

of various States, if necessary in consultation with the concerned State Governments.

Rural Insurance Corporation for crop insurance scheme

8850. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Government of India propose to establish a Rural Insurance Corporation for implementing schemes of crop insurance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : There is no proposal with the Government of India for establishing a Rural Insurance Corporation for implementing the scheme of Crop Insurance.

Guidelines for selection of newsreaders

8851. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Doordarshan has prepared any rules or guidelines for selection of newsreaders; and

(b) if so, the salient features of those rules or guidelines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b). The recruitment of Newsreaders and Announcers on regular basis have been stopped by Doordarshan since 11th December, 1980. Persons required to perform these jobs are now being engaged for specific assignment on a fee basis.

The salient features of rules for the category of Newsreaders are, however, as under :-

- i) Degree from a recognised University.
- ii) Should have passed Matriculation or equivalent examination with language relevant to the post.

iii) Personality and voice suited to the medium with correct pronunciation, accent and modulation.

iv) Acquaintance with current Indian and International Affairs.

v) Age between 21-30 years on the date of first engagement.

Central Assistance for Development of Bombay City

8852. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that on the occasion of the Congress Centenary Celebrations in Bombay the Prime Minister had announced that Central assistance of Rs. 100 crores will be made available for the urban development of Bombay city;

(b) if so, whether now the Central assistance is sought to be converted into a loan; and

(c) if so, whether Government will adhere to the original assurance of the Prime Minister to give Central assistance of Rs. 100 crores for the urban development of Bombay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The assistance will be in the form of grants and not a loan.

Documentary films on life of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

8853. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4749 on 29 April, 1985 regarding documentary films on the life of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and state :

(a) the progress made so far in the making of two television programmes and a