

development on priority basis in order to achieve the NCR objective by 2001 AD. The IDP envisages a package of policy measures for achieving these objectives. This includes decelerated growth in the Delhi UT, moderate growth in the Delhi Metropolitan Area and induced growth in the identified towns in the Region.

(c) Schemes of land acquisition and development for residential, commercial and industrial purposes and for provision of infrastructure in selected towns are being financed and funds to the extent of 50 per cent of the expenditure involved are being provided to the participating State Governments for this purpose.

(d) A provision of Rs. 6 crores is being proposed for implementing NCR Schemes during 1987-88 and the amount will be allocated to the 3 participating States on the basis of schemes received and approved by the NCR Planning Board.

*[Translation]*

Setting up of Doordarshan Kendra in Jhunjhunu district

3785. SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Doordarshan Kendra will be set up in Jhunjhunu district during 1987-88, if so, the time by which it will be set up; and

(b) whether Government propose to set up a radio station also in Jhunjhunu district; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA):

(a) No, Sir. However, a scheme for establishment of a TV transmitter at Jhunjhunu is included in the VII Plan of Doordarshan. Implementation of this scheme will depend upon the time taken by the manufacturers in supply of the requisite equipment and annual allocation of funds.

(b) No, Sir. Jhunjhunu district is already being served by the existing AIR stations.

New schemes for cultivation

3786. SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(b) whether Government have any schemes of cultivation in Rajasthan and other States where cultivation is not possible due to presence of brackish water/ paucity of rainfall; and

(b) whether Government propose to organise camps to disseminate information in this regard to the farmers, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) There is no scheme for cultivation under brackish water condition. However under conditions of paucity of rainfall schemes like Drought Prone Areas Programme, Desert Development Programme, National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Agriculture, etc. are being implemented.

(b) Yes, Sir. The technology of soil reclamation is generally disseminated to the farmers through normal extension system.

*[English]*

Conference regarding water supply and sanitation

3787. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :

SHRI AMARSINH RATHWA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a conference of State Ministers incharge of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation was held in New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details of problems discussed;

(c) the suggestion made to solve the problem, particularly of providing drinking water facility to the lakhs of problem villages in the country; and

(d) the steps taken to achieve the target to provide this basic amenity to the population by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir. A Conference of Ministers incharge of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation was held in New Delhi on 12th February, 1987.

(b) Problems relating to location of water sources in drought prone problem areas, removal of specific problems like salinity, presence of iron and fluorides and incidence of guineaworm in available drinking water were discussed. Priority to cover hardcore problem villages, operationalisation of various activities under Technology Mission on Drinking Water in Villages and Related Water Management problems arising out of over-exploitation of ground water, financial constraints faced in the rural water supply sector, closer integration with other Departments, the necessity to pay special attention to supply of safe drinking water to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and the ways and means to involve local communities particularly women in all aspects of the programme including maintenance, etc. were also discussed.

(c) Technology Mission approach to be adopted in the following areas :

1. Scientific Source Finding
2. Improvement of Traditional Methods
3. Purification of water
4. Improvement of Materials and Designs
5. Improvement of Maintenance Methods

6. Computerised Management Information System
7. Continuous Monitoring & Evaluation
8. Community Involvement
9. Village Panchayat Voluntary agencies
10. Awareness campaign.

(d) In spite of financial constraint, higher allocation has been given to Rural Water Supply Sector in the Seventh Plan and in next year's annual budget. The resource and technology gap will be filled up by the Technology Mission and its 50 mini Mission alongwith 5 Sub Missions. Special emphasis is being given to Conservation of Water recharging of aquifer and purification of water with the involvement of community and voluntary agencies.

Repayment of loans by N.B.C.C.

3788. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of investment made by Union Government in the NBCC, both by way of equity capital and loans;

(b) the total amount of guarantees given by Government in favour of the Corporation by way of performance guarantee, cash credit guarantees, bid bond guarantees and loan guarantees;

(c) whether the Corporation has been regular in the matter of repayment of loans etc. to Government;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor!

(e) whether the Corporation has paid any dividend so far; and

(f) the amount of loss incurred by NBCC so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) As per statement given below.