

established Food Processing & Training Centres in rural areas which provide hands on experience in operating and managing a small unit. During 8th Plan, 231 such centres have been extended assistance.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

High Power Radio Station in A.P.

399. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a high power radio station is being installed in Mahaboobnagar, Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme is expected to be completed by the end of 9th Five Year Plan.

Misappropriation of Funds

400. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received complaints about misappropriation of funds in the construction of Staff quarters of Sub-divisional office, Telephone Biharsharif, Nalanda (Bihar);

(b) is so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action in this regard so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

Subsidies to Orissa Under I.R.D.P.

401. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any loans and subsidies under Integrated Rural Development Programme are provided to

families living below poverty line in rural and tribal areas, for acquiring income generating assets in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of tribals and other families living below poverty line given such loans and subsidies during each of the last three years in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) assistance is given in the form of subsidy by the Government and loans by the Banks to families living below the poverty line (BPL) for acquiring income generating assets. All the blocks and Districts of Orissa are covered under the programme. The target group of beneficiaries consists of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, small and marginal farmers, rural artisans, and educated unemployed trained rural youth, below the poverty line. The pattern of subsidy is 25% for small farmers, 33-1/3% for marginal farmers, agricultural labourers and rural artisans and 50% for SC/ST beneficiaries, physically handicapped persons, and educated unemployed trained rural youth from BPL families. The ceiling on subsidy is Rs. 4000 in normal areas, Rs. 5000 in DPAP/DDP areas and Rs. 6000 for SC/ST families, and physically handicapped persons and Rs. 7500/- for educated unemployed trained rural youth.

(c) The number of tribals and other families living below poverty line given such loans and subsidies during each of the last three years in Orissa is as below :-

Year	(families in Nos.)	
	S.T. families	Other families
1994-95	41591	98246
1995-96	35843	84826
1996-97	24474	66775

Drinking Water to Gujarat and Orissa

402. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages provided with safe drinking water facilities in the State of Gujarat and Orissa, till date, district-wise; and