

(a) whether Barhampur, Rourkela, Bhavanipatna, Keonjhar and some other places in Orissa were included in the Sixth Plan for the establishment of the Radio centres;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) to (c). There is an approved 6th Plan Scheme to set up a local radio station with a 1 KW MW transmitter, Multi-purpose Studio, Receiving facilities etc. at Keonjhar in Orissa. The construction work of the building is in progress. The station is expected to be commissioned during 1986.

Guidelines to States on increase food-grains production

3101. SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have issued guidelines to different States to increase the production of foodgrains;

(b) if so, the strategy adopted to increase the production of foodgrains in Orissa and other States in the Sixth Plan; and

(c) the achievements made in this regard in the above plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The strategy adopted to increase the production of foodgrains in Orissa as well as in other States in the Sixth Plan is given below :

1. Expansion of area under High Yielding Varieties;
2. Increased use of quality seeds;

3. Increased and efficient use of fertilisers.

4. Efficient use of irrigation water and Expansion of area under irrigation;

5. Adequate plant protection measures over a larger area;

6. Stabilisation of crop production in drought prone areas through dry farming technology;

7. Transfer of technology through recognised extension system—training and visit;

8. Training of farmers and extension workers;

9. Intensification of research for appropriate technology ?

10. Adoption of appropriate pricing policies.

(c) The achievements of foodgrains during the Sixth Plan are given below :

(Million Tonnes)

1980-81	129.59
1981-82	133.29
1982-83	129.52
1983-84	152.37
1984-85	146.22

[Translation]

Loan to farmers for development of cultivation

3102. SHRI C. S. GAMIT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for providing loans to small and marginal farmers for development of their cultivation;

(b) the provisions made in the Sixth Five Year Plan for this purpose and the amount utilised out of the fund; and