

Upgradation of Dharwad TV Centre

870. SHRI G DEVARAYA NAIK :
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Dharwad T. V. Centre is proposed to be upgraded during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the estimated cost thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work will commence and be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA):
(a) Yes, Sir. The scheme for replacement of the existing low power (100W) transmitter at Dharwad by a high power (10 KW) transmitter is included in the VII Plan.

(b) Rs. 2.68 crores.

(c) Action for implementation of the scheme has been initiated. The transmitter is expected to be commissioned by the end of the VII Plan period.

[Translation]

Increase in cost of DDA flats registered in 1979

871. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :

SHRI TEJA SINGH DARDI :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority now intends to charge Rs. 1.76 lakhs for the flat which it had decided to allot to the applicants at a cost of Rs. 48,000 in 1979;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the applicants had been assured at that time that these flats would be ready by 1982; and

(d) if so, the reasons for making changes in this scheme now ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The disposal price at which the dwelling units are allotted by the DDA to the beneficiaries is based on their actual cost to the DDA, without any margin of profit. There has been a variation in the disposal price of dwelling units, as compared to that indicated at the time of announcement of the scheme concerned, owing to the higher cost of construction, resulting from rise in the cost of labour, materials etc.

(c) and (d) Even if a tentative time schedule is indicated at the announcement of the scheme, it has, not been always possible to stick to this time schedule chiefly due to financial constraints.

[English]

Creation of information pool

872. SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS :
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are no proper arrangements for distribution, circulation and providing instant information to journalists in different Ministries and Press Information Bureau;

(b) whether Government have any plans to create an information pool at one source for instant availability of information; and

(c) the present system of making information available to journalists ?