

vey 1988-89 and 1989-90 placed on the Table of the House on 15-3-1990 and 27-2-1991 respectively.

Expansion of AIR, Aurangabad

3071. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the capacity of Aurangabad radio station;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up a Vividh Bharati station in Marathwada region;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the transmission capabilities of Parbhani radio station; and

(d) if so, the time by which the proposals are likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There are no such proposals under the consideration of the Government at present.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The augmented studio facilities have been made technically ready.

Items distributed through Public Distribution System

3072. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the items of public consumption distribution through the Public Distributed System, Statewise;

(b) whether subsidised clothes i.e. Sarees and Dhotees are also being supplied to the poor consumer; and

(c) the financial burden on the Union and the State Governments in operating the Public Distribution System, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The Central Government allocates to the State Governments/UT Administrations, for supply through Public Distribution System (PDS), key essential commodities like wheat, rice, levy sugar, imported edible oils and soft coke. State Governments/UT Administrations are free to add additional items of mass consumption for distribution by using PDS outlets.

(b) Subsidised clothes like Sarees and Dhotees are distributed to the consumers through various outlets.

(c) The expenditure incurred in subsidising the distribution of wheat and rice in the year 1990-91 was about Rs. 2142 Crores.

Statistics regarding State-wise expenditure on subsidise and the State Governments' own expenditure on operating the PDS are not maintained in this Ministry.

[Translation]

Priority to SC/ST for allotment of Fair Price Shops

3073. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to direct the State Governments