

(a) whether the Ministry has received complaints regarding some technical faults in Faizabad Television Relay Centre (Uttar Pradesh); and

(b) if so, the action being taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) TV relay centre at Faizabad is functioning normally. However, interruptions in service due to failure of power supply have been occasionally reported. A diesel generator has been provided to the Centre to meet such exigencies.

[English]

Setting up of T.V. Relay Centre at Wynad in Kerala

2065. DR. K.G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to install a T. V. Relay Centre at Wynad Kistrict, the most backward district of Kerala, with more than 20 per cent ST/SC population;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

(b) It is envisaged to set up a low power TV transmitter at Kalpetta in Wynad district, with a service range of about 25 km, during the VII plan period subject to year-wise phasing and priorities as may be agreed to by the Planning Commission.

(c) Does not arise.

AIR Station at Calicut and Wynad

2066. DR. K.G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

whether there is a proposal to upgrade the A.I.R. relay station at Calicut and start a new relay station at Wynad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : No, Sir.

Production of sunflower oil

2067. DR. K. G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of sunflower oil produced, State-wise during the last three years; and

(b) the proposals for increasing the production of sunflower oil in the Seventh Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Total quantity of sunflower oil produced in India during the last three years have been as under :—

Year	Production (in lakh tonnes)
1982-83	0.81
1983-84	0.98
1984-85	1.08 (estimated)

State-wise figures for total quantity of sunflower oil produced are not available. However, State-wise production of solvent extracted Sunflower oil is given in the statement below.

(b) As per the programme of the Government the area under Sunflower cultivation is proposed to be increased from 6.7 lakh hectares in 1984-85 to 9.0 lakh hectares at the end of Seventh Plan. The production is estimated to increase to 5.5 lakh tonnes by 1989-90. The State-wise programme of sunflower development in the Seventh Plan is proposed to be carried out in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

Statement

State-wise production of solvent extracted oil (Sunflower) during the Years 1983, 1984 and 1985

State	1983		1984		1985 (upto Sept.)	
	Edible	Non-edible	Edible	Non-edible	Edible	Mon-edible
Andhra Pradesh	118	249	317	312	587	110
		(367)		(629)		(697)
Gujarat	90	—	191	—	—	—
		(90)		(191)		—
Karnataka	677	658	1291	1212	1307	1805
		(1335)		(2503)		(3112)
Madhya Pradesh	125	12	13	10	39	1
		(137)		(23)		(40)
Maharashtra	5013	621	1799	3838	5748	1685
		(5634)		(5637)		(7433)
Tamil Nadu	179	224	1804	295	311	151
		(403)		(2099)		(462)
Uttar Pradesh	—	—	5	10	—	5
		—		(15)		(5)
	6202	1764	5696	5475	7992	3757
		(7,966)		(11,171)		(11,749)

Note :—The above information is based on the production returns received from the Solvent Units.

Target of oil palm cultivation

2068. DR. K. G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the target fixed for oil palm cultivation in the country per year, State-wise during the Seventh Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : Red Oil Palm has been introduced in Kerala State and Anadaman and Nicobar Islands where

suitable agro-climatic conditions exist for its growth. It is not grown in other parts of the country. Government of India has taken up two small projects, one in Kerala over an area of 4160 ha. and other in Andaman and Nicobar Islands over an area of 2400 ha. So far an area of 3705 ha. in Kerala and 1436 ha. in Andaman and Nicobar Islands have been covered under red oil palm plantation. Because of the constraint in the availability of forest land, no year-wise and state-wise targets for red Oil palm cultivation have been fixed.