

(c) Sites for the proposed radio stations at Pithoragarh, Chamoli and Uttarkashi have been identified and requisitions for handing over these sites have been placed with the concerned State Government authorities. The State Government has not indicated any firm date for handing over the possession of the sites identified at the above places. The site for Pauri/Srinagar has also been identified and requisition is to be placed with the State Government. However, no site is required at Mussorie as the proposed AIR station is to be co-sited with existing TV Complex.

**Setting up of TV Transmitter at
Kausani**

8106. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a television transmitter is proposed to be set up at Kausani in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether land has been acquired for the purpose; and

(c) if not, the time by which the acquisition process of land is likely to start ?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Initiation of action to acquire land/building is dependent upon the time to be taken by the indigenous manufacturers to supply the requisite transmitter equipment and annual allocation of Plan resources.

Consumption of steel

8107. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the per capita consumption of steel in the country;

(b) the reasons for which the average consumption of steel in certain States is less than the national average; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the consumption of steel in the States where it is less than the national average ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) The per capita consumption of steel in the country is about 16 kg.

(b) and (c). The per capita consumption of steel in any State depends on various factors such as the level of industrial development, construction activities, levels of income and steel price. In view of these factors, the average consumption of steel in certain States is less than the national average. The increase in consumption of steel depends upon the improvement in these indices through programmes of economic developments in the States.

[English]

T.V. transmission centre in Balasore

8108. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the establishment of National Testing Range project and rapid industrial growth of Baliapali in district Balasore, Orissa, Government propose to set up a TV transmission centre at Balasore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) and (b). The 7th Plan of Doordarshan includes, inter-alia, establishment of a 100 Watt transmitter at Baleshwar (Balasore). Its installation would, however, depend on the annual allocation of plan resources, time needed by indigenous manufacturers to supply the required equipment and overall priorities.