

MR. SPEAKER: Yes, it does not arise.

[*Translation*]

SHRI MOHAN SINGH (Derail): Mr. Speaker, Sir, like Air-India and Indian Airlines, we have a third feeder service 'Vayudoot' which at the moment, is running in heavy losses. Is there any proposal under the active consideration of the Government to link Air India's international flights with that of the domestic flights of other airlines including Vayudoot and and by doing so, is the Government making an effort to make Vayudoot a viable and profitable service?

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: I just leave it to the Minister. Sometimes I say that it is irrelevant and they answer it.

[*Translation*]

SHRI MADHVARAO SCINDIA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, in this regard, I would like to inform the hon. Member that it is not totally relevant, and the Hobtions Speck Concept is under active consideration and at the moment the Chief Executives of both the airlines are holding consultations. The accumulated loss incurred by Vayudoot stands at Rs. 160 crore. When the Government took over the airline in June 1991, then the loss stood at around Rs. 145 crore and to the indiscriminate expansion of the staff and stations of Vayudoot, the airline is incurring an annual loss of Rs. 30 crore. I am glad that this year, we have been able to control it to some extent and to will be our effort to reduce the loss figure from Rs 30 crore in 1991-92 to an estimated Rs. 19 crore to Rs. 20 crore this year. Out of this, Rupees eight crore to nine Crore alone constitute the interest for the previous losses of the carrier. However, if we look to operational losses alone and if the Habbited-Spoke Concept is

implemented, it is possible that we may be able to completely check the losses, but that is in future and at present, the matter is under consideration of the Government.

#### T. V. Relay Centres

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\*266. SHRIMATISHEELAGAUTAM:  
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the places where 10 KW T.V. relay centres are likely to be set up during the Eighth Five year Plan;

(b) the present position of work for setting up of transmission centres of 100 KW capacity;

(c) the time by which the construction of these centres is likely to be completed; and

(d) the percentage of population likely to be covered thereby, State-wise?

[*English*]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJAVYAS):

(a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the house.

#### STATEMENT

(a) 10 KW transmitters are at present under implementation at Bareilly, Bundi, Barmer, jaisalmer, Bhuj, Rameshwaram, Calicut, Dharwad, Fizilka and jabalpur.

(b) There is no proposal to set up any 100 KW TV transmitter in the country.

(c) While the project at Bareilly

has been completed, the other projects are under various stages of implementation and as per present indications likely to be completed during the VIth Plan.

be achieved, population - wise in the country consequent upon the commissioning of the above mentioned transmitter and other transmitters is of varying power envisaged to be set up during this period is annexed.

(b) The TV coverage expected to

#### Annexure

*TV coverage in States/Union Territories expected to be achieved on commissioning of Transmitters projects presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up*

<i>State/Union Territory</i>	<i>Population (%) expected to be covered by TV service</i>
1. Andhra Pradesh	87.9
2. Arunachal Pradesh	45.5
3. Assam	85.6
4. Bihar	93.4
5. Goa	99.0
6. Gujarat	93.8
7. Haryana	99.0
8. Himachal Pradesh	70.5
9. Jammu & Kashmir	92.3
10. Karnataka	80.1
11. Kerala	99.0
12. Madhya Pradesh	76.5
13. Maharashtra	83.4
14. Manipur	81.2
15. Meghalaya	97.2
16. Mizoram	72.3
17. Nagaland	69.6
18. Orissa	83.0
19. Punjab	99.0

<i>State/Union Territory</i>	<i>Population (%) expected to be covered by TV service</i>
20. Rajasthan	81.7
21. Tamilnadu	95.5
22. Tripura	93.5
23. Sikkim	95.0
24. Uttar Pradesh	93.7
25. West Bengal	99.0
26. Andaman & Nicobar Islands	99.0
27. Chandigarh	99.0
28. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	65.0
29. Delhi	99.0
30. Daman & Diu	99.0
31. Pondicherry	99.0
32. Lakshadweep	99.0

Coverage figures are inclusive of fringe coverage (Where elevated antennae and boosters are required for obtaining satisfactory resoption)

[*Translation*]

**SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister the basis on which the decision is taken to set up T.V. relay centres of 10 KW capacity and how many LPT centres are to be converted into HPT centres under Eighth Five Year Plan in Uttar Pradesh?

**KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, first of all L.P.T. centres were set up. Now H.P.T. are being set up in those areas where L.P.T. have failed to cover the entire area. Secondly, after Sixth five year Plan it was decided that H.P.T. should be set up in

the remote areas Tribal belts, sensitive areas, hilly areas and border areas.

As the hon. Member has expressed her desire to know about it I have just told that the High Power Transmitters are yet to be set up in several places in U.P. Besides this, L.P.T. centres in Bareilly, mau, Banda and lakhimpner, in U.P. are to be converted in H.P.T. centres. In addition to this low Power Transmitters in Sikanderpur, Champawat, Mohammdabad and Kotdwar are to be set up this year sand in next year. Likewise V.L.P.T. Centres at Chakutia, Didibat and joshimath are to be converted in to LPT Centres.

**SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, it the written reply only Bareilly has been mentioned, but I believe the hon. Minister and whatever she has staited in her

statements and wish that it should be implemented at the earliest.

My second question is that Government has been considering to install community T.V. sets at Gram panchayat, level. By when it will be completed? Will each Gram panchayat will be provided these sets and whether the priority will be given to the hilly and backward areas of U.P. in this regard.

MR. SPEAKER: Though it does not form a part of the main question, but if the Minister which to answer it, she is free to do so.

*(Interruptions)*

*[English]*

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): In the answer portion, Bareilly is mentioned because the question was about the 10 KW Transmitter. Bareilly is having a 10 KW Transmitter and that is why, Bareilly is mentioned. The other places are also mentioned which are not of 10 KW because the hon. Member has asked as to what are the other transmitters in UP.

So far as the community TV sets are concerned, mostly they are done by the States themselves. The UNESCO Director General came and met us about two months ago. He wanted to know about the educational programme. We said that we are making coverage and gradually extending it. In fact, we have started with 18 transmitters in the country in the beginning of 1980 and today it is 531. But, that coverage is only on record because people should have a set to see what is going on in the TV. So, we have asked for certain community TV sets a from the UNESCO which they have and which they can give. They might be giving about 3,000 and odd. they are considering this. But, it is for the State Governments to set up these community TV sets as far as possible.

*[Translation]*

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, my question has not been properly replied to (Interruptions) Through you., I would like to know from the Government whether any proposal to set up T.V. relay centres in tribal areas of Bihar is under consideration of the Government?

KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have just told that priority is given to belt in every state. If hon. Member wants to know about any particular area, I can give information. Tribal belt is always given priority.

*[English]*

SHRI UDAYSINGRO. GAIKWAD: Sir, in the statement, the hon. Minister hands given the population-wise break-p of TV overage; and for Maharashtra, it is 88.4 per cent. Comparing the other 31 States and Union Territories, Maharashtra's is very low. Taking into consideration the progress of the State, I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to what about the 12 per cent of the population which is left out from the TV service. We is it expected to be included in the near future?

SRI AJIT PANJA: As my Deputy Minister has already answered, under ceasing criteria, we are making extension.

Although our attempt is to cover hundred per cent, but we have to go gradually. Even Maharashtra is little over 80 per cent. There are certain States which are even below 50 or 60 per cent.

So, our priority is obviously for those States which have gone below. We have taken a meeting and in that, we have decided to take up those which are below 70 per cent at least immediately within the next two or three years so that we are able to raise it to 70 per cent of the coverage in the state or UT when the country's average is about 81 per cent. Therefore, Maharashtra would be taken up gradually.

[Translation]

**SHRIDAUDAYALJOSHI:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister at which stage is the 10 KW transmitter which is being set up at Bondi?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Dau Dayalji please don't ask like this.

**SHRIDAUDAYALJOSHI:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is the part my question. Along with it I would like to say that you have talked about tribal area, then please state that whether (Kishanganj-Shahabad, which is a tribal area and where world famous dancer Gulabo lives, who has earned fame throughout India, will also be covered under this programme or not? Please clarify it and how long would it take to complete this, work?

**KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, work in Boondi is in the final stage and I am happy to inform you that it will be commissioned very soon in this year. So far as the tribal area is concerned, our policy is to cover all the district headquarters also depending upon the availability of the funds. When all the districts headquarters will be covered, then no area will be left uncovered.

[English]

**DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am very much grateful. The hon. Minister has stated in his reply that 88 per cent of the total population in Orissa are seeing the TV very nicely. Is the Minister aware of the fact that according to the Seventh Five Year Plan document, in Sambalpur, a one KW transmitter has been installed since decades. It is yet to be upgraded. When is it likely to be upgraded?

Due to hilly terrain and geological formation of Phuibani also, when will it be upgraded? I want to get a concrete answer because TV viewers of those areas are getting interruption due to the hilly terrain of the western part of Orissa.

**SHRI AJIT PANJA:** Sir, the 'shadow

area', as it is called, is the other side of the hill. If the transmitter is on the opposite side of the hill, it gets a shadow area. We are aware of these difficulties. But as I said-I do want to repeat - there are certain States which need distractive justice immediately. For example, in Arunachal Pradesh, it is only 45 per cent. Himachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland are below 70 and Dadra and Nagar Haveli is 65. But comparing that, Orissa is quite high up, that is, above 80 per cent.

**DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:** I dispute the figure which you have mentioned. A part of western Orissa is hilly region. Those under Samalpur district are not seeing the TV from samalpur or from Kalahandi. (Interruptions)

**SHRI SHRIKANTA JENA:** That is her real position. (Interruptions)

**MR. SPEAKER:** Please take your seat now. Let him reply.

**SHRI AJIT PANJA:** Orissa also needs our attention. Our records show that in Orissa, at present, the area-wise coverage is 71 per cent and the population-wise coverage is 77 per cent. It will go up to 83 with the completion of on-going constructions which are now going on. The all-India coverage is 81. Therefore, Orissa certainly needs attention. So far as the particular area is concerned, it does not come within the scope of this question. I will write a letter to the hon. Member.

[Translation]

**SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, hon. Minister has given a Statement. In this statement she has stated that the coverage is 93.7 per cent in U.P. and 93.4 per cent in Bihar. I would like to know from the hon. Minister the basis of the data produced here. Last year in a Statement it was said that an independent centre will be set up in Variish and Gorakhpur which will be of 100 KW capacity. I would like to know as to what steps you have taken in that

regard and by when it will be set up so that its adjacent tribal areas are covered.

**KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the futures will be applicable only after the completion of current scheme. I would like to inform the hon. Member that at present the TV coverage in up is 75.9 per cent area wise and population wise it is 81% per cent. According to the scheme mentioned the area wise coverage will be 81.1 per cent after the setting up of H.P.T. L.P.T and V.L.T.P. and the population wise coverage will be 93.7 per cent. in the same way in Bihar it is 93.2 per cent area wise and population wise coverage is 91.7 per cent. After the present scheme it will be 94.7 per cent area wise and population wise coverage will be 93.4 per cent. I would like to correct the hon. Member that no country has 100 mKW capacity... (*Interruptions*) I have noted the demand about Varanasi and Gorakhpur.... (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

**SHRI A. ASOKARAJ:** Sir, the hon. Minister has said that only Bareilly has been completed. Remeshwaram is an important place and a pilgrim centre in Tamil Nadu. I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to when the 10 KW transmitter will be commissioned in Remeshwaram. From the security point of view also, Rameshwaram is an important place. Sir, Eighth Five Year Plan means it is a period of five years. So, I would like the hon. Minister to reply to my specific question as to when it will be completed.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Now, these Members are asking about individual cases. Well, if you can reply, you please reply.

**KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS:** The constructor of Rameshwaram backed out. That is why, it took a long time and that is why, the Ministry has decided that we should make as interim setup very soon.

**DR. JAYANTA RONGPI:** Mr. Speaker Sir, the Minister has rightly pointed out that this Ministry will be giving priority to those

States where at present TV coverage is not at par with the national level. We are concerned with Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram Nagaland North Cachar Hills and Other North-Eastern States. So, I would like to know from the hon. Minister which are the areas of the North-Eastern States where TV transmission centres will be set up during the Eighth Five Year Plan so that TV coverage in the North-Eastern and hilly States will be covered during the Eighth Five Year Plan because these are border and also tribal areas.

**MR. SPEAKER:** It is a very good question.

**KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS:** Sir, my Minister has just now answered that he should take care of the North-Eastern areas and sensitive areas specially. That is why, last week he has ordered that there should be a special scheme for that and we are taking care of it.

#### Regional Centres of Films Division

\*267. **SHRI ANANTRAO DESHMUKH:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of regional centers of the Films Division in the country;

(b) whether these centres are well equipped in terms of infrastructure viz., cameras, editing machines, recording facilities;

(c) if not, the steps taken to strengthen these centres;

(d) whether there is any proposal to open more regional centers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):  
(a) At present there are two Regional production Centres of Films Division located at