

attachment fitting and beam sheared. Actuator was hanging from lower attachment.

- (4) DME/ATC Antenna broken. Nose landing gear doors completely rubbed off.

(e) A preliminary investigation has revealed that the nose landing gear collapsed during landing as it did not get locked in down position. Fracture surfaces indicate fatigue of the nose landing gear actuator support fitting.

[*Translation*]

Seminar on Agriculture

*453. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a seminar on agriculture was held in the month of September 1987 ;

(b) if so, the number of participants at the seminar and the subjects discussed therein ;

(c) whether some foreign representatives also participated at the seminar ; and

(d) if so, the details of the foreign participants ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. G.S. DHILLON) : (a) Yes, Sir. A National Workshop on Women in Agriculture was held on September 23-24, 1987, in Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

(b) 147 persons participated in the Workshop. The following 3 were the main subjects discussed in the Workshop :

- (i) Contribution of Women in agricultural production ;
- (ii) What Government Agricultural Extension system can do and should do for rural women to improve their productivity in the field of agriculture ; and
- (iii) Improving the Access of Women to resources and inputs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details of persons who repre-

sented foreign Governments and agencies are as under :

1. Prof. (Mrs.) Graciela De La Lama, Ambassador of Mexico, New Delhi.
2. Dr. (Mrs.) E.M. Schoo, Ambassador of Netherlands, New Delhi.
3. Mrs. J.A. Koopman, First Secretary (Women and Development), Royal Netherlands Embassy, New Delhi.
4. Mr. M A. Ramirez, Third Secretary, Cuban Embassy, New Delhi.
5. Mr. Anders Baltzer Jorgensen, Counsellor, DANIDA, Royal Danish Embassy, New Delhi.
6. Shri S.E. Subramaniam, Senior Project Officer, DANIDA, New Delhi.
7. Smt. Rekha Dayal, Senior Programme Officer, DANIDA, New Delhi.
8. Miss Padmasini Asuri, DANIDA Project Consultant, Bangalore.
9. Ms. Karuna Anbarasan, DANIDA Project Consultant, Madras.
10. Ms. Sandhya Das, DANIDA Project Consultant, Bhubaneswar.
11. Ms. Nancy W. Axinn, Consultant, Ford Foundation, New Delhi.
12. Mrs. Andrea Singh, Project Coordination Officer, International Labour Organisation, New Delhi.

13. Mr. Michael Baxter,
The World Bank,
New Delhi.
14. Dr. S. Guru Raja,
Project Officer,
UNICEF,
New Delhi.
15. Dr. Rosalind Eyben,
Social Development Advisor
(ODA),
British High Commission,
New Delhi.

[English]

Pay Scales of TV News Readers

*454. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the remunerations, pay and allowances given to the TV news-readers by Doordarshan ;

(b) whether Doordarshan provides saris and other dress materials to the ladies and gents news-readers respectively ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the service conditions of various categories of news-readers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) to (d). Doordarshan have two categories of news readers i.e. regular, who are on artist's contract and casual. The news readers on artist's contract are in the fee scale and draw other allowances as prescribed by the Government from time to time. The casual news readers are paid a fee ranging from Rs. 150/- to Rs. 400/- per assignment on national network depending on their experience and performance. For local bulletins, they are paid a fee of Rs. 150/- per bulletin.

2. The news readers are not provided with dress or dress material but they can, if required, use the dress etc. available in the wardrobes maintained by Doordarshan Kendras. They are, however, guided about the use of colour according to the demands of T.V.

3. The service conditions of news readers who are on artist's contract are governed by the rules prescribed by the Government from time to time.

[Translation]

Crop Insurance Scheme

*455. SHRI ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether different norms have been laid down to determine the threshold yield in various States for the implementation of the Crop Insurance Scheme ; and

(b) whether there are separate administrative units in various States for the payment of compensation ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. G.S. DHILLON) : (a) The norms for all purposes including determination of threshold yield for implementation of Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) are uniform throughout the country. However, the unit size of the crop insurance under the scheme is different from State to State which may be a district/tehsil/block/taluka or other smaller contiguous area depending upon the availability of yield data for the last three years for wheat and paddy and 5 years for other crops as also possibility of conducting minimum 16 crop cutting experiments for each of the crops covered under the scheme at such level.

(b) All implementing States/U.Ts. have set up "State Level Crop Insurance Fund" for all purposes including payment of indemnity claims.

[English]

Supply of Seeds and Inputs to Farmers at Subsidised Rates

4399. SHRI U.H. PATEL :

SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN
RAMJIBHAI MAVANI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have some programmes for providing seeds, manure and other assistance to the farmers