

**Modernisation of T.V. centres**

112. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:  
Will the Minister of INFORMATION  
AND BROADCASTING be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern-  
ment have recently chalked out a Plan  
for the modernisation of existing T.V.  
Centres during the Seventh Five Year  
Plan period; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND  
BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GAD-  
GIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Replacement of the existing  
Black and White (B/W) studio equip-  
ment by colour equipment at all Door-  
darshan Kendras is included in the  
Seventh Plan. One of the studios at  
Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi has already  
been equipped with professional grade  
colour equipment. Replacement of  
B/W equipment by colour equipment  
in one studio each at Doordarshan  
Kendra, Bombay and Doordarshan  
Kendra, Madras is under implemen-  
tation. In addition, provision of mod-  
ern production facilities at major  
Doordarshan Kendras is included in  
the Plan. Finally, replacement of  
transmitters at seven places is also  
included in the Plan.

**Price Parity between Agricultural and  
Non-agricultural Commodities**

113. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to  
maintain a parity between the prices  
of the agricultural and non-agricultu-  
ral commodities;

(b) if so, what steps have been  
taken by Government in this regard;  
and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above  
be in the negative, what are the rea-  
sons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGEN-  
DRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) In  
March 1980, the terms of reference of  
the Commission for Agricultural Costs  
and Prices were revised and the Com-  
mission was enjoined to keep under  
review the changes" in the terms of  
trade between agricultural and non-  
agricultural sectors. Accordingly, the  
Commission *inter alia* takes into ac-  
count the changes in the prices of  
commodities purchased by the farmer  
as well as the prices  
received by him for the products, sold,  
while making its recommendations.  
However, in a predominantly agricul-  
tural economy like India, there are in-  
herent limitations in mechanically ap-  
plying the concept of terms of trade  
for the purpose of price policy. In an  
agricultural economy susceptible to  
the vagaries of rainfall, fluctuations in  
production are too frequent and some-  
times too large to permit a stable link  
(parity) between prices of agricultural  
and non-agricultural commodities. In  
fact the stability in terms of trade is  
a medium term concept which cannot  
be applied to year to year fluctuations.

**Commission for Agricultural Cost and  
Price**

114. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA"  
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
be pleased, to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gov-  
ernment have decided to establish an  
Agricultural Cost and Price Commis-  
sion in place of the existing Agricul-  
tural Price Commission;