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New Channel for T.V.

1017. SHRI JANARDHANA POO-JARY: Will the Minister of INFOR-MATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering any proposal to introduce new channel for all television stations to give more coverage to language telecast; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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- 1018. श्री वृद्धि चन्त जैन: क्या नैट्रोसियम, रसायन श्रीर उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:
- (क) क्या यह सच है कि तेल तथा प्राकृतिक गैस भ्रायोग ने राजस्थान के जिला जालौर की सांचोर तहसील में हरियाली गांव में गैस भौर पैट्रोल निकालने का ड्रिलिंग कार्य भ्रारम्भ किया है;
- (ख) यदि हां, तो क्या परिणाम निकले हैं; म्रोर
- (ग) क्या तेल की बढ़ती हुई कीमतों को देखते हुए तेल तथा प्राकृतिक गैस त्रायोग का उस क्षेत्र में ड्रिलिंग ग्रौर सर्वेक्षण कार्य पुन: ग्रारम्भ करने का है जीर यदि हां, तो कार्य कब तक ग्रारम्भ किया जायेगा?

्रेड्रेिशन, रसायन श्रौर उर्वरक मंत्रे (श्री प्रकास चत्र सेठी) : (क) से (ग). सूचना एकव की जा रही है श्रौर सभा पटल पर प्रस्तुत कर दी जायेगी ।

T.V. Station at Asansol

- 1019. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOU-DHURY: Will the Minister of IN-FORMATION AND BROADCAST-ING be pleased to state:
- (a) progress so far made about the T.V. Relay Centre at Asansol; and
- (b) the details of the project and when it will be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) Site for the T.V. Relay Centre at Asansol has been taken over. Order for transmitting equipment has been placed. Action for procurement of tower has been initiated. Estimates for the Civil works are being processed for sanction.

(b) The T.V. Relay Centre at Asansol will operate on channel 7 in Band III. The power of the transmitter will be 10 KW and the antenna will be mounted on the top section of a 150 M high tower. The Relay Centre will have a service range of 75 Kms. covering an area of 18.000 sq. Kms. serving 10,434 villages. The total population coverage is estimated at 67.35 lakhs. (11.60 lakhs urban and 55.75 lakhs rural). The Centre will relay programmes of the TV centre Calcutta. It is expected to be commissioned in 1983-84

Installation of Transmitters fed by Microwave

1022. SHRIMATI SANYOGITA RANE: Will the Minister of INFOR-MATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to set up relay transmitters to be fed by microwave links at Panaji; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.