

**Special courses to train announcers  
and news readers**

1049. SHRIMATI SHEILA DIKSHIT :  
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND  
BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether keeping in view the expansion and increase in T. V. programmes, Government are contemplating any institute or special courses to train announcers and news readers;

(b) if so, where will such an Institute be located or courses conducted; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to become operative ?

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

(a) to (c). Establishment of a training institute to cater for the overall training requirements of the staff working in Programme and Engineering Wings of Doordarshan has been included in the VII Plan of Doordarshan. The location of Institute has not been finalised as yet. It is also difficult to indicate at this stage the firm time frame within which the Institute would finally commence its operations.

**Shortfall in production of coarse  
cereals**

1050. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :  
SHRI KALI PRASAD  
PANDEY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production targets of coarse cereals are likely to be achieved and if not, the extent of shortfall expected and the steps contemplated; and

(b) the details of the plan to cope with infrastructural handicaps ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND  
COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA  
MAKWANA) : (a) In view of the adverse

weather conditions during the kharif season, the target of coarse cereals production fixed for 1985-86 is not likely to be achieved. However, it is not possible to indicate the extent of shortfall as the final estimates of coarse cereal production have not yet been received.

(b) I. C. A. R. have launched a programme for the varietal improvement of coarse cereals. Under this programme, research has been intensified to evolve varieties suitable for different agro-climatic situations. Crop improvement projects for sorghum, bajra, maize and smaller millets are working as I.C.A.R. component in its institutions and Agricultural Universities all over the country.

Steps have also been taken to propagate the rainfed farming technology on watershed management basis for increasing the production and productivity of coarse grains.

A Central Sector Scheme of Minikit programme of millets is being implemented to popularise the newly released varieties, disseminate the new production technology through training of extension personnel and maize demonstrations in tribal areas.

**Work on TV programmes production  
centre, Patna**

1051. SHRI C. P. THAKUR : Will the  
Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-  
CASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the progress in the matter of start of work of television programme production centre at Patna;

(b) whether Patna needs two channels facility for giving proper presentation of local programmes; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND  
BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) :  
(a) Government of Bihar have just handed over a part of the land selected for setting up a full-fledged colour TV studio centre at Patna during the VII plan period. Action for obtaining formal approval of the Govern-