

[Translation]

**AIR/Doordarshan Kendras in M.P.**3962. **SHRI PARASRAM BHARD-  
WAJ:****SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH  
CHAUHAN:**

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

(a) whether the Government have fixed any targets for opening of All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendras in Madhya Pradesh during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the places where the All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendras are likely to be set up; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken for speedy expansion of All India Radio and Doordarshan Network in the State?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no new scheme for opening of All India Radio Stations in Madhya Pradesh in the VIII Plan. However, the installation of 3 Low Power Transmitters has been approved in Madhya Pradesh at Alirajpur, Sironj and Godarwara in the Annual Plan of Doordarshan for 1992-93. Subject to the approval and availability of resources, High Power Transmitters are envisaged to be set up at Guna and Ambikapur in the Annual Plan for 1992-93. There are a number of on-going schemes of AIR/Doordarshan in the State of Madhya Pradesh, which are at various stages of completion. All efforts are being made for speedy completion of the new All India Radio/Doordarshan projects in Madhya Pradesh.

[English]

**Construction of a Bridge in Assam**

3963. **SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN:** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam has sent a project proposal to construct

a cable-stayed bridge over Brahmaputra connecting Guwahati with North Guwahati in Umananda;

(b) if so, the status of the project; and

(c) the amount estimated for the project?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):** (a) No, Sir. However, a reference in this connection was received from the Govt. of Assam and they have been advised to frame a detailed project proposal, which is still awaited.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**AIR Station, Kozhikode**

3964. **SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the transmission power of All India Radio Station, Kozhikode in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be increased?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO):** (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The 10 KW MW Transmitter at Kozhikode in Kerala is being replaced by a 100 KW MW Transmitter. It is envisaged to be technically ready by July, 1994.

[Translation]

**Time Slot to Private Producers on A.I.R.**

3965. **SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enhancement in the rates made by the Government for broadcasting advertisements through the Vividh Bharati Prasaran Sewa is likely to affect adversely the receipt of advertisements;

(b) if so, the details thereof;