

ssioner, Government of Assam in his letter of 18th November, 1998 has suggested area increase under summer rice as one of the thrust areas under the strategies for doubling food production in the State of Assam during the next ten years.

[Translation]

Pending Scheme of Gujarat Plan

508. SHRI JAYSINHJI CHAUHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes/projects of Gujarat Government lying pending with the Union Government for clearance;

(b) the time since when these projects are lying pending and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) The information received from Gujarat Government indicates that there are 22 Schemes/Projects pending with various Ministries such as Environment and Forest, Rural Areas and Employment, Agriculture, Power etc. No proposal is pending with Planning Commission for approval.

Transmission Relay Station/Centre in Assam

509. SHRI A.F. GOLAM OSMANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Doordarshan Relay Stations/Centres in the State of Assam with locations thereof;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the poor reception in the Lower Assam Districts of Barpeta, Bongaigaon, Dhubri, Kokrajhar and Goalpara;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to strengthen the system to make Medium Wave Broadcasting available over the region by setting up a powerful permanent Station either at Barpeta or Bongaigaon; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) A statement is enclosed.

(b) and (c) Whereas TV coverage to Bongaigaon, Dhubri, Kokrajhar and Goalpara is being provided by Low Power Transmitters, operating at these places, Barpeta lies in coverage range of High Power Transmitters, functioning at Guwahati.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

Existing TV Transmitters in Assam

High Power Transmitter

Dibrugarh

Guwahati

Silchar

Low Power Transmitter

Bongaigaon

Dhubri

Diphu

Goalpara

Golaghat

Haflong

Hatsinghimari

Hojal

Jorhat

Kokrajhar

Lumding

Margherita

Nagaon

Nazira

North Lakhimpur

Sonari

Tezpur

Tinsukia

Dibrugarh (DD II)

Silchar (DD II)

Very Low Power Transmitter

Digboi

Transposer

Guwahati

Cyclone Victims Relief

510. SHRI ARVIND KAMBLE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: