

8 picnic spots with the facility of picnic hut.

5 DDA, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Committee have also an ex-

tensive plan for tree plantation and maintenance of parks etc.

6. The work done by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi since 1979-80 is shown below:—

Year	Plantation of		B/Vill- age	Total	Dev. of new parks	Improve- ment of existing parks
	Trees	Shrubs				
1. 1979-80 . . .	63410	45964	7518	116802	70	93
2. 1980-81 . . .	270252	204742	34371	515365	66	120
3. 1981-82 . . .	349918	230279	30469	610665	66	275
4. 1982-83 . . .	412662	273286	242282	710130	85	62
5. 1983-84 . . .	407484	414992	24908	847384	62	12
6. 1984-85 . . .	314964	315654	26277	656895	114	200
7. 1985-86 . . .	191787	306560	109775	608122	190 (Target) (Target 232)	

#### Tissue culture project on pappaya

\*448. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports appearing in 'The Jansatta' of the 14th July, 1985 wherein criticism of tissue culture project on pappaya undertaken by the I.A.R.I., Pusa, New Delhi has been made;

(b) whether an enquiry is proposed to be conducted into the project; and

(c) what is the amount spent on it so far and the results, if any, achieved?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The amount spent on the establishment of a tissue culture laboratory at the Indian Agricultural

Research Institute is approximately Rs. 2.56 lakh on equipment only.

The research work conducted so far has resulted in the development of techniques for multiplication of pappaya plants through tissue culture using tissues like shot tip and stem segments of seedlings, lateral buds, midrib, petioles etc. of adult plants. The plantlets thus available have been transferred to the field for evaluation of their performance with respect to production, quality and sex differentiation character.

#### P.M.'s criticism of Doordarshan Programmes

\*449. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the suggestions made by the Prime Minister and the shortcomings pointed out by him in respect of Doordarshan programmes in his letter to the Minister; and