

**Air Coverage in Maharashtra**

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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY AOF INFORMATION AND BRAODCASTIN (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir. Presently the State of Maharashtra is covered to the extent of 98% by area and 98.5% by population by the existing radio stations.

(b) With the commissioning of the schemes under implementation in the State, it will fully covered.

**Linking of Bhopal Doordarshan with Satellite**

4454 SHRI ASLAM SHER KHAN: SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA:

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(a) Whether the Government propose to link Bhopal Doordarshan Kendra with satellite;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present capacity and range of the Bhopal Doordarshan Kendra; and

(d) the details of the capacities of the relay stations at Indore and Raipur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORAMTION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b). Bhopal Doordarshan Kendra already stands linked via Satellite for national network programmes. However, Regional Service Programmes will be linked via satelite during the latter half of 1993-94.

(c) Doordarshan Kendra, Bhopal compromise of a studio centre and a high power transmitter (10K.W.). The transmitter has a coverage range of about 120 Kms., inclusive of the fringe area, where elevated antennae and boosters are required for obtaining reception.

(d) High power T.V. transmitter (10K.W) each are functioning at Indore and Raipur.

[English]

**Burnt Meters in D.E.S.U**

4455. DR. R. MALLU: Will the Minister of POWER be plr ased to state:

(a) whether a large number of burnt up electric meters has accumulated with Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU) and if so, the number of single and three phase meters lying burnt;

(b) the number of burnt meters repaired