

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Imports are currently being made to replenish the buffer stocks. It is too early to say about estimates of production of foodgrains in the coming season as the Kharif season has just commenced.

Pepsi Cola

2278. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 444 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the recommendations of PAB on collaboration of Pepsi Cola; and

(b) what are the findings of PAB for and against the collaboration of Pepsi Cola?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) It is not the policy of the Government to disclose details of the recommendations/findings of Committee like project Approval Board.

Setting up of Television Transmitter at Fazilka

2279. SHRI L. NARSINGH NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 283 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th May, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the present position regarding setting up of a High Power Television Transmitter at Fazilka, the details regarding population and the areas likely to be covered by this transmitter, the reasons for delay in selection of site therefor; by when the work on this project is likely to commence and to what extent it would be helpful to cope with the Pakistani Television propaganda;

(b) whether Government propose to explore the possibilities of utilising the UHF communications network, functioning at Fazilka, for Television transmission or to make some other short term arrangement therefor and allocate enough resources thereafter so as to set up the Television transmitter on a priority basis; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

* THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The scheme for the establishment of a high power (10 KW) TV transmitter at Fazilka in Punjab was added to the VII Plan of Doordarshan only a few months back. A survey of the area has also been carried out and a possible site tentatively identified. The State Government has been approached for allocation of this site to Doordarshan. Commencement of civil works would be possible after the scheme is formally approved by the Government and the site is handed over to Doordarshan. On Commissioning of the proposed high power TV transmitter at Fazilka, TV service in the area along the border would be considerably strengthened and a population of about 21 lakhs spread over an area of about 11,000 sq. Kms. is expected to be covered by TV service.

(b) and (c) TV transmission requires special equipment and tower structure and the existing communications system available in the area cannot be utilised for the purpose. While the lead-time required in setting up the TV project of the kind envisaged for Fazilka is at least three years after commencement of works at site, it has been the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to complete the projects assigned to it as early as possible.