

(ग) क्या पूर्वी क्षेत्र के देहरिया, बलिया झजमगढ़, गोरखपुर तथा बस्ती आदि जन पद में भी इस उपग्रह से दूरदर्शन कार्यक्रम पहुंच सकते हैं और इस कार्य पर कुल कितना खर्च होगा ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री ( श्री लाल कृष्ण झाड़वाणी ) : (क) और (ख). मुजफ्फरपुर में एक स्थलीय दूरदर्शन प्रेषण केन्द्र 14-6-1978 को चालू किया गया था। क्योंकि यह केन्द्र 'साइट' उत्तरवर्ती योजना का अंग है, अतः वहां से टेलीकास्ट होने वाले कार्यक्रम मुख्यतया ग्रामीणमुखी होते हैं। इन कार्यक्रमों को पहले बीडियो टेपों पर रिकार्ड किया जाता है और फिर उनको उक्त केन्द्र से टेलीकास्ट किया जाता है।

(ग) संभवतया यह 'साइट' उत्तरवर्ती कार्यक्रम के संदर्भ में है जिसके अंतर्गत मुजफ्फरपुर दूरदर्शन प्रेषण केन्द्र कार्य कर रहा है। इसके सेवा क्षेत्र का विस्तार उत्तर प्रदेश के पूर्वी जिलों में करना संभव नहीं है।

#### Restarting of River Services

1462. SHRI GANGADHAR APPA BURANDE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Government to restart the river services which were closed down; and

(b) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The river services on two routes namely; Calcutta-Gauhati and Calcutta-Cachar which were closed down have been restarted with effect

from May, 1978 and June, 1978 respectively by Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited. Calcutta.

#### Pay and Allowances of J.C.Os. and other Rank Officers

1463. SHRI K. N. DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the differences in pay and allowances between the JCOs and other rank officers are gradually increasing;

(b) whether at present JCOs and Jawans are getting same ration scale and allowances and outfit allowances, but the newly commissioned officers are getting at much higher rates; and

(c) whether JCOs are getting 1st class journey facility but as regards mileage allowances they are getting less than that of other officers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) No, Sir. The disparity in the ratio of pay between JCOs and Commissioned Officers has been substantially reduced over the years.

(b) JCOs and Jawans are entitled to free rations, or ration allowance in lieu thereof when rations are not drawn in kind. Commissioned Officers (including newly Commissioned Officers), are not entitled to free rations, except when posted to field areas. The ration scales of Commissioned Officers, including newly Commissioned Officers, in field areas are different as compared to JCOs/Jawans because of different dietary habits.

So far as outfit allowance is concerned. JCOs and Jawans get free initial issue of clothing, free washing services, and clothing allowance of Rs. 9 p.m. for the purpose of replacement and repair of articles of clothing. In field areas, they get free replacement of clothing in lieu of clothing allowance. On the other hand, a