

RAKAR) : (a) An amount of about Rs. 15 crore was allocated for the development of Horticulture by the Centre during the last three years.

(b) The important horticultural produce exported from India in the raw form are mangoes, onions, potatoes, etc. and in the processed form are mango juice, canned and de-hydrated vegetables, pickles, chutneys, etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Closure of Modern Rice Mills by FCI

3179. **SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM** : Will the Minister of **FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES** be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to close down the Modern Rice Mills run by the Food Corporation of India . and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b) The management of the Food Corporation of India has decided to close operations of its Modern Rice Mills due to economic non-viability.

Installation of T.V. Transmitter at Kodaikanal

3180. **SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM** : Will the Minister of **INFORMATION & BROADCASTING** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the intensity of dissatisfaction among the TV viewers in Tamil Nadu (except Madars city) on their inability to view programmes telecast from the Madras Kendra ; and

(b) if so, the time by which Government will complete the installation of the TV transmitter at Kodaikanal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) The Government have been receiving requests from time to time for relay of programmes produced at Doordarshan

Kendra, Madars by the transmitter at Kodaikanal.

(b) The transmitter at Kodaikanal has started functioning on trial basis at the increased power of 10 KW. However, the microwave link between Madars and Kodaikanal is expected to be provided during 1986 to enable it to take TV programmes produced at Madras.

Language Lesson from T.V. Stations

3181. **SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY** : Will the Minister of **INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the T.V. stations in the non-Hindi speaking State will take up the programme of teaching Hindi to the viewers atleast twice in a week and whether the T.V. stations in the Hindi speaking States will be directed to take up teaching of other Indian language to the viewers ; and

(b) if not, reasons for not providing such programmes, necessary for National integration ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) ; (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal at present under consideration.

(b) Language teaching programmes do not lend themselves favourably to visual presentations and as such are not considered suitable for TV telecast. Doordarshan, however, telecasts several programmes, in various formats, which propagate the message of national integration.

Rise in Price of Sugar in Eastern Region

3182. **SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN** : Will the Minister of **FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES** be pleased to state :

(a) whether open market price of sugar in the Eastern Region has gone up during the past two months ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;