

This can be done through microwave link. At present, the low power transmitters in Kerala can transmit only programmes from Delhi. For this reason, the full potentiality of this important medium cannot be exploited and the people are not able to derive full benefits of television. Only by introducing the facility for transmission of Malayalam programmes can this situation be changed.

I, therefore, request the Government to immediately provide the facility to transmit Malayalam programmes from Trivandrum from all the T.V. Stations in Kerala.

[English]

- (iv) **Need to impress upon Haryana Government to get repaired T.V. sets installed under Haryana Community T.V. Viewing Scheme.**

SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK (Sonapat) : In the State of Haryana, Community T.V. viewing Scheme is in a very bad shape. This scheme was introduced in the State of Haryana as a Centrally assisted scheme. As Field Staff responsible to maintain the T.V. sets has not been giving proper attention, more than 33 per cent TV sets have now become unserviceable.

The purpose for which the TV sets were installed under the scheme has completely failed due to the Government's failure to give proper attention, resulting in loss of crores of rupees. Also the people of Haryana have been deprived from viewing the programmes relayed by T.V.

I would request the Central Government to impress upon the Government of Haryana to get the TV sets repaired which were installed under Haryana Community TV Viewing Scheme' and if necessary, give technical assistance.

[Translation]

- (v) **Need to give financial assistance to Uttar Pradesh for helping the farmers affected by hailstorms**

SHRI NIRMAL KHATTRI (Faizabad): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the damage caused by hailstorms in the Central and Eastern Uttar Pradesh in the recent past and urge the Government to help the farmer affected by this calamity. In my parliamentary constituency hundreds of villages in Ram Sanahi Ghat tehsil of district Barabanki and Bikapur tehsil of district Faizabad have been affected by hail-storms. About 75 to 100 per cent standing crops have been damaged. The farmers have suffered severe blow due to the present hailstorms and occurrence of drought earlier. Now they are facing serious problems of providing meals to their families, fodder to their cattle and taking care of their crops.

I request the Government to provide financial assistance to the State Government and issue suitable directions to them to (1) exempt the affected farmers from payment of revenue, provide irrigation facilities to the farmers, write off the electricity dues, co-operative loans and students fees of the people of the affected areas; (2) grant cash compensations to the affected farmers on the basis of their area of land; (3) provide employment in relief works to the people so that they could get hard cash and foodgrains; (4) ensure distribution of foodgrains, fertilisers and seeds; (5) make arrangements for fodder for their cattle; and (6) provide irrigation facilities for the ensuing crops.

It is hoped that the Central Government will make serious efforts to give financial assistance and extend consultancy services to the State Government for these works.