

dations on account of the deficiency of Defence land at Siliguri.

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Setting up of a New Low Power Transmission Centre at Sujanpur Town of Himachal Pradesh

1171. PROF. PREMKUMARDHUMAL:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal to shift the low power transmission centre from Kot village of district Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh to Tihra near Sujanpur town or to set up a new low transmission centre there;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Shifting of the very low power (2x10W) TV transmitter functioning at Hamirpur to another site is expected to adversely affect TV coverage in some of the areas which are presently covered by the transmitter. It is, nevertheless, the constant endeavour of the Government to extend TV service to the uncovered parts of the country, as expeditiously as possible, but this can be undertaken only in a phased manner depending upon the availability of adequate financial resources for this purpose.

Price of Cement

1172. DR. CHINTA MOHAN:
SHRI R.N. RAKESH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of cement have continuously been increasing for the last two years;

(b) the total percentage of increase during 1989-90 and 1990-91 as compared to 1988-89;

(c) whether the Bureau of Industrial Cost and Price had fixed maximum price Rs. 8495 for a cement bag of 50 Kg;

(d) whether advice has been sought from the Bureau regarding the increase of cement price;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the number of persons punished/ arrested for selling cement in black market in the Northern India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) The cement prices had been observed to increased between April, 1989 and April, 1990 but in May, 1990, there was a decline in the prices in certain regions for a limited period. Thereafter, the prices have shown some increase.

(b) The percentage increase in cement prices at the four Metropolitan cities at the end of 1989-90 and 1990-91 (upto 25.2.1991) as compared to prices prevailing at the end of 1988-89 are shown in the Statement below.

(c) and (d). On the request of Govern-

ment, BICP only made an estimate of fair selling price in May and September, 1990.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) There is no control on prices and distribution of cement. However, State Governments have been advised to keep a close watch on the dealers so that they do not indulge in profiteering at the retail level.

STATEMENT

Percentage increase in cement prices at the four Metropolitan Cities at the end of 1989-90 and 1990-91 (upto 25.2.1991) as compared to prices prevailing at the end of 1988-89

Sl. No.	Name of City	Percentage increase in cement	
		Prices	
		end of 1989-90 as compared to end of 1988-89	end of 1990-91 (till 25.2.1991) as compared to end of 1988-89
1	2	3	4
1.	Delhi	15	34
2.	Calcutta	19	40
3.	Bombay	16	38
4.	Madras	29	54

[English]

Setting up of T.V. Stations In Tamil Nadu

1173. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up TV stations in different regions of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the coverage power of each such station;

(c) whether there is any proposal to locate at least one powerful transmitter in

each of the regions of the State; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d). Schemes for the establishment of additional studio facilities for Second Channel TV Service at Madras; and a high power (10KW) TV transmitter with a 300 M high tower at Rameshwaram are under implementation in Tamil Nadu as Spill-over from the VII Plan. In addition, it has been decided to set up a low power (100W) TV transmitter at Nagapat-