

A. I. R. Programme in Dogri

9700. SHRI HEM RAJ : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large section of population of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab speak Dogri;

(b) whether any time has been allotted for the relay of the Dogri broadcasts from the All India Radio;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to allot some time for the relay of Dogri programme daily from the All India Radio ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) According to 1961 Census about 8,70,000 persons in Jammu and Kashmir and about 6,000 persons in Himachal Pradesh and the Punjab speak Dogri.

(b) Yes, Sir. Programms in Dogri are broadcast from Jammu station. News bulletins in Dogri are also broadcast from Delhi.

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

Damage caused to Rabi Crops and Orchards due to Unusual Rains

9701. SHRI HEM RAJ : Will the Ministry of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of damage caused to the rabi crops and orchards in the States/Union Territories of Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir due to unusual late rains, hailstorms and heavy snow-fall in the month of April; and

(b) if so, the assistance given by the Centre to the said States/Union Territories ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as compiled.

'Vaidya' and 'Unani' systems of medicines in Mica Mines

9702. SHRI I. AHMAD : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a provision exists for 'Vaidya' and 'Unani' systems of medicine in the mica mines of Kodarma area ;

(b) if so, how many units of Vaidya and Unani are working at present and at what places ; and

(c) whether the local advisory committee passed a resolution for opening 'Unani' system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) Provision exists for Ayurvedic system of medicines only.

(b) Eight Units are working at present at Luxmipur, Pathaldiha, Dhuba, Charki, Charkitelaiya, Singho, Chatkri and Domch.

(c) Yes. A scheme to give effect to the resolution is being formulated by the Mica Mines Labour welfare Fund.

Maps and Atlas of Indian Forests

9703. SHRI N. R. DEOGHARE : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a delay in the collection of information regarding the preparation of maps and atlases for the Indian forests ;