

any individual. They are, therefore, not employees of Government of India, either as civil servants or on contract and are not entitled to benefit like G.P.F./Pension etc. Government, as an employer, has, no obligation to provide for their dependents after their death. The question of making any such provision therefore does not arise.

Supply of Paraffin wax to West Bengal

2809. SHRI MATILAL HASDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) how much quota of paraffin wax has been allotted and actually supplied to West Bengal during the last 13 months, month-wise?

(b) what are the demands and actual requirements of West Bengal during the above mentioned period; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken to meet the demands of West Bengal by Government?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Allocation of paraffin wax to States is made on a quarterly basis. The total allocation and upliftments for West Bengal during the 13 months ending January 1981:

Allocation for January, 1980—January, 1981 (In- cluding prorata quantity for January, 1981.	upliftment 7129 MTs
10457 MTs	

(b) State-wise estimates of requirements have not been established.

(c) Allocation is made on the basis of upliftment/performance in the previous year. It is seen that in previous years

upliftments by West Bengal have been below the allocations.

Setting up of AIR/TV Centres in West Bengal

2810. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to set up new AIR Station and Television Centres in West Bengal;

(b) if so, names of those places where these centres would be set up;

(c) the range of these Centres and the time by which these would be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUD-BEN M. JOSHI): (a) to (d). West Bengal is one of the best served States in the country in so far as radio broadcast coverage is concerned. Day time coverage on medium wave is available 94 per cent of the State's population as against the national average of 89.4 per cent. A second grade service is also available from the regional shortwave transmitters at Calcutta and Kurseong. As such there is no proposal under consideration for the present to set up new AIR stations in this State.

There is a proposal for setting up T.V. relay transmitters at Asansol and Murshidabad during the Sixth Plan 1980—85. The range of each of these will be 75 kms. Asansol is expected to be ready by 1983-84 and Murshidabad in 1984-85.