt with in the Action Plan are those which have already received attention in the Sixth Five Year Plan, which is already under implementation.

**Setting up of Gas based Fertilizer Plant in Vidarbha Region, Maharashtra**

4442. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have suggested to Central Government for setting up a gas-based fertilizer plant in the Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been considered; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI R.C. RATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At present, the Central Government do not have any scheme for setting up additional gas-based fertilizer plant in Maharashtra, apart from the Thal project which is already under construction. However, if more gas would be available from the Bombay High than what is presently estimated, the question of locating a plant in the Vidarbha region could be kept in view, taking into account among other things, the demand for fertilizer during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

**Telecasting of Cultural Programmes of Various States in National Programmes of T.V.**

4443. SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States, folk-dances and cultural programmes of which were telecast from the various television centres under the national programme alongwith the number and duration of

such programmes, during the last one year;

(b) whether remote hilly and backward areas of the States like Himachal Pradesh is one of such States which has been completely ignored in the matter of telecasting cultural programmes and folk dances/songs under the national programmes; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or being taken to ensure the coverage of cultural programmes of such States particularly Himachal Pradesh, in the National programmes of TV in proportion to the number of programmes allotted to other States ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) :  
(a) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) No, Sir. Five programmes from Himachal Pradesh have been included in the National Programme during the last one year consisting of a duration of 110 minutes.

(c) National Programme has been designed to include programmes from all the States. It is our continuous endeavour to give coverage to representative programmes from all the states within the constraints of time of the National Programme.

मध्यप्रदेश में उज्जैन के दूरसंचार  
केन्द्र का विस्तार

4444. श्री सत्य नारायण जटिया :  
क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा  
करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्यप्रदेश में उज्जैन के दूर-

संचार केन्द्र के विस्तार के लिए आवश्यक  
सभी उपकरणों की आपूर्ति की जा चुकी है  
और यदि नहीं, तो ये कब तक उपलब्ध करा  
दिए जाएंगे ;

(ख) यह विस्तार कार्य कब तक पूरा  
कर लिया जाएगा तथा इसके परिणाम-  
स्वरूप इस केन्द्र की क्षमता कितनी बढ़  
जाएगी ; और

(ग) 1983-84 में उक्त क्षमता में  
कितनी वृद्धि करने की योजना है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री विजय  
एन० पाटिल) : (क) उज्जैन टेलीफोन  
एक्सचेंज (2400—3000) के विस्तार के  
लिए अपेक्षित उपकरण में से कुछ प्राप्त हो  
गया है तथा शेष सामग्री जनवरी, 1984  
तक प्राप्त होने की आशा है ।

(ख) विस्तार कार्य मार्च 1984 तक  
पूरा होने की संभावना है तथा इससे एक्स-  
चेंज की क्षमता 2400 से बढ़कर 3000  
लाइनें हो जाएंगी ।

(ग) 1983-84 के दौरान क्षमता में 600  
लाइनों का विस्तार करने की योजना है ।

T.V. Holders required to pay  
T.V. Licence free for 1984

4445. SHRI S.T.K. JAKKAYAN :  
Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-  
TIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a black and white T.V.  
holder is required to pay T.V. Licence fee  
for 1984 in case of non-use of the T.V.  
on its being discarded or its going out of  
order and being beyond repairs ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and  
under what orders ;