

been given tool Kits costing up to Rs. 500 and/or those who have been given subsidy and loan.

The number of such youth during the last three years in Rajasthan is given below :

Year	Number of self-employed youth
1982-83	18,818
1983-84	12,477
1984-85 (upto February, 1985)	7,779
TOTAL :	36,074

As the Seventh Plan has not been finalised so far, the targets for Seventh Plan for the country cannot be indicated now. For 1985-86 Government of Rajasthan has fixed a target of 20,000 youths for training under TRYSEM

[English]

Prices of Fertilizers

*820. PROF. BIMAL KANTI GHOSH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the retail price of fertilizers that the farmer in India has to pay, is the highest as compared to the price paid by the farmers in other countries;

(b) to what extent the prices of fertilizers have been increased during the past three years ;

(c) the reasons for keeping the price of fertilizers so high ; and

(d) whether Government have any proposals to bring down the prices of fertilizers to a level which the farmer can afford ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) The retail prices of fertilizers which the Indian

farmer has to pay are not the highest in the world. They are at reasonable levels, which allow a reasonable return to the farmer taking into account the market conditions. The Government of India substantially subsidised fertiliser use to the extent of over Rs 1900 crores in 1984-85, so that fertiliser prices could be held at such reasonable levels.

(b) Fertiliser prices have not been increased during the last three years. In fact, the prices were reduced by 7½% with effect from 29.6.83.

(c) The prices of fertilisers are not considered to be so high.

(d) There is no proposal at present to further bring down the prices of fertilisers, as they are already heavily subsidised.

Transport Problem in Metropolitan Cities

*820-A. SHRI YASHWANT RAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether with the ever-growing population and increasing traffic on roads, Government have made any assessment with regard to the requirements to tackle the growing transport problem in the metropolitan cities ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Committee was set up by the Planning Commission in August, 1984 to assess the transport requirements of these cities in totality so as to have an integrated view of transport problems specially keeping in mind the ever growing population and the vehicular traffic *vis-a-vis* their effects on the urban transport system. The Committee recommended a multi model public transport system. On the basis of recommendations of the NTPC, a working group was set up in the Ministry of Works and Housing—nodal Ministry for Urban Transport—who have taken up examination of the matter.

T. V. Studios in India

*821. SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of T.V. studios in

India the date of installation and level of the equipment ?

(b) whether the equipments in most of the studios are outdated ; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to re-equip the Studios with modern equipment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) The requisite details of TV studios are given in the attached statement. Equipment used in the TV studios is of professional standards.

(b) and (c) Subject to availability of resources, equipment in the TV studios is being replaced in a phased manner. Some of the equipment has already been replaced and orders have already been placed for replacement of equipment for 3 more studios. Implementation of proposals for replacement of balance equipment, which are due for replacement, will depend on the availability of resources during the VII Plan period. The VII Plan is yet to be approved.

Statement

Details of Existing TV Studios

Sr. No.	Location of TV Studios	Date of Commissioning	Level of Equipment
1	2	3	4
1.	Delhi	September, 1959	Black and White (B&W) equipment and colour OB Van.
2.	Bombay	October, 1972	—do—
3.	Srinagar	January, 1973	B&W equipment
4.	Calcutta	August, 1975	B&W equipment and colour OB van
5.	Madras	August, 1975	B&W equipment
6.	Lucknow	November, 1975	B&W equipment