

(a) whether Mandla has been included in the list of the places where T.V. Relay Centres are proposed to be set up during the year 1985-86; and

(b) the steps taken for setting up the T.V. Relay Centre at Mandla ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b). There is no approved scheme, at present, to set up a T.V. Relay Centre at Mandla.

[English]

**Re-evaluation of Blocks included in Drought Prone Areas Programme**

\*186. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry are considering to re-evaluate the blocks included in the Drought Prone Areas Programme;

(b) whether Government propose to include all the blocks of Rajgarh District in Madhya Pradesh under the Drought Prone Areas Programme,

(c) whether Government have received a representation requesting that Rajgarh District be taken under the Drought Prone Areas Programme; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) to (d). On the recommendation of the Inter-Ministerial Committee, the Government have already increased number of Blocks under Drought Prone Area Programme, from 511 to 615 for 1985-86 for the Seventh Plan. There is no proposal for inclusion of any new Block at present. The whole matter will be reviewed at the time of mid-term Appraisal.

**Construction of Cheap Houses by HUDCO in Bihar and Maharashtra during Seventh Plan**

\*187. DR. G.S. RAJHANS :  
SHRI BANWARILAL PUROHIT :

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under the consideration of HUDCO to build cheap houses in Bihar and Maharashtra during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether the sites have since been selected on which HUDCO proposes to build cheap houses;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any aid has been provided by World Bank in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; and the time by which HUDCO will start construction ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) : (a) HUDCO is not a construction agency. It finances schemes formulated by the various borrowing agencies in accordance with its guidelines. The Schemes to be taken up during the 7th Plan are yet to be finalised.

(b) to (e). Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

**Crop Protection from Insects and Pests**

\*190. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a rise in insects and pests with the rise in the output of foodgrains per hectare as a result

of the adoption of the green revolution package; and

(b) if so, the measures taken or proposed to be taken to protect the crops from insects and pests ?

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) :** (a). Yes, Sir. There has been some rise in insects and pests in varying degrees in various crops.

(b) The steps taken to protect the crops from insects and pests consist of an integrated approach to pest management which involves the following main components :

- (i) Screening of crop varieties for their reaction to insects and pests, avoidance of susceptible types and adoption of the tolerant/resistant ones.
- (ii) Extensive programme of survey and surveillance for monitoring of key pests; forewarning and timely and effective control measures.
- (iii) Conservation and augmentation of natural enemies for biological control of key pests.
- (iv) Employment of sound agronomic and cultural practices and cropping strategies which prevent insects and pathogens from assuming destructive proportions.
- (v) Judicious and need-based use of safe pesticides.

The above measures have helped in successfully combating most of the insect and pest problems in the crop production programme.

**Housing Finance from Bank or other Financial Institution**

\*191. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will

the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn up a proposal to provide housing finance to be available from a specific bank or financial institution;

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof; and

(c) what categories of people will be entitled for such housing finance ?

**THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) :** (a) to (c). Apart from the existing institutions which provide housing finance, a proposal to set up a specific institution for the purpose is yet to be finalised.

**Ratio of unemployed and employed persons in the country**

\*194. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the ratio of employed and unemployed persons in the country ; and

(b) the rate of increase of unemployed persons in each year during the Sixth Plan period ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) :** (a) The latest available information from the National Sample Surveys relates to the 32nd Round Survey on Employment and Unemployment conducted during 1977-78. According to this Survey, the percentages of employed and unemployed persons by usual status at ages 15 years and