

Satna T.V. Relay Centre, M.P.

134. SHRI AZIZ QURESHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Satna T.V. Relay centre is giving benefit to the people living within 14 sq. Kms. area only whereas it is meant to cover 25 sq. Kms. area;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken to improve its coverage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.K. TEWARY) (a) to (c). The low power (100W) TV transmitter at Satna, like other such transmitters, has a service range of about 15 Kms. (about 700 sq. Kms.). Fair reception is, however, possible beyond this distance subject to availability of line-of-sight and use of tall receiving antennae, boosters, etc.

Finance for Feature Films by Financial Institutions

135. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL:
SHRIMATI BASAVARAJES-
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Film Development Corporation Limited has proposed to Union Government to allow financial institutions and nationalised banks to finance feature films;

(b) if so, the main features of the proposal;

(c) whether Government have exam-

ined this proposal; and

(d) by what time the final decision will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) (a) No, Sir,

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

Committee to Review Natural Gas Pricing

136. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL:
SHRI SHANTILAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had appointed a Committee to review all aspects of natural gas pricing;

(b) if so, the suggestions made by the Committee;

(c) the time by which these suggestions are likely to be implemented; and

(d) when the prices were last fixed and for what period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Committee has not yet submitted the report to the Government.

(d) The prices of natural gas were fixed last on 31.1.87. These prices were valid for the period upto 31.3.1989. It has been decided to continue these prices for the present.