

expansion of the TV network in the country will be taken up in subsequent phases according to availability of resources.

**Setting up of New Hindi Advisory Committee**

109. SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 636 on the 12th November, 1970 regarding the setting up of a new Hindi Advisory Committee and state :

(a) whether a decision has since been taken in the matter in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) and (b). The Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting viz. 'Soochana Aur Prasaran Hindi Samiti' had been reconstituted *vide* Ministry of Information and Broadcasting's Resolution No F 12(6)/67—Admn I dated 7th December, 1970. But, since the 4th Lok Sabha was dissolved soon after, it has become necessary to take steps to nominate representatives of the newly constituted Lok Sabha on the Samiti.

**Production of Sugar, Gur and Khand-sari and Realisation of Excise Duty**

110. SHRI S. L. SAKSENA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total production of crystal sugar, Khand-sari sugar and gur in the country, Statewise, during each of the last three years along with the average selling price in that year ; and

(b) the total amount of excise duty realised in each year, statewise, on crystal sugar and khand-sari sugar during each of the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICUL-

TURE (SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHIDE)  
(a) The following statements are attached giving the available information in respect of the last three years 1967-68, 1968-69 and 1969-70 :

(1) Statement I [Laid on the Table of the House. *Placed in Library*. See No. LT—93/71] showing the Statewise production of sugar in the country ;

(2) Statement II [Laid on the Table of the House *Placed in Library*. See No. LT-93/71] showing the State-wise estimated production of gur (including Khansari) in the country ;

(3) Statement III [Laid on the Table of House *Placed in Library* See No. LT 93/71] showing the average open market/control prices of sugar in certain important market ;

(4) Statement IV [Laid on the Table of the House *Placed in Library* See No. LT-93/71] showing average wholesale market prices of gur in certain important markets ; and

(5) Statement V [Laid on the Table of the House *Placed in Library*, See<sup>2</sup> No. LT—93/71] showing average wholesale market prices important markets.

(b) Statement VI [Laid on the Table of the House [*Placed in Library*. See No. LT—93/71] showing the Statewise Central Excise Revenue realised from Sugar and Khand-sari during the last three years 1967-68, 1968-69 and 1969-70.

**Financial Assistance to Gujarat for Sinking of Tube-Wells**

111. SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of tube-wells dug during 1970 in the drought affected areas of Gujarat ;

(b) the proposal of Government to dig more tube-wells to increase the production of food-grains ; and

(c) the amount sanctioned for the financial year to reach the goal of self-sufficiency in the matter of food-grains ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE) : (a) Eight tube-wells were sunk during 1970-71 for irrigation in Banaskantha District of Gujarat under the Centrally sponsored programme for Desert Development. In addition 31 tube-wells were undertaken in 5 drought affected districts of the State viz., Rajkot, Banaskantha, Surendranagar, Jamnagar and Kutch under the Centrally sponsored Rural Works Programme. Eight out of these are expected to be completed during 1970-71.

(b) It is proposed to construct a total of 117 tube-wells under the Centrally sponsored programme of Rural Works during the 4th Plan. Out of these, besides 8 tube-wells expected to be completed during 1970-71, 56 more are envisaged to be completed during 1971-72 in the drought affected areas. In addition, 40 more tube-wells are expected to be sunk in drought affected areas by the State under its normal minor irrigation programme during 1971-72.

(c) An expenditure of Rs. 11.52 lakhs and Rs. 8.0 lakhs is likely to be incurred on tube-wells during 1970-71 under the Centrally sponsored programmes of Desert Development and Rural Works respectively.

#### Import Policy for Foodgrains

112. SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the policy of Government in the coming years to import foodgrains from foreign countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE) : The Government of India has declared its intention to stop concessional imports of foodgrains after 1971.

Relay from A. I. R. Cuddapah for Rayalseema

113. SHRI ESWARA REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state ;

(a) whether on the request of people from Rayalseema, Government had agreed to start day time relay from the Cuddapah Station of the All India Radio from December last ;

(b) whether the assurance has not been implemented so far ;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay ; and

(d) when it is going to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir, There was, however, no undertaking to start it from December, 1970.

(c) and (d). Arrangements for providing the technical and other facilities required for extending the transmission time are under way. The decision will be implemented as early as possible.

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114. श्री हुसम चन्द कछवाय : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में डम बर्ष गेहूं, चावल तथा गन्ने का, अलग-अलग कितना उत्पादन हुआ ;

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार ने गत पाँच महीनों में मध्य प्रदेश के लिए कितना गेहूं आवंटित किया ; और

(ग) राज्य सरकार को उक्त अवधि के दौरान कितना गेहूं, चावल तथा चीनी की सप्लाई की गई ।

खाद्य तथा कृषि मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्नासाहेब पी० शिन्डे) : (क) 1970-71 के गेहूं, चावल और गन्ने के उत्पादन के पक्के अनुमान, चालू कृषि बर्ष