

Proposal to Introduce Electronic Voting Machine in Elections

*40. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:

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Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to introduce the electronic voting machine in the elections;

(b) whether the views of political parties have also been expressed in this regard; and

(c) whether Government are also introducing identity cards for all voters and if so, the details regarding the programme of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) The Election Commission is considering the question of introducing Electronic Voting Machine in future elections.

(b) The working of the machine has been demonstrated by the Commission before the representatives of various political parties.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

T.V. Stations

201. SHRI DAULAT SINHJI JADEJA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of T.V. Stations and relaying centres functioning in India with their location; and

(b) the number of new T.V. Stations and relaying centres likely to be opened during the next two years and where?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) At present there are 7 full-fledged TV Centres with programme production facilities at Delhi, Bombay, Srinagar, Calcutta, Madras, Lucknow and Jullundur. There are 4 Relay Centres at Pune, Mussoorie, Kanpur and Amritsar relaying the programmes of Bombay, Delhi, Lucknow and Jullundur Doordarshan Kendras respectively. There are three Base Production Centres at Hyderabad, Delhi and Cuttack which, among them, produce programmes for the six SITE continuity transmitting centres at Hyderabad and Gulbarga, Raipur, Jaipur and Muzaffarpur, and Sambalpur. In addition, the studio of the Space Application Centre, Ahmedabad is utilised for producing programmes for the SITE continuity transmitting center at PIJ.

(b) No new TV Station or Relay Centre is likely to be commissioned during the next two years.

Rajasthan Govt's proposal for irrigation of additional land

202. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Rajasthan have submitted proposals to the Central Government to irrigate 45,000 acres of land from the waters of Ganga and Yamuna, and other 3000,000 acres from Gurgaon canal;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered these proposals and if so, their reaction in this regard;

(c) whether the Rajasthan Government have also conveyed to the Centre that they are averse to the common canal project proposed by the Government of Punjab; and

(d) whether Government have tried to intervene in the matter and if so, the outcome thereof?