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MR. SPEAKER : Dr. G. Vijaya Rama Rao...

Site and Service Plan

*288. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the site-and-service plan has been introduced in all the States and Union Territories; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b). Provision of Sites and Services is a component of Housing Scheme for Economically Weaker Sections. Housing being a State subject it is for the State Governments/U. T. Administrations to formulate and implement housing schemes as per their needs and plan priorities.

During the year 1985-86, there is a target for the provision of 1,51,161 units to EWS families. The achievement upto 30.9.85 is 44,967.

SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : The Problem of housing is acute in urban as well as rural areas. The housing requirement has increased from 2.9 million dwelling units from 1971 to 5.9 million units in 1985. Despite several steps taken by the Government for providing housing facilities to the Economically Weaker Sections under the Site-and-service plan there is still a lot of backlog. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister the names of the States and the Union Territories which have submitted schemes under the site-and-service plan for approval and financial assistance for constructing houses under this scheme in their States and Union Territories.

[Translation]

SHRI DALBIR SINGH : Sir, though it is a State subject, yet as the Hon. Member has said there are two types of schemes under the Site and Service Plan. The first scheme is for the people living in the urban areas. Earlier, in the Sixth Five Year Plan, we used to give assistance to the families whose monthly income was upto Rs. 350 treating them under E.W.S. Now, we have raised this income limit of a family to Rs. 700. During the Sixth Plan, such families used to be given an assistance up to Rs. 3,000, but this amount has been raised to Rs. 5,000 in the Seventh Five Year Plan. Similarly, the amount of Rs. 250 which used to be given to the landless workers for site development in the rural areas has since been raised to Rs. 500. These amounts have been increased to Rs. 500 and Rs. 2,000, respectively. So far as the names of the States from which the schemes have been received are concerned, our Ministry is taking up this matter with the Planning Department as also the concerned States and we also have proposals regarding their basic needs during the Seventh Plan.

[English]

SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : I would like to know from the Hon. Minister how much allocation has been made by the Central Government to the States in the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

[Translation]

SHRI DALBIR SINGH : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Hon. Member has asked about the Seventh Plan. We have a provision of Rs. 577 crores in the Seventh Plan out of which Rs. 36 crores is being given for Plan Development and Rs. 541 crores for assistance in Construction.

[English]

Setting up of T. V. relay station at
Amalapuram, East Godavari District
Andhra Pradesh

*289. SHRI A. J. V. B. MAHESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state ;

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a TV relay station at Amalapuram East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the time by which it will start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI A.J.V.B. MAHESWARA RAO : Sir, our people have pressed on this issue many a time but of no use. I would like to inform the Hon. Minister that this area of Amalapuram consists of 10 lakh people. It seems like an island. Out of these ten lakh people 90 per cent are agriculturists. This area is not covered by TV programme although TV programmes are of much use to the agriculturists. I would like to know whether this area will be covered in the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

SHRI V. N. GADGIL : I appreciate the Hon. Members difficulties but we have to go by a certain criteria. The main criteria is population. In the Godavari district there are two low power transmitters at Kakinada and Rajamundry. There is a high-power transmitter at Vijayawada which is being augmented. It will cover still more area. May be this particular town is not covered but we cannot go beyond a certain limit because of the present financial constraints.

SHRI A. J. V. B. MAHESWARA RAO : The Kakinada and Rajamundry stations do not cover the Amalapuram area. I would like to know whether TV relay station in this area will be provided in the Seventh Five Year Plan on priority basis ?

MR. SPEAKER : No doubt, you want it but the point is whether the Minister agrees to this.

SHRI T. BASHEER : I would like to know the total number of people covered by TV till now and the proposed coverage during

Seventh Five Year Plan. I would also like to know what is the coverage of population in Kerala at present ?

SHRI V. N. GADGIL : Sir, I do not have the figures State-wise.

SHRI H. A. DORA : The entire district of Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh is not covered by any TV. What is the reaction of the Government to this ?

SHRI V. N. GADGIL : Sir, it is not possible for me to remember individual cases. One hundred and seventy-six additional transmitters are coming up and, as such, I cannot reply individual cases.

Extension programme carried out by
CIFRI, Barrackpore

*290. SHRI AMAL DATTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute Barrackpore has carried out any extension programme during Sixth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the success achieved by the Institute in promoting fish production in the country;

(d) whether Government propose to expand the activities of the Institute in the Seventh Plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (e). A statement is given below.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute has carried out extension pro-