

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) Chhota-Udaipur Taluka in Vadodara District of Gujarat State is situated largely in hilly and undulating areas. However, small rivulets still overflow the banks during the rainy season.

(b) There is no scheme to widen the rivulets. However, some schemes are in hand for local flood protection works in the area.

Increase in Undefended Cases in Courts

851. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that throughout the country in the different Courts, there is sharp increase of undefended cases, particularly of economically weaker section and downtrodden people who are unable to defend cases resulting in denial of justice in some cases; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS: (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b). Although no statistics are maintained by Government regarding the number of indefended cases, Government are aware that the poor are often unable to defend their cases in Courts adequately. Government had accordingly set up a Committee consisting of Justice P. N. Bhagwati and Justice Krishna Iyer to examine this matter and make its recommendations. The report furnished by this Committee is under the consideration of Government.

Opening of New Radio Stations

852. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to open new Radio Stations during the current and next financial year; and

(b) if so, the names of the places, State-wise selected for the purposes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). There is provision in the approved Sixth Plan (1978-83) for setting up the following five new radio stations:—

1. Tura in Meghalaya
2. Gangtok in Sikkim
3. Agra in Uttar Pradesh
4. Madurai in Tamil Nadu
5. Jamshedpur in Bihar.

Provision has also been made for setting up of district level local radio stations at five centres in the country to meet the local and specific requirements of developmental projects. Tentatively it has been decided to locate these at:

1. Kota in Rajasthan;
2. Diphu in Assam;
3. Keonjhar in Orissa;
4. Adilabad in Andhra Pradesh; and
5. Nagarcoil in Tamil Nadu.

The Suratgarh Station is proposed to be commissioned during the next financial year (1980-81).