

Land Reforms During Fourth Plan

4438. SHRI HIMATSINGKA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of the programmes of each State for bringing about further land reforms during the Fourth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : Land reforms is a State subject and the responsibility for formulation of land policy, enactment of suitable legislation and its implementation is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Certain recommendations which are in the nature of a broad common approach to be adopted and pursued by each State in the light of the local conditions and in response to local needs have been made in the Draft Fourth Five Year Plan, for general guidance of State Governments. State Governments have not worked out, in detail, measures of land reform which they propose to undertake during the Fourth Five Year Plan.

The urgency of implementation of land policy has been reiterated in a letter addressed to Chief Minister by the Prime Minister and further emphasised during the Chief Ministers' Conference on Land Reforms held on November 28 and 29, 1969.

India Lagging Behind Pakistan in Progress of TV

4439. SHRI HIMATSINGKA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of Television in India has been behind that of Pakistan ;

(b) If so, the number of TV transmitting stations set up in Pakistan and in India and the comparative figures of the population and area coverage thereof ;

(c) the main reasons for the slow progress of TV in India; and

(d) whether any comprehensive programme has been chalked out for expansion of TV facilities on a nation-wide basis ; if so, the details thereof, indicating the cost, the stages in which it is to be implemented and the stations and the power of the transmitters to be installed at different places thereunder ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) It is a fact that there are more television stations in Pakistan than in India.

(b) According to published information available there are four television stations in Pakistan. Definite information about the area and population served by these stations is not available. India has only one TV station at Delhi serving an area of about 5,000 sq. kms. The population in this area is 36 lakhs and the number of sets is about 10,000.

(c) Paucity of resources.

(d) A comprehensive plan for covering the whole country with a TV network has not been prepared. Some studies in this connection are underway. The Fourth Plan contains provision for establishment of stations at Srinagar, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Kanpur/Lucknow, and expansion of Delhi station.