

**Introduction of Community Television Sets**

2069. SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of general economic backwardness of the rural areas of the country Government propose to introduce community television sets in each Panchayat and big village on the pattern of previous community radio sets so as to provide a medium of education and recreation to the village folk;

(b) if so, main points of the scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) to (c). So far as the conventional TV sets are concerned except in J&K, the responsibility for the procurement and installation of such sets for community viewing and their maintenance is that of the State Government concerned. The Planning Commission has been requested to provide the necessary funds in the States' Plans.

A proposal for utilisation of INSAT-1 for TV transmission is under consideration. This *inter alia* envisages the installation of direct reception sets in the coverage areas, which are more expensive than the conventional sets. The question of Central Government meeting the cost of these DR sets would be considered when the scheme is approved.

**Thermal Power Station at Gaya**

2070. SHRI RAMSWARUP RAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Gaya there is a very favour-

able situation for the establishment of a Thermal Power Station;

(b) whether Government are also aware that there is a coal belt in Gaya and Suburbs to provide the fuel requirement; and

(c) whether any such Power Station at Gaya is under the consideration of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (c). Gaya is not reported to be a favourable site for the establishment of a thermal power station as no coal field with adequate 'power' grade coal is situated in the vicinity of Gaya. No proposal for setting up of a power station at Gaya has been received.

**Puyyamkutty Hydro-Electric Project in Idukky District of Kerala**

2071. SHRI V S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to construct the Puyyamkutty Hydro-Electric Project in the Idukky district of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) The Project Report has not been received from the Kerala authorities.

(b) does not arise.

**Proposal to reduce Salaries and Perks of Managerial Executives**

2072. SHRI C. CHINNASWAMY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to reduce the salaries and perks of top managerial