

TV Transmitters in A.P.

3780. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of High Power, Low Power and Very Low Power T.V. transmitters functioning in the Andhra Pradesh and new transmitters sanctioned and their present status of implementation;

(b) whether the problem of shadow zones at Visakhapatnam received the attention of the Government; and

(c) if so, the action being taken to overcome the shadow zone problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGHDEO) : (a) There are 5 High Power Transmitters (HPTs), 31 Low Power Transmitters (LPTs) and 2 Transposers functioning in the State of Andhra Pradesh. 4 HPTs, 26 LPTs and 5 VLPTs are at various stages of implementation/envisaged to be set up in the State.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A Low Power Transposer at Visakhapatnam provides service to the shadow zones. With a view to improve TV coverage in the hitherto uncovered shadow zones, it has been decided to replace the existing Transposer by a Low Power (300W) TV Transmitter and to shift the existing Transposer to another suitable location.

Doordarshan Kendra at Hazaribagh in Bihar

3781. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA : Will the Minister of IN-

FORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Doordarshan Kendra at Hazaribagh district Headquarters of Bihar;

(b) whether all the formalities have been completed in this regard and the required equipments have also been made available; and

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in starting the above Kendra and the time by which the said Kendra is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGHDEO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Low Power TV Transmitter has been installed at Hazaribagh.

(c) The transmitter has been giving regular test transmissions and is expected to be commissioned into service shortly.

Mining Industries in Mineral Rich Areas

3782. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Mining Industries in states in close proximity to regions where minerals are available in abundance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States, where such industrial units have been set up in the past?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) and (b) Ministry of