

[*Translation*]

SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL :
 Hon. Speaker, Sir, the seeds procured from private and Government agencies are sub-standard and when we sow them, we do not get seedlings therefrom and as such no Crop is raised. We reaped only grass in the Rabi Crop and nothing else. I want to know whether Government would make some provision for payment of compensation in this regard or meting out stringent punishment, because the operation of supplying adulterated and sub-standard seeds is being done on a large scale. In my own constituency, there has been no crop in 1,500 acres of land due to sowing of sub-standard seeds.

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA :
 We have no role so far as the private agencies are concerned, because Seed Corporation is under the State Government. Seed agencies in every State should see to it because the job of the National Seeds Corporation is to produce and supply seeds to the farmers. I am prepared to order an inquiry or take action if there is any complaint about the seed supplied by the National Seeds Corporation. So far as private agencies are concerned, as I have said earlier, the State Government should look to it. It is a State subject. So far as the question of compensation is concerned, how can we give compensation for that. How can we give compensation for the inferior seed purchased from a private agency and sowing it. I say why do you not purchase seeds from the National Seeds Corporation.

[*English*]

Construction work at Kasauli TV Tower

*193. **SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the construction work on 10 K.W. Kasauli T.V. Tower will be completed and the station will start functioning;

(b) the estimated expenditure incurred by Government for the construction of this T.V. tower; and

(c) whether Government propose to recruit local artists to project programmes in local language ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL):
 (a) Construction of TV tower at Kasauli has since been completed and the transmitter energised on full power of 10 KW on trial basis.

(b) The estimated cost of construction of the T. V. tower at Kasauli is Rs. 67.24 lakhs.

(c) Kasauli T.V. transmitter is a relay station and no programme production facilities are envisaged to be set up at Kasauli for the present.

[*Translation*]

SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has stated that this TV tower is being run on trial basis. I want to know since when it is being run on trial basis and the time by which its transmission will be started on regular basis ?

[*English*]

SHRI V.N. GADGIL : Sir, the construction of the TV tower was completed, the equipment was installed, and as required by the procedure, the trials are going on. I expect that it will be commissioned in a month's time.

[*Translation*]

SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Sir, I want to know the range in which the people will be able to view the programme of Doordarshan with the Commissioning of this TV tower. Secondly, the hon. Minister has stated in the last part of his reply that the programmes in the local language of the tribals will not be relayed. Therefore, will the hon. Minister consider transmission of programmes in the local language for the benefit of the hilly, tribal people and the people living in remote areas ?

SHRI V. N. GADGIL : Sir, he has asked two Supplementaries. The reply to the first one is, the normal range of a transmitter of this type is 120 kilometres. Same is the position at Kasauli.

With regard to local programmes, what we are proposing in the Seventh Plan is to set up full-fledged colour studios in all the State capitals. So, Simla will have a similar studio and after the studio is commissioned, local programmes can be relayed.

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER : If you are going to set up TV towers in the hills, when will one be set up at the Harsh ka pahar ?

[*English*]

SHRI V. N. GADGIL : You know the answer.

[*Translation*]

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Mr. Speaker, Sir, just one minute.

MR. SPEAKER : You have already got one. What is the trouble in Delhi ? Here you have double channel.

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : What I want to say is that there is a clash in the timings of *Sansad Samachar* and local news. Which is important of the two ? Earlier also, I had asked the hon. Minister about it.

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : You give it in writing. This is not a pertinent question to this.

Computerisation of employment Exchanges

195. +**SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :**

SHRI S. G. GHOLAP ;

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to computerise work in the employment exchanges;

(b) if so, the names of the States where computerisation will be implemented;

(c) funds assigned by the Planning Commission for the purpose;

(d) the States in which computerised system will start functioning during the Seventh Plan period; and

(e) to what extent computerisation will help in solving the problem of unemployment in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) : (a) to (e) A statement is given below.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A scheme for grant of Central assistance, on a matching basis, to States/Union Territories for computerisation of employment exchanges has been included in the Seventh Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs. 35 lakhs. The scheme will cover employment exchanges having one lakh or more applicants on their Live Registers all over the country.

(e) Employment Exchanges do not create jobs of their own but submit and place applicants against job-vacancies notified to them by the employers. The computerisation of employment exchanges is aimed at equipping the National Employment Service to provide high quality service to the job seekers and employers, in keeping with the emerging demands of the development process.

[*Translation*]

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has stated in his reply that a scheme of matching central grants has been included in the Seventh Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs. 35 lakhs. I want to know from