

[English]

fibre, radio medium satellite communication etc.

Market Loans for Telecom. System

706. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to raise any market loans during the Eighth Plan to develop the Telecommunication system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent of the market loan sought and the actual budget in the Eighth Plan; and

(d) the steps being taken for modernising the systems?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). It is proposed to raise about Rs. 7,026 Cr. through Market Borrowings during Eighth Plan. However the market borrowings to the tune of Rs. 10,688 Cr. was sought in the proposed Eighth Plan for a total outlay of Rs. 40,555 Cr. from the Planning Commission.

(d) The modernisation programme under the Eighth Plan includes, among others, the following:

- Full automation of the network
- Replacement of life expired equipment by electronic equipment mostly digital type.
- Provision of the most reliable transmission media through optical

- Speedy message transmission through further induction of Store and Forward Message Switching System.

- Computerisation of customer services like directory enquiry, manual trunk service, billing etc.

- Provision of value added services like voice/electronic mail video/Audi conferencing, radio-paging, cellular phones etc.

- Replacement of all strowager MAX-III exchanges by electronic exchanges as part of the programme to provide national subscriber dialing to all exchanges. even if such MAX-III have not outlived their prescribed economic life.

[Translation]

LPTV and VLPTV Transmitters in Madhya Pradesh

707. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether locations have been selected in Jaora (District Ratlam) and Kukreshwar (district Mansdsaur) in Madhya Pradesh for setting up LPTV tower and VLPTV tower respectively; and

(b) if so, by when the T.V. transmitters are likely to be set up there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The TV transmitters at