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Doordarshan Coverage in Maharashtra

1717. SHRI KALLAPPA AWADE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of Sahuwadi, Panara and Radhanagari hilly regions of Kolhapur district in Maharashtra are deprived of the TV telecast despite availability of T.V. tower there;

(b) whether the Government have taken any action in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this facility is likely to be made available to the people of that area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) to (c) Despite 2 Low Power Transmitters (LPTs) at Kolhapur, Ichalkaranji and Very Low Power Transmitter (VLPT) at Malkapur functioning at present in Kolhapur District of Maharashtra, the terrestrial TV coverage is restricted in some areas of Kolhapur District due to large intervening distances and local terrain conditions. Setting up of TV transmitters is a continuous process depending on the availability of location, extent of resultant coverage, availability of funds and infrastructural facilities and relative priorities.

Disease in Mango Lemon, Myrobalan

1718. SHRI CHANDRAMANI TRIPATHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the trees of mango, lemon, myrobalan etc. have been afflicted with disease due to some reasons during the year 1998 resulting in reduced availability of the aforesaid products in the market;

(b) if so, whether the above disease has been identified; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to avoid recurrence of such disease in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Government are aware that mango and lemon are prone to a complex of diseases. However, no new disease on trees of mango, lemon and myrobalan etc. has been reported during 1998. Slight reduction in the yield of mango during 1998 in Tamil Nadu and U.P. was firstly because of the off-year in U.P. and secondly due to adverse weather conditions which affected the flowering and fruit set. Myrobalan is a forest tree and used as root stock in propagating horticultural trees. The attack of canker, twig blight and Phytophthora diseases was recorded causing some decline in the production of lemon.

(c) The following precautionary measures are being taken against the recurrence of diseases in mango and lemon trees:-

(i) Regular disease monitoring to detect timely incidence of diseases.

(ii) Demonstrations on plant protection measures.

(iii) Financial assistance to State Governments/UTs under various schemes for the development of tropical, temperate and arid zone fruits.

(iv) Ensuring availability of quality pesticides for the control of pest and diseases.

Power from Garbage in U.P.

1719. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have formulated any scheme to generate electricity from garbage to remove the shortage of electricity in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the role of the State Government in this regard;

(c) the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented; and

(d) the quantum of electricity likely to be generated under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is implementing a National Programme on Energy Recovery from Urban, Municipal and Industrial Wastes, which, inter-alia, includes the setting up of projects to generate electricity from garbage. The programme covers all the States and Union Territories including the State of Uttar Pradesh and offers several fiscal and financial incentives for setting up of such projects. Details of the incentives are given in the attached statement.

State Governments have been requested to ensure supply of garbage free of cost at project sites, provide necessary land on long term lease at nominal rent and facilities for evacuation, wheeling, banking, third-party-sale and purchase by State Electricity Boards, of power generated from such projects.

(c) The scheme is currently planned for implementation during the Ninth Plan period.

(d) The potential for generation of power from urban, municipal and industrial wastes in the country is estimated to be about 1700 MW, including about 900 MW from garbage.

Statement

National Programme on Recovery of Energy from Urban, Municipal and Industrial wastes

Details of Financial and Fiscal Incentives

1. Financial Incentives

Financial Incentives being provided under National Programme on Energy Recovery from Urban and Industrial Wastes are as follows: