

(a) the amount provided by the Central Government for setting up of a radio station at Jaisalmer in Rajasthan; and

(b) when the said Radio Station is expected to be commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) and (b) In its 7th Five Year Plan, All India Radio has included a scheme to set up a new radio station with 2x5 KW FM transmitter, type 1 (R) studios, receiving facilities and staff quarters at Jaisalmer in Rajasthan, at an estimated cost of Rs. 185.00 lakhs. The proposed radio station is expected to be ready for commissioning towards the end of March, 1990.

(English)

Tube-wells in Rajasthan

3831. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) how many tube-wells have been drilled under the Central Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme during the last four years in Rajasthan; and

(b) out of them how many tube-wells are now in working order ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) : (a) and (b) State Government has reported that 1291 tube-wells were drilled under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme during the last four years; of these, 1108 tube-wells have been successful.

Loans for housing to low and middle income groups

3832. SHRI NITYANANDA MISHRA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether over 80 per cent of the houses in the country have been built by people through their own funds and practically no facilities exist through which the low and middle income group people who are not in Government employment, can get loans ;

(b) whether the Housing Development Finance Corporation mainly caters to the requirement of funds for the high income group only ;

(c) whether poor, low and middle income group people are not able to get loans easily for construction of their houses; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures, other than HUDCO participation, proposed to tackle the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) No reliable data is available to show that 80 per cent houses have been built through self-help.

Two social housing schemes for low and middle income groups have been in operation for about thirty years. Central assistance is given to State Govts./U.T. adms. as block loans and block grants. In addition, HUDCO has also been financing a substantial number of LIG and MIG housing schemes.

Housing Development Finance Corporation has reported that almost 50% of its borrowers have family income less than Rs. 2000 per month and nearly 10% have family income less than Rs. 1000 per month.

(d) The decision to set up a new national housing bank at the apex level, and to create a new financial structure to provide funds for housing has already been announced.

Fertilizer price retention scheme

3833. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :