

(c) Nil.

(d) All National Highways are kept in traffic worthy condition through repair/improvement within the available funds.

### **Copper Galvanising Plant**

5. SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up new copper galvanising plants in the country;

(b) whether the Government have sought Japanese assistance for setting up a copper galvanising plant in Malanjkhanda in Balaghat district (MP); and

(c) if so, the likely time of completion of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Government does not propose to set up a copper galvanising plant.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

### **TV Transmitters and AIR Stations in Rajasthan**

6. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of TV transmitters and Akashvani stations set up in Rajasthan during 1993-94 and the capacity thereof;

(b) the locations thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) the number of TV transmitters and Akashvani stations likely to be set up in Rajasthan during 1994-95 along with the capacity and locations thereof;

(d) the amount earmarked for the said purpose;

(e) whether Rajasthan is comparatively backward in comparison with other States in respect of information and broadcasting media point of view; and

(f) if so, the measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard during the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b). During 1993-94, a high power TV (10 KW) transmitter at Bundi in the State of Rajasthan was set up at a capital cost of Rs. 368.19 lakhs. Beside, an LPT at Jaipur, for relay of metro services, LPTs at Gangapur, Sujangarh, Sridungargarh, Ratangarh, Bhadra and Basava and Very Low Power Transmitters at Chamohala, Deogarh and Kumbhalgarh were commissioned. Interim HPT set up (1 KW) at Barmer and 10 KW HPT at Jaisalmer were made technically ready. A total expenditure of Rs. 2005.54 lakhs was incurred.

During this period, one 2 x 5 KW FM Transmitter of AIR at Jaisalmer was commissioned at a cost of Rs. 389 lakhs.

(c) and (d). As given in the attached *Statement*.

(e) and (f). No, Sir. However, with a view to further improve the services in Rajasthan, Doordarshan has envisaged to set up 5 HPTs, 15 LPTs and 7 VLPTs in the State. Similarly, AIR has schemes to set up one New Radio Station at Mt. Abu, one 50 KW SW Transmitter at Jaipur, upgradation scheme at Udaipur

(from 10 KW MW to 2 x 10 KW MW) and replacement scheme at Jodhpur (from 1 KW MW to 2 x 3 KW FM Transmitter).

Further, Press Information Bureau has plan to set up its branch at Udaipur, during 8th Plan period.

### STATEMENT

*Details showing location, capacity and expenditure in respect of TV and AIR Transmitters to be set up during the year 1994-95*

Location	Capacity	Amount Earmarked for 1994-95 (in Lakhs)
<b>Doordarshan</b>		
<b>LPTs</b>		
Baran	100 W	28.20
Barisadri	100 W	28.20
Hindaun	100 W	28.20
Rawatsar	100 W	28.20
Makrane	100 W	33.95
Karauli	100 W	33.95
Phalodi	100 W	33.95
Rajgarh (Churu)	100 W	33.95
Mt. Abu	100 W	33.95
Pratapgarh	100 W	33.95
Nohar	300 W	33.70
Nokha	100 W	33.70
Shahpura	100 W	33.70

Location	Capacity	Amount Earmarked for 1994-95 (in Lakhs)
Chirawa	100 W	NIL
<b>VLPTS</b>		
Amet	10 W	17.30
Fatehpur	10 W	17.30
Gangapur	10 W	17.30
Laxmangarh	10 W	2.50
Bhim	10 W	17.30
Rajgarh (Alwar)	10 W	17.30
Lalsot	10 W	17.30
<b>All India Radio</b>		
Mount Abu	2 x 3 KW FM	17.93

[English]

**Steel Plant in Bastar**

7. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to set up three steel plants in Bastar district of Madhya Pradesh had been scrapped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to reconsider these proposals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d). The Central Government do not propose to set up new iron and steel units. Under the New Industrial Policy announced in July, '91 "iron and steel" has been removed from the list of industries reserved for the public sector, and also exempted from the requirements of compulsory licensing except for certain locational restrictions. No industrial licence is, therefore, required for setting up iron and steel units, and it is upto individual entrepreneurs to pursue their projects. However, according to information available at present M/s. Mukand Limited and M/s. S.M. Iron and Steel Industries Limited have indicated interest in setting up a steel plant each in Bastar district of Madhya Pradesh.