

provide service within a range of about 15 Kms in plains. Both the above mentioned service ranges include the fringe areas, where satisfactory reception is possible with the help of elevated antenna and/or boosters, etc.

Locations of TV transmitters are decided to achieve optimum coverage. As mentioned above, the UHF transmitter covers less distance as compared to the VHF transmitter of the same power. The future expansion of Television would mostly take place in UHF Band due to non-availability of adequate number of VHF channels.

[*Translation*]

Central Assistance for Promotion of Tourism in Uttar Pradesh

3026. SHRI KALPNATH SONKAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the fund allocated by Union Government to Uttar Pradesh for promoting tourism and developing various tourist spots during last two years;

(b) whether Uttar Pradesh Government has since utilised the entire amount;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) During the last two years, Ministry of Tourism have so far sanctioned projects/schemes amounting to Rs. 110.82 lakhs and have released Rs. 126.77 lakhs for new and on-going projects/schemes in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) to (d). This is a continuous process and as and when amount is utilised on a particular project/scheme, more money is released till it is completed.

[*English*]

Percentage of Population Covered by Doordarshan in Orissa

3027. SHRI A.N. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the percentage of population already covered and to be covered by the Doordarshan at the national level by the end of the Seventh Plan and the percentage of population covered and to be covered in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): The details of population coverage by Doordarshan network in terms of 40 dbu TV signal strength are given below:—

	<i>Population coverage (%)</i>	
	<i>Orissa</i>	<i>National average</i>
(i) Existing coverage	65.5	76.3
(ii) Coverage on implementation of VII Plan schemes	77.0	84.0