

**Morning Transmission by Doordarshan**

3037. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Doordarshan proposes to start morning transmission ;

(b) if so, the nature and duration of the proposed morning programmes ; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) :  
(a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c). The duration of the morning transmission was contemplated as about 60 minutes from 7 A.M. ; however, the details of format, duration etc. have not yet been finalised.

**Utilisation of Micro-Wave Technology to extend TV transmission facilities to Interior Parts of Hilly Areas**

3038. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to utilise micro-wave technology on a large scale to extend T.V. transmission facilities to interior parts of hilly areas ; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA) :  
(a) and (b). Microwave linkages provided by the Department of Telecommunications on demand from Doordarshan are used for relay of TV programmes VII Plan of Doordarshan includes provision for more of such circuits. However, satellite mode of transmission of TV signals used by Doordarshan is more cost effective, particularly for hilly areas. Establishment of a large number of low power (100 Watt) and very low power ( $2 \times 10$  Watt) TV transmitters, utilising the satellite mode for relay of programmes, is included in the VII Plan, for extending coverage to hilly areas.

**Drought in Gujarat**

3039. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether failure of monsoon in Gujarat has created an unprecedented drought condition and acute shortage of drinking water ;

(b) whether scanty rain has resulted into failure of Kharif crop in Gujarat ;

(c) whether the State Government have made any representation for Central assistance to meet the drought and water scarcity conditions, if so, the demand made and the financial assistance made available to the State ; and

(d) whether Union Government are sending a team to assess the State's requirements in view of the two successive scarcity years, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). The Government of Gujarat in their preliminary report have stated that due to uneven rainfall and long dry spell during the south-west monsoon of 1986 drought conditions are developing in some parts of the State. This has also resulted in partial loss of Kharif crops in the affected areas of the State.

(c) and (d). No memorandum seeking Central assistance has been received from the Government of Gujarat on this account. A Central Team is sent to the State only after a memorandum giving details of the situation and requirement of funds for tackling the same is received.

**Exploitation of Black Granite Mines in Andhra Pradesh**

3040. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated sources of black granite in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) the number of black granite mines ; and