

Gandhi Ground, Delhi in the same month ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether Government would lay on the Table of the House copies of texts of news bulletins in which all these three meetings or any of the three meetings were covered by A.I.R. ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that speech of the Prime Minister was being received simultaneously by the Radio station and this arrangement was not made in the cases of other two meetings ; and

(e) whether it is a fact that some senior officials and Ministers had asked the editorial staff to cover the P. M.'s meeting extensively ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING ; AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) AIR gave a gist of Prime Minister's speech in Chandni Chowk in its news bulletins.

(b) The coverage was based on its news value.

(c) Copies of the parts of the main news bulletins in Hindi and English pertaining to these three meetings will be placed in the Parliament library.

(d) Reports of the speech were being received by the radio station, but these were not being relayed simultaneously.

(e) No, Sir.

Reports on Achievement of Agricultural Targets by States Under Fourth Plan

*104. SHRI NARAYANAN :
SHRI KOLAI BIRUA :
SHRI P. P. ESTHOSE :
SHRI E. K. NAYANAR :
SHRI NAMBIAR :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that teams of officers of Union Agricultural Ministry have

been visiting the States to secure firm plans of operations to achieve the agricultural targets of the Fourth Plan ;

(b) if so, whether they have submitted any reports after their visits ;

(c) whether the reports were placed before the Chief Ministers and Agricultural Minister's Conference held in first week of July ; and

(d) whether his Ministry has coordinated the reports of the several expert panels and seminars into working paper for the consideration of the Conference ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir. The main purpose of the visits of the Teams is to help draw up, jointly with the State Govt, officers, detailed programme of action for the implementation of the Agricultural Development Programmes during the year.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) These State-wise reports as such are not to be discussed at the Agriculture Minister's Conference, However, as usual, reports which had been finalised have been sent to the State Governments concerned for necessary action.

(d) While preparing working papers for the Conference, the recommendations made in the reports of expert panels, seminars etc. available in the Ministry were taken into consideration in so far as these relate to the items of agenda for the Conference.

Retrenchment in Farakka Barrage Project

*105. SHRI GANESH GHOSH :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL :
SHRI SATYA NARAIN SINGH :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of workers are being threatened with re-