

Telecast of Old Prints of Feature Films

1105. SHRI M. MADDANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sometimes old prints of feature films are used for telecast resulting in bad reception on the T.V. sets;

(b) whether Government propose to ensure the quality of prints of feature films for the purpose of telecasting; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Doordarshan accepts only such prints of feature films which are telecast-worthy.

(c) Does not arise.

Sheep Breeding Farms in States

1106. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU:
SHRI M. MADDANNA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the working group on animal husbandry has recommended setting up of Centrally sponsored sheep breeding farms in the States; and

(b) if so, by when such farms are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Necessary action on the recommendations will be taken up for implementation as soon as the Seventh Plan proposals are finalised.

Housing problem in the country

1107. SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allocation of funds for housing projects has come down; and

(b) whether a national scheme for housing is under formulation?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) The schemes for meeting the housing needs are under formulation for incorporation in the Seventh Plan which is being finalised.

Development of New Varieties of Onion Seeds

1108. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the production of onions during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that scientists have developed onion seeds of new varieties for kharif season, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States where these seeds are being introduced;

(d) what steps have been taken for distribution of these seeds; and

(e) the estimated area wherein onion seeds are likely to be planted in the coming kharif season?