

services jointly with the State Governments also. The terms and conditions of such joint venture operations will be finalised in consultation with the State Government concerned

#### Pending Projects in Maharashtra

239. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of projects approved for various towns in Maharashtra during 1995-96,

(b) the present status and financial provision made for completion of these projects at the earliest;

(c) the plans of the Government for expansion of

infrastructure network for electronic media in rural areas particularly in Maharashtra; and

(d) the number of proposals pending with the Union Government from Maharashtra and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). A statement is enclosed.

(c) Expansion/modernisation of AIR stations/Doordarshan transmitters is a continuous process and largely depends upon availability of requisite infrastructure resources/facilities/funds, etc

(d) 27 proposals for setting up TV Transmitters are under consideration.

#### STATEMENT

##### Details and Status of All India Radio/Doordarshan Projects in Maharashtra

Project/Scheme	Status	Estimated cost (Rs in lakhs)
1	2	3
<b>ALL INDIA RADIO</b>		
LRS with 2x3 KW FM Tr. MP St and SQ at Osmanabad	Completed	267.7
Pmt Type I Studio at Parbhani	Technically ready	180.50
2x10 KW MW at Parbhani Upgdn/repl scheme	Installation of Tr is in progress	166.20
• Modernisation and Refurbishing of St. at Bombay (Phase II)	In progress	160.10
• 5 KW FM Tr 2nd stereo channel at Bombay	At advance stage	310.60
LRS with 1 KW MW Tr MP St and SQ at Malwan	site selected Bldg plans under preparation	327.00
• Projects approved in 1995-96.		
<b>DOORDARSHAN</b>		
LPT Ambet	Under Implementation	100.00
LPT Navapur	Completed	20.50
LPT Aheri	-do-	20.00
LPT Umerkhed	Under Implementation	21.50
LPT Khopoli	-do-	57.00
LPT Mangaon	-do-	97.00
LPT Satana	-do-	97.00
LPT Rajapur	Commissioned	—
LPT Sironcha	Under Implementation	97.00
LPT Chikoli		97.00
LPT Arvi	Commissioned	—

	1	2	3
LPT	Mahad	Under Implementation	97.00
LPT	Chandur	-do-	97.00
VLPT			
	Malwan	-do-	83.00
	Malkapur	-do-	83.00
	Bhokar	-do-	83.00
Legend	LRS - Local Radio Station MP St. - Multi-purpose Studio SQ - Staff Quarters LPT - Low Power Transmitter VLPT - Very Low Power Transmitter		

#### Tourist Information Office

240. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the tourist overseas are getting proper information about the important tourist places of the country, and

(b) if not, the steps taken by the Government for wide publicity about the important tourist places and to attract more foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Upto date tourist information about important tourist places of the country is disseminated to the potential visitors overseas through Government of India Tourist Offices located in various parts of the world.

The information to the potential visitors is supplied by way of distribution of latest tourist information literature, through direct contacts with tourists as also through print and electronic media.

#### Joint Parliamentary Committee Report

241. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2153 on December 8, 1995 regarding action taken on JPC report and state :

(a) whether the report of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has since been received

(b) if so, the details of the findings thereof

(c) the follow-up action being taken against those who are responsible for various irregularities, and

(d) if not, how much time the CBI is likely to take and the steps taken to get the investigation expedited?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise

(d) Initially, CBI had targetted to finalise this case by June, 1996. However, it may take some more time to complete the investigation.

#### TV Transmitters in Kerala

242. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of projects for setting up of TV transmitters in Kerala completed so far and the number of projects pending, location-wise.

(b) the time by which the pending projects are likely to be made operational, and

(c) the details of the new TV transmitters proposed to be set up in the State, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) 22 TV transmitters of varying powers are, at present, functioning in the State of Kerala. Besides installation work on implementation of a Low Power TV Transmitter (LPT) project at Thodupuzha and a Very Low Power TV Transmitter (VLPT) project at Devikolam have also been completed. With a view to further augment TV service in the State, schemes for setting up of 2 LPTs, one each at Adoor and Attapadi and a High Power TV Transmitter (HPT) at Calicut (permanent set-up) are at various stages of implementation.

(b) Whereas the installation works on the LPTs at Adoor and Attapadi are expected to be completed by the end of 1996-97, the High Power (10 KW) TV