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will be set up there?

Air Broadcast to Foreign Countries

2150. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the name of AIR stations in the country which broadcast programmes to USSR, USA, Great Britain and China;

(b) whether it is proposed to set up a broadcasting station on the lines of B.B.C. so that Indian broadcasts reach throughout the World; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. TEWARY):

(a) External Services Division of All India Radio is broadcasting programmes to different parts of the globe, including U.S.S.R., Great Britain and China. There is no programme directed to U.S.A.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

LPT and HPT in Border Areas of Rajasthan

2151. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government give priority to the border areas in setting up high-power and low -power transmitters;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in setting up high-power transmitters in Barmer and Jaisalmer border districts of Rajasthan; and

(c) the time by which these transmitters

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

(b) and (c). The antennae of the proposed high power TV transmitters at Barmer and Jaisalmer in Rajasthan are to be mounted on 300 metre high RCC-Cum-Steel Towers. Such type of towers are to be erected by Doordarshan for the first time. A detailed exercise for finalising their design, taking into account such factors as local soil and environmental conditions and other techno-economic considerations had to be carried out. Orders for the transmitters and other allied equipment have already been placed on the manufacturers. Such projects are of long gestation involving a normal lead time of about 3 to 4 years after commencement of works at site. As per the present indications, the high power TV transmitters at Barmer and Jaisalmer are expected to be commissioned into service during 1992-93.

[*English*]

International Flights from National Airports

2155. SHRI VAKKOMPURUSHOTHAMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to introduce new international flights from any of the national airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether runway and other infrastructural facilities are available for the purpose at those airports; and

(d) the time by which the flights operation is expected to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (d). Indian Airlines has plans to operate an international service from Bangalore. Essential infrastructure for operation of international flights are available at many national airports, like Trichy, Trivandrum, Goa, Patna, Varanasi, Hyderabad etc. Indian Airlines hopes to introduce such a service some time during the next year, i.e. 1990.

Allocation of soft coke to States

2153. SHRI ABDUL HAMID:
SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of wages of soft coke allocated to different States in 1988;

(b) whether allocation of soft coke to Assam and other States in proposed to be increased in 1989; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c). Quantity of soft coke allocated by Department of Coal to different States/Union Territories during the year 1988 and 1989 (Jan' to Sep') is indicated as below:—

(In thousand tonnes)

<i>Name of the States Govts./Union Territories.</i>	<i>Quantity of coal allocated</i>	
	<i>1986</i>	<i>1989 (Upto Sept)</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
Bihar	720.00	540.0
West Bengal	780.0	585.0
Uttar Pradesh	240.0	180.0
Orissa	21.6	16.2
Madhya Pradesh	48.0	36.0
Maharashtra	24.0	18.0
Gujarat	24.0	18.0
Rajasthan	54.0	40.05
Delhi	108.0	81.0
Punjab	18.0	13.5
Haryana	—	—
Tamil Nadu	—	—