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## Kurseong T. V. relay centre

3079. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that Kurseong Television relay centre has failed to cover the whole of the district of Darjeeling as well as the plain areas of neighbouring districts as assured by Government; and
- (b) if so, whether Government would reconsider the matter and set up a relay centre at the Tiger Hill in Darjeeling so that all these areas could be covered?

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b). The high power TV transmitter at Kurseong, at present operating on reduced power of 1 KW, is expected to be commissioned in service on its full rated power of 10 KW on completion of the 135 metre high TV tower. With the commissioning of the transmitter on full-power, TV coverage in Darjeeling and adjoining districts is expected to improve. Besides, establishment of low power (100W) TV transmitters, one each at Darjeeling and Kalimpong in Darjeeling district, and one at Alipurduar in Jalpaiguri district, has been included in the VII Plan of Doordarshan with a view to further improving TV service in the area.

## Foreign collaboration in fishery Industry

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3080. DR. T. KALPANA DEVI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any foreign collaboration in the fisheries development projects for development of fishing industry in coastal area as of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether Government propose to revive Indo-Swiss collaboration scheme for the benefit of fishermen in Koniseema area of East Godavari District; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise as there was no project proposal for the development of fishing industry in the coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh with Swiss assistance.

## New Insurance Gratuity Scheme

3081. DR. T. KALPANA DEVI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to