

(d) the names of such newpersons selected during each of the last three years and in the current year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The standing of the journalist concerned and his previous experience as a correspondent of a reputed newspaper.

(d) Representatives of official media agencies only have been accompanying the President of India on his tours abroad. List of Newpersons, other than those representing any newspaper, who accompanied Prime Minister on foreign tours during this period is given in the attached Statement.

STATEMENT

List of newpersons other than those representing any newspaper who accompanied Prime Minister on foreign tours during the last three years and the current year

JAPAN & VIETNAM (14-16 April, 1988)

1. Pranab Mukerji — Photo-journalist

SYRIA, GERMANY, USA & HUNGARY (4-12 June, 1988)

1. Shri Rajiv Desai — Freelancer

CHINA (19-23 December, 1988)

1. Shri Ranjan Gupta—Freelance Columnist, New Delhi.

FRANCE, USSR AND PAKISTAN (12 to 17 July, 1989)

1. Shri Rajiv Desai — Freelancer

YUGOSLAVIA (3-7 September, 1989)

1. Shri Ranjan Gupta — Freelancer Journalist

NAMIBIA (19-22 March, 1990)

1. Shri Prem Shankar Jha — Commerce

2. Shri Hari Sharan Chabra— Commerce

MOSCOW (23-26 July 1990)

1. Shri Inder Malhotra — Columnist

[Translation]

Installation of T.V. Disc at Alirajpur

1117. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a policy has been formulated for the speedy expansion of telecom and Doordarshan facilities in tribal areas so as to create awareness among people there and to educate them; and

(b) if so, the time by which a T.V. disc will be installed at Alirajpur in Jhabua District of Madhya Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Within the constraints of financial resources, it has been the Government's constant endeavour to accord due priority to the expansion of telecom. and Doordarshan facilities in tribal areas of the country.

(b) Whereas a low power (100W) TV transmitter is already functioning at Jhabua, establishment of such facility at Alirajpur depends upon the availability of resources for the purpose.

[English]

TV Transmission facilities to villages of Chhota Nagpur and Santhal Parganas

1118. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide TV transmission

facilities in all the villages of Chhota Nagpur and Santhal Parganas of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Whereas two high power and seven low power TV transmitters and one TV transposer are already functioning in Chhota Nagpur division and Santhal Parganas district of Bihar, a scheme for the augmentation of power of the existing 1 KW transmitter at Daltonganj in Chhota Nagpur division to 10 KW is under implementation as a spill-over scheme from the VII Plan. It has also been decided in principle to set up three additional low power TV transmitters in this division, one each at Gumla, Hazaribagh and Lohardaga. The establishment of these transmitters would benefit both rural and urban population falling within their respective coverage areas. Further extension of TV service in the area depends upon the availability of resources for the purpose.

Quantity of wheat allotted to Meghalaya

1119. SHRI PETER G. MARBANIANG: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of wheat allotted to Meghalaya meant to be crushed in the State itself from January, 1991 to June, 1991; and

(b) the names and locations of Shakti Mills and the quantity allotted to each Mill for crushing the wheat so allotted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Wheat is allotted to State Governments from the Central pool for distribution through Public Distribution System. The quantity being allot-

ted to Meghalaya since January, 1991 is at the rate of 2500 tonnes per month.

No wheat is allotted to States for being given to roller flour mills for crushing. After de-control of the roller flour milling industry in 1986, the mills are supposed to make their own arrangements for purchase of wheat. As no allotment is being made to mills, details like names and locations of mills are not maintained by the Ministry of Food.

Production capacity of National Fertilizers Limited

1120. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Fertilizers Limited propose to double its capacity of gas-based fertilizer plant at Vijaypur, Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in sanctioning the project; and

(c) the likely investment for doubling the capacity of this plant and the foreign exchange involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of the project are given below:

(i) Additional production capacity	1350 tonnes per day (tpd) of ammonia/2200 tpd of urea.
(ii) Estimated project cost	Rs. 694.56 crores.
(iii) Likely foreign exchange expenditure	Rs. 290.80 crores.
(iv) Feedstock	Natural Gas.

The delay is due to non-finalisation of the VIII Five Year Plan.