

(b) what is the likely consumption during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) (a) and (b) The consumption of fertilizers in Uttar Pradesh in 1984-85 was 16.13 lakh tonnes of nutrients. By the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan, as per the present estimates, it is expected to be 28 to 29 lakh tonnes of nutrients.

Per capita availability of milk, desi ghee etc. in rural and urban areas

714. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what has been the per capita availability of milk, desi ghee, butter and cheese in rural and urban areas of the country during the year 1984 and so far during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Statistical information regarding the per capita availability of milk in rural and urban areas separately is not compiled. Similarly, information in respect of per capita availability of desi ghee, butter and cheese is also not compiled. However, the total per capita availability of indigenously produced milk, which includes milk produces also, on financial year basis for the years 1983-84 and 1984-85, as per the latest estimates, is as under:—

Year	Annual per capita availability of milk (Kgs.)
1983-84	51.2
1984-85	52.3

Programme on the lives of prominent Freedom Fighters

715. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether his Ministry propose to telecast and broadcast programmes on the lives of Moulana Azad, Netaji Subhas Chander Bose, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant and Shri Rafi Ahmed Kidwai on their birth or death anniversaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): The media is following a well laid down policy regarding observation of anniversaries of eminent personalities including political leaders. The anniversaries of some leaders are observed annually and certain others on 5 yearly basis. The list cannot truly be exhaustive.

The media also cover programmes and public functions arranged on the occasion of anniversaries of the leaders. The media observes annually the anniversary in respect of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose, Moulana Abul Kalam Azad. The anniversary of Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant is observed on 5 yearly basis. Though Shri Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, name is not in the list of personalities whose anniversaries are observed annually or 5 yearly basis, the Stations and Kendras have the full freedom to arrange suitable programmes in the form of talks or features highlighting the life and contribution of the leader and also to cover public functions if any arranged on that occasion.

Minorities Commission

716. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to confer statutory power on the Minorities Commission; and

(b) when will the present Minorities Commission be reconstituted as the term of majority of members of the Commission has expired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Four posts of members had fallen vacant because of the expiry of tenure of the members in the recent past. One new Member has since joined. No definite time schedule can be indicated for filling up the remaining posts.

Expansion programme of AIR & TV during Seventh Five Year Plan .

717. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outlay provided under the Seventh Five Year Plan for expansion programme of AIR and TV stations, and what are the details of the projects to be taken up; and

(b) the number of projects for which the INSAT-B is being used for broadcasting and telecasting to villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) The 7th Plan outlay for All India Radio and Doordarshan will be Rs. 700 crores each.

During the 7th Plan, AIR has proposed the setting up of a network of new radio stations including FM stations in different States to provide coverage to areas/pockets which are uncovered so far and also upgrade the power of the MW transmitters at select Centres to overcome the night time shrinkage. The existing MW transmitters which have outlived their life would also be replaced wherever necessary with upgraded power. Short wave service would also be opened at selected places where such services are presently not available. In addition, transmitters for the external service would also be suitably augmented.

So far as the Doordarshan is concerned, 23 high power transmitters, 4 such transmitters for the 2nd channel in the 4 metropolitan cities, and 166 low power transmitters would be set up in the different States and Union Territories. This will ensure that the TV signals reaches up to 80 per cent of the population. Additionally it has been proposed to provide Programme Production Facility at the Capitals of every State and Union Territory except Lakshadweep. Dardra and Nagar Haveli by the end of Plan period and also to ensure that the LPTs in the different States are linked to the main Programme Production Centre in that State.

(b) All the existing AIR stations have the networking facility through the INSAT-1B. Similarly, all the existing 174 TV transmitters in the country are linked to Delhi via INSAT-1B for relay of National and other programmes.

Teletext system on T.V.

718. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Teletext system on T. V. being introduced by Government; and

(b) what are the names of cities likely to be covered by the system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Teletext is additional information in textual form transmitted alongside the normal TV signal which can be received on the screen of the TV set in place of or superimposed on the normal picture, with the help of a decoder, Indian teletext service INTEXT, introduced at Delhi 14.11.85 puts out current information on News, Meteorological data. Rail and Air-timings, items of tourist interest, market rates of commodities and share etc. to begin with. The content and format could be added/changed depending on viewers' reaction.

(b) For the present, the teletext system will be available only at Delhi.