

—Potash and Super—phosphate excluding Nitrogen. But, is the hon. Minister aware that due to the negligence of some officers or due to their not reading the order properly, the subsidy was allowed on Nitrogen also resulting in a loss of Rs. 40 crores to the exchequer? I would like to know whether the hon. Minister is aware of it and if so, what action was taken against the officers due to whose negligence the Government had to suffer such a huge loss?

[English]

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : I do not think there is any truth in it but I will definitely enquire and let the hon. Member know about it.

Structure of Doordarshan Management.

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*93 SHRI V. SOBHANADRESSWARA RAO :

SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJU :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) Whether there are any proposals for restructuring the Doordarshan management to improve its functioning and to produce better programmes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) and (b) The working of Doordarshan and the need to restructure, modify and expand the organisation to meet its constantly growing requirements are monitored and reviewed as a continuing on-going process. Similarly, continuous efforts are made to improve the programmes being telecast.

SHRI V. SOBHANADRESSWARA RAO : Will the Government take steps to open a separate channel with distinct

identity and exclusively devoted to rural audience to make television a tool of socio-economic development and reform as recommended by the Joshi Committee?

SHRI A. K. PANJA : The Joshi Committee recommendations have been received by the Government

So far as encouraging the national, regional and rural programmes are concerned, we have divided the programmes into three parts, the national, primary and local. The Joshi Committee recommendations are being seen by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and the details are being looked into.

SHRI V. SOBHANADRESSWARA RAO : What about rural audience?

(Interruptions)

SHRI A. K. PANJA : The recommendations which have been made and the details are being looked into. Already, whatever given in the Seventh Plan for the Rural Programmes, is being looked into. The Joshi Committee's recommendations and the Seventh Plan provisions could be dovetailed together for having rural orientation.

MR. SPEAKER : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Availability of Aluminium to secondary manufacturers/users

*81. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the production of aluminium metal in the country is far below the demand;

(b) whether the secondary and small users are not getting their requirements from primary producers and they have