

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is considering the establishment of a Central Institute for Temperate Horticulture at a Suitable location in the northern hills during the VII Plan period subject to approval by the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance.

Development Blocks covered under Drought Relief Programme in U.P.

443. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the development blocks of Uttar Pradesh that have been covered under Drought Relief Programme during the current financial year ; and

(b) whether some more development blocks will be covered under this programme in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) It is presumed that the Honourable Member desires to know the coverage under the Drought Prone Areas Programme. Following are the block covered under this programme in Uttar Pradesh during the current financial year ;-

District	No. of blocks
Mirzapur	10
Banda	10
Jalaun	3
Hamirpur	5
Jhansi	3
Lalitpur	2
Bahraich	14
Gonda	5
Lakhimpur Kheri	8
Sitapur	3
TOTAL :	63

(b) The report of the Inter-departmental Group on the representations of Uttar Pradesh State Government in this regard is under consideration of the Government of India.

[English]

Plan for Self Sufficiency in Oilseeds

444. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAIN SINHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new plan for self-sufficiency in oilseeds is being implemented ; and

(b) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) With a view to encourage the oilseeds production substantially, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, National Oilseeds Development Project has been sanctioned for the year 1984-85 reorienting and integrating the oilseeds development schemes and special projects in operation upto 1983-84. The crop and location specific approach through special projects has been extended to four major crops, namely, groundnut, rapeseed-mustard, soyabean and sunflower in selected States. The intensive approach has been extended to other oilseed crops, namely sesamum, safflower and niger besides groundnut, rapeseed-mustard, soyabean and sunflower in 14 States. The Programme *inter-alia* aims at development of non-traditional oilseeds, increase in area under irrigated crops particularly groundnut during rabi/summer season, adoption of improved package of practices, supply of basic inputs and free distribution of seed and fertilizer minikits on a large scale.

Provision of Water Supply Facilities In Gujarat

445. SHRI R.P. GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that about 2,198 villages are required to be tackled in the matter of providing water supply facilities in Gujarat as on 1 April, 1984;

(b) whether Government are also aware that due to geological conditions water supply problem in Gujarat has become more difficult as underground sub-soil water level is going down every year; and

(c) whether the State Government has requested the Centre to provide an amount of Rs. 14-40 crores under 'New Centrally Sponsored Rural Water Supply Programme based on performance' so that it can help the State Government to achieve the target by the end of Sixth Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOR) :

(a) Out of 5318 problem villages identified in Gujarat in 1980, 3120 villages were provided with atleast one source of safe drinking water, leaving a balance of 2198 problem villages as on 31-3-1984.

(b) The problem of reduction in sub-soil water level has recently been brought to the notice of this Ministry.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Implementation of SFDA Programme

446. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of 'AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Small Farmers Development Agency Programme is still under implementation in some States;

(b) if so, the names of the States where such Programme has been implemented during the Sixth Plan period; and

(c) the details of the coverage made under this programme in Madhya Pradesh during the Sixth Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) The S.F.D.A. programme was

merged with the I.R.D.P. with effect from 2-10-1980, hence there was no S.F.D.A. programme in the VI Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of the position indicated at (a) above.

Production of T.V. Viewers of Bidar Karnataka

447. SHRI NARASINGRAO SURYA-WANSHI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether T.V. viewers in Bidar, Karnataka have to spend more for high attitude Antena due to far off distances (viz. 115 kms. from Culkarga and 140 kms. from Hyderabad) of neighbouring T.V. Relay Centres; and

(b) if so, the measures taken or proposed to be taken to avoid this problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :

(a) Bidar is outside the service range of TV transmitters at Gulbarga and Hyderabad. Therefore, satisfactory signal is not expected there.

(b) As yet there is no approved scheme to extend TV service to Bidar district in Karnataka.

Relay Centre at Bidar, Karnataka

448. SHRI NARSINGRAO SURYA-WANSHI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Relay centre at Bidar, Karnataka will be commissioned in 1985 as assured by Government; and

(b) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :

(a) and (b) There is no approved scheme as yet for extension of TV services to Bidar in Karnataka.