

- (c) No, Sir.
 (d) Does not arise.

(e) In its draft 7th Plan proposals, AIR has included schemes for improving the coverage in the hills of U.P. since in such areas separate schemes will provide better coverage than the upgraded transmitter of a single station. Implementation of the schemes will depend on the final shape of the 7th Plan.

[*English*]

**Commercial Broadcast on AIR
 From Cochin**

2014. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN :

PROF. K.V. THOMAS :

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a commercial broadcast on AIR from Cochin ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b). In its draft proposals for the 7th Five Year Plan, All India Radio has included a scheme for the setting up of an AIR Station with an F.M. transmitter with studio and other facilities. But it is not the intention to make this a commercial broadcasting station. The implementation of the scheme depends on the final shape of the 7th Plan.

Bonded Labour in Kerala

2015. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are still bonded labour in Vayanad of Kerala ;

(b) if so, their total number ; and

(c) steps being taken for their liberation and rehabilitation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) : (a) and (b). According to the information received from the State Government of Kerala, there are no bonded labourers in Vayanad Area of Kerala at present.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Opening of A Radio Station in Jhansi

2016. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Uttar Pradesh have submitted a proposal for opening a Radio Station in Jhansi District ;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision so far in this regard ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the time by which a decision is expected ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). In its draft proposals for 7th Plan, All India Radio has included a scheme to set up an F.M. Transmitter with Studio and receiving facilities etc., at Jhansi. Implementation of the scheme will depend on the final shape of the 7th Plan.

(d) Does not arise.

**Telecast of Educational Programmes
 in U.P.**

2017. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of