

[*Translation*]

AIR Station at Saharanpur

*894. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Najibabad station of Akashvani does not cover Saharanpur district while broadcasting news, programmes on agriculture and weather reports;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up a separate Akashvani station in Saharanpur district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA): (a) and (b). Major parts of Saharanpur district receives coverage from the High Power Transmitter at AIR, Najibabad.

(c) No, Sir.

Minimum Wages for Agricultural Workers

*895. SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government monitor information about the agricultural labour which are not getting minimum wages as yet in different places in the country;

(b) if so, the places so identified; and

(c) the corrective measures taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (c). The Central Government receives quarterly reports, under the 20 Point Programme from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations about the progress of implementation of minimum wages for agriculture labour. The matter is also reviewed in the

Conference of State Labour Secretaries and State Labour Ministers to ensure better enforcement of the minimum wages.

Mechanisation of Farm Implements for Hill Areas

*896. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been prepared by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research to mechanise the farm implements and equipments for use in hill areas of the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme; and

(c) if not, the measures proposed to be taken to promote mechanisation in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. G.S. DHILLON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has already sponsored Research programmes which will cater to the needs of design and development of improved tools, implements and machines needed for agriculture in hill areas.

[*English*]

Tamil Films for International Film Festivals in Foreign Countries

*897. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Tamil film has been selected for inclusion in the screening list of Indian films for eight International Film Festivals to be held in foreign countries in June 1987;