

(c) the nature of work done by him ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUIRAL) : (a) to (c). Dr. Swamy was asked to make a study of casual relationship between information dissemination and economic growth. He was paid an honorarium of Rs. 1500/- by the Ministry for preparing a paper on this subject. He was also allowed use of a room in Akashvani Bhavan for about a month. Dr. Swamy also does a weekly commentary for the External Services Division of All India Radio. For this, he is paid at Rs. 100/- per broadcast.

RADIO STATION AT ROHTAK

'677. SHRI SULTAN SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to set up Radio Station at Rohtak;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the Radio Station will be set up there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUIRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the project are being worked out and construction work will commence in the near future.

(c) By 1972-73.

LONG AND EXTRA-LONG STAPLE COTTON

*678. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN: Will the Minister, of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a detailed programme has been chalked out

by the Government of India for the cultivation of long and extra-long staple cotton in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Maximised Production of Cotton and for the Development of Sea Island Cotton are being implemented for the production of Superior Medium, Long and Extra-long staple varieties of Cotton. The different components of the above two schemes during 1970-71 are given below :—

1. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Maximised Production of Cotton.

(i) To increase the production of cotton by adoption of package of practices over an area of 4.77 lakh hectares.

(ii) Production of adequate quantity of Nucleus and Foundation seed over an area of 700 hectares to progressively saturate all the tracts with pure seed.

(in) Laying out of Composite Demonstration plots over an area of 3980 hectares to educate the farmers in improved techniques of cotton cultivation.

(iv) Aerial spraying of pesticides for plant protection over an area of 3.10 lakh hectares.

(v) Organisation of Mass Plant Protection Campaigns on 0.70 lakh hectares in the rainfed tracts.