

the absence of technical advisers the standard and quality of the programmes of the said station are deteriorating day by day ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not filling up these posts and since when the respective posts are lying vacant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :

(a) At present, 25 posts including that of the Station Director are lying vacant at AIR Station at Leh, for some time.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) AIR, Leh being a difficult station, all the vacant posts cannot be filled up at the same time. On many occasions, the transfer orders are required to be cancelled due to personal problems of the transferees as well as certain administrative constraints. Efforts are, however, being made to fill up the vacant posts except those which are attracted by ban orders. The posts of Station Director will be filled up as soon as a panel is received.

[*Translation*]

**Depiction of Indian Literature Through Visual Means**

4473. SHRI NARESH CHANDRA CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that outstanding classical works of Indian literature put before the public through the medium of cinema, television, drama and other visual means are depicted by distorting their historicity, context, artistic beauty and the message contained in them and mythical and Puranic characters are very often presented in a ridiculous form and recently such cases of distortion have increased ; and

(b) if so, the remedial action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :

(a) and (b). No instance of such a distortion has come to the notice. It is

always ensured by the Government that no distortion of outstanding classical works takes place through mass media. However, there were some complaints about the TV serial 'Natkhat Narad' which has since been discontinued.

**Production Cost of Rice, Wheat and Sugarcane**

4474. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that experts of the Chandra Shekher Azad Agricultural University, Kanpur have worked out the cost of production of rice at Rs. 168.12, wheat at Rs. 223.16 and sugarcane at Rs. 26.33 in their report for year 1985 ;

(b) how the production costs of these crops have been calculated by the newly reconstituted Commission for Agricultural costs and prices ;

(c) how Government propose to ensure agriculture to be remunerative in the light of these reports ; and

(d) the present procurement prices of these products ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Minister of Agriculture has not received the report of the Experts of the Chandra Shekher Azad Agricultural University, Kanpur giving the cost of production of rice, wheat and sugarcane for 1985.

(b) to (d). No, Sir. Estimates of cost of cultivation/production of agricultural commodities, including rice, wheat and sugarcane are generated under the comprehensive scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture since 1970-71 in different states of the country on a continuing basis through 16 agricultural/general universities. The cost estimates are furnished to the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) for recommending procurement/minimum support prices of agricultural commodities to Government.

The main objective of the Government is to ensure remunerative prices to farmer, while fixing minimum support/procurement prices. These prices cover the cost of prof