

66.3% to 72%. Further extension of TV services in the State would be carried out in a phased manner depending upon availability of resources, infrastructural facilities and inter-se-priorities.

(b) 223 programmes of music, documentaries, poetry, culture and dance of various tribes of Himachal Pradesh in different dialects e.g. Mashavi, Kullavi, Mandali, Kangri etc. spoken in the State have been produced and telecast from DDK Shimla since June, 1995. The Prasar Bharati proposes to give more focus on this area in the near future.

Statement

List of TV Transmitters to be established in Himachal Pradesh for which schemes have been sanctioned.

Low Power Transmitters

Mandi (DD-2)

Very Low Power Transmitters

Bijli Mahadev

Dalhousi

Tissa

Chauri Khas

Jhantingri

Kaja

Awah Devi

Chunaghai

Nehri

Ashapuri

[English]

Krishna Valley Projects

4063. SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has approached the Union Government for financial assistance to complete the irrigation projects in the Krishna Basin;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government thereon and the total estimated amount that is required to complete all the projects in the Krishna Basin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (c) 10 Major, 9 Medium and 5 ERM (Extension Renovation Modernisation) Irrigation Projects of Krishna Valley with a latest

estimated cost of Rs. 10832.6 crores are under execution in the State of Karnataka. Of these, the details of four projects for which the State has sought Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) during 1998-99 and the funds released so far are as under :-

(In Rs. Crores)

Name of Project	CLA Demanded	CLA Sanctioned	First Instalment Released
Upper Krishna Stage I (Phase III) (Major)	100.00	100.00	50.00
Malaprabha (Major)	25.00	20.00	-
Hirehalla (Medium)	6.00	6.00	3.00
Ghataprabha Stage III (ERM)	30.00	25.00	-
Total	161.00	151.00	53.00

Ratio of Reservation

4064. SHRI N. K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the existing ratio of job reservation for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates in Class I and Class II categories;

(b) whether the Government propose to raise the existing ratio; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN) : (a) Reservation is provided to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes at the rate of 15% and 7.5% respectively in all groups in direct recruitment by open competition and at the rates of 16.23% and 7.5 % respectively in direct recruitment otherwise than by open competition. Reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes wherever permissible in promotion, is at the rates of 15% and 7.5% respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Growth Rate of Cereals

4065. SHRI M. RAJIAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether green revolution has turned grey after 30 years and growth rate of cereals have come down in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the effective steps suggested by the experts to remedy the situation; and

(d) the decision taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) The Statewise growth rate of area, production and yield of cereals is shown in the enclosed Statement. The green revolution in India came into existence with the introduction of high yielding varieties of cereals particularly photo-insensitive and high fertiliser responsive varieties of wheat, rice and introduction of hybrids of cereals comprising of 81.31 million tonnes of rice, 69.27 million tonnes of wheat and 34.27 million tonnes of coarse cereals has been achieved during the year 1996-97. Due to diversion of area of coarse cereals from 47.34 million hectares during 1967-68 to 32.10 million hectares during 1996-97 to other remunerative crops, the trend of area, thereby production in total cereals has shown a marginal reduction. However, there is a continuous increase in area and production of rice and wheat.

(c) and (d) Indian Agriculture Research System (Indian Council of Agricultural Research and State Agricultural Universities) are evolving area specific latest production technologies and their recommendations are being passed on to the States for implementation through various crops development schemes. For enhancing the growth rate and sustaining the cereals production, the production technologies are being disseminated through State plans and Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Integrated Cereals Development Programmes of Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals. Besides, a Central Sector Scheme on Minikits is also being implemented so that latest released varieties of Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals are demonstrated to the farmers for their acceptance.

Statement

Statewise Compound Growth Rates of Total Cereals

State	(Percent per annum)					
	1967-68 to 1996-97			1980-81 to 1996-97		
	Area	Production	Yield	Area	Production	Yield
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh	-1.53	2.01	3.60	-2.41	1.00	3.50
Assam	0.82	2.05	1.23	0.58	2.38	1.79
Bihar	-0.19	1.87	2.07	-0.18	2.91	3.10

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Gujarat	-1.43	0.78	2.24	-1.78	0.07	1.88
Haryana	1.04	5.04	3.96	0.63	4.34	3.69
Himachal Pradesh	0.40	1.51	1.11	-0.07	2.00	2.08
Jammu & Kashmir	0.64	1.74	1.10	0.50	1.07	0.57
Karnataka	-0.27	1.58	1.86	-0.37	2.31	2.69
Kerala	-2.39	-1.19	1.22	-3.63	-2.23	1.45
Madhya Pradesh	0.03	2.56	2.53	-0.41	2.80	3.22
Maharashtra	-0.04	2.77	2.82	-0.76	1.85	2.63
Orissa	-0.14	1.43	1.57	-0.40	1.88	2.29
Punjab	2.26	5.13	2.81	1.37	3.49	2.10
Rajasthan	0.09	2.70	2.61	-0.26	3.09	3.36
Tamil Nadu	-1.68	0.80	2.52	-1.50	1.95	3.51
Uttar Pradesh	0.52	4.12	3.58	0.04	3.44	3.40
West Bengal	0.54	2.80	2.25	0.95	4.71	3.72
All India	0.01	2.89	2.41	-0.32	2.88	2.69

Prawn Culture

4066. SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government /private parties have recieved any external assistance for promoting the prawn culture in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Complaint Cell

4067. VAIDYA VISHNU DATT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to provide any central set up to look into the complaints against the Telecommunication Department in J & K particularly in Jammu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?