

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Doordarshan had received a telegram from a viewer objecting to showing the name of Parvati Khan, an actress, in the serial 'Nai Dishayen' as, he said, it hurts religious feelings. Doordarshan had conveyed the reaction of the viewer to the Producer of the serial in the normal course. However, the name of actress continued to be broadcast without any change till the completion of the serial.

(c) and (d) Doordarshan received some communication from viewers in this regard. A letter addressed to the Prime Minister by Sri Rahji Masoom Raza of Bombay was also received. The misunderstanding was cleared by Doordarshan by writing to the producer as well as by explaining the position to Shri Raza.

Land Utilization Pattern in the North East region

3258. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the study made by the Assam Agricultural University on land use pattern in the North East Region; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Financial crisis in SAIL

3259. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Steel Authority of India is in the grip of a financial crisis; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Disparity in land utilisation pattern in North East Region

3260. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is disparity in land utilisation pattern in the North East Region; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Land utilisation pattern varies from region to region, depending upon the availability of resources and natural endowments like irrigation, soil type, rainfall pattern, economic conditions of the farmers etc. In the North-Eastern region, due to existing topographical conditions, the percentage of net sown area to total reporting area is much lower, as compared to all-India average.

Committee to go into the problems of farmers

3261. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Committee to go into the problems of farmers in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to include experts in the field of agriculture and some of the Members of Parliament in this connection; and

(c) what is the time frame for the setting up of such a Committee and submission of the Committee's report on these problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE