

(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 altitude Antenna 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.