

to check this growth, we shall have to develop the peripheral towns. We shall ensure that all amenities including employment are provided in these peripheral towns so that the influx of people to Delhi could be checked. All these things, we shall do.

SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has referred to the N.C.R. plan. I would like to know from him the criteria Government have adopted in respect of the population of Delhi areas? Besides, is he going to make any provision for the capital cities of hilly areas? Has some provision been made in this budget for this purpose?

SHRI DALBIR SINGH : Sir, the supplementary asked by the hon. Minister is not related to the main question. However, I would like to tell him that we have I.D.S. M. schemes for the towns having a population upto one lakh. It was included in the Sixth Five Year Plan and has been carried over to the Seventh Plan. It includes Himachal Pradesh also. We are paying full attention to hilly areas. The amenities which are available to other areas should be available to hilly areas also.

[*English*]

Financial Allocation for Development of TV and Radio Facilities in Kerala

*450. **SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the financial allocation made for development of TV and Radio facilities in Kerala during the Seventh Five Year Plan ; and

(b) the details of work done so far and the work proposed to be done during the remaining period of the plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) A statement is given below.

Statement

FINANCIAL ALLOCATION IN THE 7TH PLAN

The expenditure proposed to be incurred on the development of TV and Radio facilities in the State of Kerala is estimated as follows :—

Estimated Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)

Doordarshan	—	564
All India Radio	—	1572.01

DETAILS OF WORK DONE/PROPOSED TO BE DONE

DOORDARSHAN

TV Studio Centre, equipped for operation in colour, has been commissioned at Trivandrum. Technical facilities are proposed to be further augmented by providing an Electronic Field Production (EFP) van to the Kendra. Establishment of four 100 W TV transmitters one each at Malappuram, Kasaragod, Kalpetta and Idukki is included in the VII Plan of Doordarshan. TV transmitter (10 KW) at Cochin is proposed to be linked to Doordarshan Kendra, Trivandrum for relay of TV programmes, during the VII Plan period.

ALL INDIA RADIO

During the 7th Plan, it is proposed to set up Radio Stations at 3 centres, one each at Cannanore, Idukki, Cochin in the State of Kerala. The schemes have administratively been approved. Sites for stations at Cannanore and Cochin have been taken over. The work for construction of the building and the departmental works for these schemes are proposed to be taken up in the remaining period of the plan. Site for station at Idukki is being located. Further action towards construction works will be taken up thereafter.

2. Besides these schemes, additional facilities are proposed to be provided at the three existing AIR centres viz. Trivandrum, Trichur and Calicut in the State of Kerala.

3. These schemes have administratively been approved and are under implementation. These are expected to be completed in the remaining period of the plan.

SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Sir, I want to know from the hon. Minister what percentage of Kerala population is not covered by T.V. at present and what percentage of population will be left uncovered even after the expansion.

SHRI P. A. SANGMA : Sir, at the moment, the percentage of areas covered in Kerala is 72.2 per cent and the percentage of population covered is 77.5 per cent, as far as television is concerned. By the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan, the area covered in Kerala will be 83.5 per cent and the population covered will be 85.9 per cent. That will be much above the national average because by the end of the Seventh Plan the national average area-wise will be 67.2 per cent and population-wise it will be 82.0 per cent.

SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Sir, when will the facilities of transmission of Malayalam programmes by all the T.V. stations in Kerala be introduced ?

SHRI P.A. SANGMA : Sir, the studio in Trivandrum has already been commissioned and very soon we are going to have a Malayalam programme...

(Interruptions)

SHRI SURESH KURUP : Where is the concerned Minister, Sir ?

SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Has he resigned due the election results—debacle in West Bengal ?

SHRI SURESH KURUP : Sir, the problem with the T.V. viewers in Kerala is that except a handful of people in Trivandrum, all over Kerala people are forced to view programmes from Delhi. They are forced to view a programme which does not have a touch with their culture, their language or anything else. So, what we want to know is what special steps does the Government intend to take for helping the people of Kerala to view programmes in Malayalam.

SHRI P. A. SANGMA : Sir, I have already answered this question.

SHRI SURESH KURUP : Sir, he has not answered.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : You want to be bored in Malayalam !

SHRI SURESH KURUP : Sir, I have asked a specific question...*(Interruptions)*. Let the real Minister come and answer...*(Interruptions)*.

SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : I think the real Minister Shri Ajit Panja has resigned.

AN HON. MEMBER : Is he an unreal Minister ?

AN HON. MEMBER : He is a substitute

SHRI P.A. SANGMA : Sir, the studio at Trivandrum has already been completed. It has been commissioned for coloured programmes and we are going to have Malayalam programmes very soon.

SHRI SURESH KURUP : That is not my question, Sir...

(Interruptions)

SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS : Sir, the problem lies with the production of programmes by the studio there. Not only in Trivandrum but in other areas also, there are no facilities to produce the programmes. I would like to know what is the specific programme for that. Secondly, among the areas covered, Pathanamthitta is not there. So, I would like to know what is the method of selection of these areas which are mentioned in the answer. Certain radio stations are mentioned in the answers. What is the basis on which they have selected the three centres which are mentioned in the answer—Cannanore, Idukki and Cochin ?

SHRI P.A. SANGMA : Sir, the delay in the production centre at Trivandrum was due to the reason that in the beginning the studio and production centre was approved for black and white programmes. This was not welcomed by the people of Kerala. When the whole nation has gone

in for coloured programmes, the Kerala people also wanted coloured programmes. Therefore, the plan estimate had to be revised from the original Rs. 448 lakhs to Rs. 862.91 lakhs. This has been done. I have already said that the studio had been commissioned in 1985 itself. Production is going on and the language programme will be started very soon. That I have already said. As far as the criteria is concerned, mainly we are basing it on the population. As I have said in my answer to the first supplementary question, as far as Kerala is concerned, by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan, the coverage area-wise as well as population-wise will be much above the national average.

**Additional Aid to Maharashtra for
Drought Relief**

*452. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE† :
SHRI MUKUL WASNIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the basis or criteria fixed to determine the amount of drought assistance to be given to States by Union Government ;

(b) whether the Central assistance given to Maharashtra Government is considered adequate keeping in view the enormity of the problem ; and

(c) if not, whether Union Government propose to reconsider the allocation to Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c) A statement is given below.

Statement

(a) The policy for financing relief expenditure is based on the recommendations of the 8th Finance Commission and Government decisions thereon. Though the State Governments are primarily responsible for financing of relief, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government, if necessary. As recommended by the 8th Finance Commission an amount

of Rs. 240.75 crores per annum is allocated as Margin Money to the States, of which 50% is contributed by the Central Government. The State Governments provide the balance 50% in their budgets. On the occurrence of a natural calamity the concerned State Government meets the expenditure from its share of margin money and is entitled to draw the Central contribution after exhausting its own share. If the expenditure requirements of a State exceed the total margin money, it may seek assistance from the Centre. On receipt of a memorandum seeking Central assistance, an Inter Ministerial Central team is constituted. The Inter Ministerial team consisting of experts from different disciplines visits the affected areas to make an on the spot assessment of the situation. The Central team holds detailed discussions with the State Government officials and also has discussions with the people's representatives in order to make an objective assessment of the situation. On the basis of the field visits, discussions and taking into account the Central norms for various items and plan provisions available with the State Govt. for various schemes, the Central team submits a report recommending item-wise ceilings of expenditure. In case the requirement is not large and an assessment can be made without sending a Central Team, an Inter-Ministerial Group considers the matter. On the basis of the report of Central Team or the Inter-Ministerial Group and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief, ceilings of expenditure are sanctioned for the States.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : By increasing the length of the statement they have carefully evaded the answer.

MR. SPEAKER : Have not reduced the amount.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : If they were to be sharp, probably sharp reply would have been given.

In the statement that has been made by the hon. Minister, he has said.