

communication network called NIC-NET has already been completed upto District level by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) under the Planning Commission.

(b) Satellite earth stations and computers have already been installed in 450 Districts in the country.

(c) Yes, Sir. NIC carried out a pilot scale experiment on Drought Relief Management System in the districts in Tamil Nadu in 1989. A regular Drought and Flood Relief Management System is proposed to be implemented by 1992-93.

(d) Yes, Sir. A Natural Calamities Relief Management System (NCRMS) Unit has been set up at NIC Regional Centre at Bhubaneswar for national level coordination of relief management on NICNET. The details are as under:

- (i) NCRMS is being set up by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) utilising NICNET.
- (ii) The basic software on which NCRMS is being developed on NICNET utilises the Distributed Data Base Management System (DDBMS) developed by NIC.
- (iii) NCRMS can be applied to the management of relief not only under slow onset hazards like drought and regular floods but also rapid onset hazards like flash floods.
- (iv) NCRMS can be used for pre-hazard, during hazard and post-hazard management.

[Translation]

Fruit and vegetable based industries in Bihar

1128. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:
SHRI RAM LAKHAN
SINGH YADAV:
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI
ASHRAF FATMI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up industries processing coconut, pine-apple, banana, mango, lichi and tomato in Bihar;

(b) if so, the outlines and schemes of the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the action taken in the past to set up fruit and vegetable based industries and the names of the on-going schemes in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not propose to set up any plant for processing of fruits and vegetables. Its policy instead is to assist State Government Undertakings to set up such plants either by themselves or in the joint assisted sector.

(c) M. S. Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd., a Government of India Undertaking, has set up a plant at Bhagalpur for processing of fruits. The Government of India has also assisted the Bihar Fruits and Vegetables Development Corporation, which has set up a fruit processing plant at Hazipur, by way of equity and loan.

Food processing industries in Uttar Pradesh

1129. SHRI RAMSAGAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made by the Government for setting up food processing industries in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to set up such industries in U.P. so that various agricultural products available there could be utilised; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has not taken up any such study.

(b) and (c) The policy of the Government of India is to assist State Government Undertakings to set up food processing industries either by themselves or in the joint/assisted sector. During 1990-91, assistance to the tune of Rs. 15.20 lakhs was provided by the State Government for upgradation of food processing training centres and community canning centres and for training and visit programmes. The Uttar Pradesh Pashudhan Vikas Nigam Ltd., was also provided assistance to the tune of Rs. 63 lakhs during 1990-91 for development of pork processing in the Aligarh Plant of the Nigam.

Selection of Correspondents for Functions

1130. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether correspondents of language newspapers are discriminated as compared to the correspondents of

English newspapers by the Press Information Bureau;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) if not, the criteria adopted for selecting correspondents for various programmes/functions; and

(d) the names of the language papers whose correspondents were invited during the last one and a half year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Press Information Bureau issues a general invitation to all accredited correspondents to cover functions, except when the seats allotted to journalists are limited.

(d) Press Information Bureau does not maintain a list of correspondents invited for functions, except in the case of those invited for recent Rashtrapati Bhawan functions. The list of correspondents invited for Rashtrapati Bhawan functions held recently and maintained by Press Information Bureau is given in the enclosed Statement.

STATEMENT

List of language correspondents who were issued entry passes for the swearing-in-ceremony of the Prime Minister and other council of Ministers on 21-6-91 at Rashtrapati Bhavan

Accredited

<i>Correspondents</i>		<i>Organisation</i>
<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	
1.	Shri Manjeet Singh	Aaj
2.	Shri Kumar Anand	Jansatta
3.	Shri R.M. Dani	Tarun Bharat
4.	Shri R.K. Sharma	Swadesh
5.	Shri Asim Kumar Nath	Aajkaal
6.	Shri Suman Chattopadhyay	Anand Bazar Patrika
7.	Shri Jagannath Shastri	Dainik Bhaskar