

in services is being achieved by rational grouping of the housing blocks. In the layout plan, open spaces both for active and passive recreation are being provided.

Telecast of Bulletins of 'Parliament News' and 'Sansad Samachar'.

4186. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the bulletins of 'Parliament News' and 'Sansad Samachar' are telecast by all Kendras; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor.

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

(b) 'Sansad Samachar' in Hindi and 'Parliament News' in English is telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi for a duration of 10 minutes each which is relayed by all the relay transmitters linked to Delhi. The 'Sansad Samachar' at 7.30 pm. is not relayed by a few relay transmitters in Maharashtra State because Area Specific Programmes are telecast by these transmitters at the time. Besides, the weekly round up of parliament proceedings is telecast by major Kendras in their respective regional languages. The script for this is sent by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi to all the major Kendras of Doordarshan. Apart from this, the news bulletins in Hindi and English telecast in the National Programme also carry news relating to Parliament which accounts for about 10% of the total time of the two National News Bulletins. These steps enable Doordarshan to provide necessary information about the Parliament News to the viewers all over the country.

Setting up of T.V. Studio at Vijayawada

4187. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have withdrawn their proposals to establish a television studio at Vijayawada ;

(b) if so, the reasons for such withdrawal; and

(c) whether Government will reconsider the decision ?

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

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

Research on use of Organic Fertilizers to Improve Soil Fertility

4188. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has done any work on organic fertilisers and their use in improving soil fertility;

(b) if so, the details of all India coordinated projects conducted in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether Government are aware of deleterious impact of chemical fertilisers on soil fertility ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Research on the conversion of crop residues and animal wastes into compost and digested sludge through bio-gas plan has been carried out by the ICAR in sufficient details, from 1940s onwards. The role of green manures in cropping systems was also worked out for different agroclimatic regions. Recent research emphasis is also on the promotion of bacterial fertilizers, blue green algae and Azolla.

(b) Through the Coordinated Agronomic Experiments Projects and long-term fertilizer scheme, the use of organic manures in improving soil fertility have been clearly brought out in various field experimental programmes. The direct, residual and cumulative effects of organic manures on