

(b) what is the total financial assistance provided under the IRDP and the families covered during 1987-88 and expected to be covered during 1988-89; and

(c) the number of persons from Gwalior came above the poverty line and those still below poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, from inception till 87-88.

(b) Financial assistance provided under IRDP during 1987-88, Rs. 324 lakhs (credit Rs. 242 lakhs and subsidy Rs. 82 lakhs). Number of families assisted during 1987-88—5496. Target for 1988-89 is 4,000 families.

(c) Districtwise information of Number of persons brought above the poverty line is not maintained.

Mini production unit with every low power transmitter

3000. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to equip every LPT with a mini production unit to encourage regional Artists and local culture for relating such programmes through regional Doordarshan Kendras; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no proposal to provide programme production facility for every low power TV transmitter (LPT). It has been considered more appropriate to identify compact homogenous areas to serve as units from the point of view of developmental needs and socio-economic cultural characteristics; establish a TV Programme Production Centre at a suitable location in such an area; and disseminate the regional (local) programmes so produced over the entire area. At present there are 18 Programme Production Centres in the country. This number will go up to 48 with the implementation of all the Seventh Plan Schemes of Doordarshan.

Bonded labour

3001. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bonded labour identified in each State and the Union Territories;

(b) the progress made in the last three years in reducing their number;

(c) whether Government propose to set up a national commission on Bonded Labour; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBY): (a) and (b) The available information is given below:—

Name of the State	No. of Bonded Labourers identified as on 31st March, 1988	No. of Bonded Labourers rehabilitated during :		
		1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
Andhra Pradesh	33954	3957	4314	2691
Bihar	12338	535	376	468
Gujarat	64	19
Haryana	429
Karnataka	62689	4009	6550	6715
Kerala	823
Madhya Pradesh	7486	779	1017	842
Maharashtra	998	307	198	70
Orissa	47824	5385	6577	4499
Rajasthan	7037	1079	366	113
Tamil Nadu	36827	1109	663	401
Uttar Pradesh	25211	4199	4749	3554
TOTAL		235670	21378	24810
				19353

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Government has already set up a National Commission on Rural Labour. The terms of reference of the Commission include the study report on the problems of bonded labour, etc.

Grievances of artists of Song and Drama Division, National

3002. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation from the artists of Song and Drama Division, Nainital;

(b) if so, what are the main grievances of these artists; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Staff Artists of Song and Drama Division are contract employees. Their grievances, which is common to all Staff Artists including those posted at Nainital, is that they have not been provided facilities of Pension, Life Insurance, Residential Accommodation, full medical facilities and Children Education allowance.

(c) The Central Government Employees Insurance Scheme has already been extended to the staff