

been finalised and orders for the transmitter and associated auxiliary equipment placed on the manufacturers.

(b) The scheme was formally approved in March, 1986.

(c) As per the present indications, the construction of the tower is expected to be completed in 1988-89, subject to the timely supply of the equipment by the manufacturers.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Seventh Plan of Doordarshan provides for establishment of a very large number of TV transmitters in the country. Implementation of these schemes can, therefore, be taken only in a phased manner depending upon resources availability and the time required by the manufacturers for supply of the equipment etc.

#### **Amount Paid to the Singers by Air**

2130. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the singer of a film song, of which gramophone record is played by All India Radio is paid any monetary sum/royalty by AIR;

(b) if so, the details of the rate of payments;

(c) whether any person or company other than the singer is paid any such monetary sum/royalty; and

(d) the amount paid to Lata Mangeshkar, Kishore Kumar and Asha Bhonsale in the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise;

(c) Yes, Sir. AIR pays royalty to the Gramophone Companies and the Film Producers who have the performing rights.

(d) Nil in view of (a) above.

#### **Repair of Airstrip at Diu Airport**

2131. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the repair work of the airstrip of the Diu Airport of the Union Territory of Daman and Diu has commenced;

(b) when the work will be completed and the airport will be opened to traffic; and

(c) the expenditure involved in repair of the airstrip and other works at the airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Diu airfield belongs to Indian Air Force. The U.T. Admn. of Daman & Diu has undertaken the work of reconditioning of runway and reconstruction of air traffic control building at an estimated cost of Rs. 32 lakhs (approximately). According to present indications, the airstrip is likely to be available for operation during 1988.

#### **Mini Air Service to Places of Tourist Interest**

2132. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to operate mini Air Services to the important tourist centres in the country;

(b) the places in Tamil Nadu that would get the benefit of such Mini Air Service; and

(c) whether the important tourist centre Kanya Kumari would get the benefit of Mini Air Service?