

Government may set up a permanent body, which should be responsible for maintaining and updating the basic data on pay and allowances of Government employees and to review the pay scales and rates of allowances and other related matters. The Government after examination of the suggestion decided that Ministry of Finance may set up a compact unit, which should be responsible for maintaining and updating the basic data on pay and allowances of Government employees and other related matters. Not satisfied with this decision of the Government, the Staff Side of the National Council (JCM) raised a demand for implementing the recommendation of the Commission in this regard in full.

(b) A Committee, with the Finance Secretary as the Chairman, and including inter alia the staff members of the Standing Committee of the JCM was set up to go into this question further. Though the matter was discussed at a number of meetings of this Committee, it was not found possible so far to arrive at a consensus.

[*Translation*]

Transmission Facility of Doordarshan for Rajasthan

1983. SHRIGOPAL PACHERWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the districts of Rajasthan are covered by Doordarshan;

(b) if not, the names of districts which are yet to be covered;

(c) whether these districts are being covered through microwave system; and

(d) if so, the time by which these districts are likely to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). All the 27 districts of Rajasthan are wholly or partially covered by TV Service. With the commissioning of on-going TV projects in the State, the situation is expected to improve substantially.

(c) and (d). Rajasthan is one of the States in respect of which it has been decided to distribute, via satellite Regional TV Service (i.e. the programmes originating from the Studio at the capital) on availability of requisite facility in the space segment. In the meantime, while the high power TV transmitter at Jaipur telecasts programmes originating from Doordarshan Kendra at Jaipur in addition to relaying national network programmes, the remaining TV transmitters in the State exclusively relay, via satellite, programmes emanating from Delhi.

[*English*]

Flood Relief Aid to Kerala

1984. SHRI PALAI K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided to Kerala Government for flood relief during 1989-90;

(b) whether Government have received a utilisation report from the Kerala Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount utilised for Idukki District?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (d). A total ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 3,678.04 lakhs was approved for flood relief in Kerala in 1989-90. Against this, the State Govern-