

- (x) Manufactures have been allowed sale of—related components and parts of equipment by licensed manufacturers under certain conditions.

#### **Delinking of ownership of Press from Business Houses**

3068. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Press Communication has recommended delinking of ownership of Press from Business Houses and also stressed the need for diffusion of ownership and control of newspapers; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to implement these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K.K. TEWARY): (a) and (b). The Action Taken Report on the Recommendations of the Second Press Commission was laid on the Table of the House on 18.7.1986. The Commission emphasised the need for insulating the Press from the dominating influence of other business interests in order to enable it to become a vehicle of free thought and expression. The Commission suggested delinking of ownership of Press from business houses and also stressed the need for diffusion of ownership and control of newspapers. While the Government appreciate the recommendations made by the Commission in this regard, the problem continues to evade solution due to legal, constitutional and other complexities involved.

#### **Lower Power Transmitter at Kokrajhar**

3069. SHRI SAMAR BRAHMA CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to

state:

(a) whether a low power T.V. transmitter is under installation at Kokrajhar in Assam;

(b) if so, the progress made so far;

(c) when it is likely to be commissioned?

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

(a) to (c). A low power (100 W) TV transmitter has been functioning at Kokrajhar in Assam since 27th March, 1989.

#### **Radio Station at Kokrajhar (Assam)**

3070. SHRI SAMAR BRAHMA CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of the building for opening of a Radio Station at Kokrajhar (Assam) is going on according to schedule; and

(b) if so, the likely date of commissioning the proposed Radio Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K.K. TEWARY): (a) and (b). Due to Bodo agitation, the construction work of the building for radio station at Kokrajhar is much behind schedule. Under the existing circumstances, it is not possible to indicate precisely the likely date of commissioning.

#### **Setting up of Cement Plants in Orissa**

3071. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: