

had to be selected as the previous site taken over in August 1987 was not approved by the Standing Advisory Committee for Frequency Allocations (SACFA) for installing 100 M Antenna mast. The new site has been finalised and requisition placed with State Government. It has not been handed over to All India Radio so far.

(c) The studio and staff quarters will now be constructed on the previous site as the preliminary estimate has been sanctioned. The completion of the Radio Station will depend upon the early acquisition of site for the transmitter.

Failure of HPT Tower at Simhachalam Covering Visakhapatnam

2369. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA MURTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether probe was made into the failure of HPT tower at Simhachalam soon after its commissioning to cover large parts of Visakhapatnam and several other areas;

(b) the areas which were earlier covered by the LPT Visakhapatnam but came under shadow zone after commissioning of the HPT;

(c) whether the position has now been rectified by installing a transposer;

(d) whether such a transposer was similarly installed at any other place in the country and if so, when;

(e) whether LPT was allowed to function alongwith HPT at any other place as per the requirements of the situation; and

(f) if so, the reasons for which the LPT was dismantled at Visakhapatnam when the trial run of the HPT had revealed several defects?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN- TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF IN- FORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b). Whereas there has not been any failure of the high power TV transmitter as such, cer- tain parts of Visakhapatnam town, earlier covered by the low power transmitter, do not receive satisfactory TV service as these lie in the 'shadow zone' caused by intervening hills.

(c) The position is envisaged to be rectified by installation of a transposer to- wards the end of the current financial year (1988-89).

(d) This equipment has not so far been installed anywhere in the country.

(e) and (f). No, Sir. It was necessary to remove the low power transmitter function- ing at Visakhapatnam on establishment of the high power transmitter as both transmit- ters operating on the same channel would have mutually interfered.

[*Translation*]

Special Mining Projects in Maharashtra

2370. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the special mining projects pro- posed to be started in Chanderpur, Nagpur and Yavatmal districts of Maharashtra to increase production during the remaining period of the Seventh Plan; and

(b) the names of mining projects, out of them where geological survey has been conducted and the time by which survey of the remaining mining projects is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE