

T.V. Transmitter for South of Mizoram

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

(a) whether Government are aware that the people of South Mizoram especially of Lunglei District see only Bangladesh T.V. programmes and not of Indian Doordarshan due to high power transmitter installed by the Government of Bangladesh;

(b) whether Government propose to install a high power transmitter at Lunglei; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Doordarshan TV Programmes relayed from the Low Power Transmitter at Aizwal do not reach Lunglei in South Mizoram.

(b) The approved Plan for Expansion of TV service in the North-Eastern Region includes establishment of a 1 KW Transmitter with Programme Production Facilities at Aizwal. This Plan which is under implementation, does not include a transmitter at Lunglei.

(c) Provision of TV service to various uncovered parts of the country will depend upon availability of resources during the VII Plan period.

Suggestions by working group of Planning Commission

185. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working group of the Planning Commission has made various suggestions for various rural development plans; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Working Group was set up by the Planning Commission on programmes of rural development for the Seventh Five Year Plan. The Working Group has *inter-alia* recommended continuation of rural development programmes like National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) and Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). The Group has suggested that (a) required degree of priority in investment should be given to these programmes ensuring the integration of such investment with the relevant sectoral development programme in rural areas, (b) better planning and monitoring of the programmes should be ensured through tighter organisation and effective implementation, and, (c) suitable backward and forward linkages should be provided to enable the beneficiaries to derive optimum benefits from the assistance provided to them.

Errors in the Report of Registrar of Newspapers

186. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the last report of the Registrar of Newspapers of India, the names of the editors, printers and publishers were missing with the result that this important catalogue on newspapers has become less useful; and

(b) whether Government plan to rectify this error in the report of this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) To make the Report more presentable and concise,