

Work Programme undertaken by the Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission revealed that the programme made a favourable impact on the life and living condition of the village community in terms of employment and income. Further, out of the persons provided with employment 42 per cent were Scheduled Castes and 13 per cent were Scheduled Tribes.

[*Translation*]

**Assistance to Drought Affected
Areas of Rajasthan**

874. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan had submitted a report to Central Government regarding the famine and scarcity conditions in various districts of the state and if so, when;

(b) whether copies of the report will be laid on the Table of the House;

(c) whether a study team had also submitted its report two months ago after an on-the-spot study of the situation;

(d) if so, the reasons for not providing assistance to the State Government by the Centre so far;

(e) whether relief operations have not been started by Rajasthan Government in the affected districts so far; and

(f) if so, the time by which the relief operations will be started there ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) The Government of Rajasthan submitted a Memorandum on 28th December, 1984, requesting Central assistance for drought relief.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Central Team visited the State during 16.1.1985 to 21.1.1985 and submitted its report subsequently.

(d) The report of the Central Team was considered and sanction for Rs. 542.85 lakhs was issued on the 26th February, 1985, as ceiling of Central assistance for the drought relief during 1984-85.

(e) and (f). The Government of Rajasthan started the relief operation as early as December, 1984. Employment generation which is a part of the drought relief has been going on in full swing and during February, 2,15,119 persons were under employment under NREP, RLEGP and other works. The arrangements for supply of drinking water in rural and urban areas, supply of fodder of the cattle gratuitous relief, etc., have also been taken on hand by the State Government.

[*English*]

**Setting up of Low Power T.V.
Transmitters**

875. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any low power TV Transmitters, have been set up during the last 3 years in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the places, State-wise, where these have been set up during each of the last 3 years;

(c) whether any more proposals for opening such transmitter in some other parts of the States are still pending with Government; and

(d) if so, the names of such places, State-wise and the likely dates by which these would be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) State-wise names of places where low power transmitters (LPTs) are being set up and the likely months of their commissioning are given below :—