

Staff Artistes of A.I.R.

294. SHRI JAI NARAIN ROAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that staff artistes of All India Radio have become permanent Government servants;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the number of Scheduled Tribe staff artistes who have become Government servants, State-wise figures?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

T.V. Centre for Kerala

296. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) steps taken so far to bring Kerala under Television net work;

(b) the expected time by which the construction of Trivandrum television is expected to be completed and the transmission started;

(c) the districts in Kerala proposed to be covered by the Trivandrum television transmitter;

(d) whether Government of Kerala and "Keltron" have submitted a proposal for establishing four transmitting stations in Kerala with a single common studio at Trivandrum so that the entire State would be covered; and

(e) whether Government will examine this proposal so that the entire Kerala can be brought under television?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) A TV Centre at Trivandrum is being set up in Kerala during the VI Plan period.

(b) and (c). TV Centre Trivandrum is expected to be completed by

1964-65. This will cover whole of the Trivandrum District and about 60 per cent of Quilon district.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Due to constraint on resources, it has been possible to include a proposal for establishment of a TV Centre at Trivandrum only in the current Plan.

Expenditure on generation by N.T.P.C:

296. SHRI B. R. NAHATA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total expenditure of National Thermal Power Corporation on generation of power during the last three years in its various projects, what is the cost per unit of National Thermal Power Corporation, what is the percentage of cost per unit on coal, transport, service and interest during this period; and

(b) what is the Plant load factor (PLF) of National Thermal Power Corporation during the last three years and what are the causes of this PLF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). As none of the thermal projects of the National Thermal Power Corporation are as yet in operation the question does not arise.

States' views on recommendation of Rajadhyaksha Committee on Power

297. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the States have not yet communicated their views on some of the major recommendations of the Rajadhyaksha Committee on Power which had direct bearing on the functioning of the State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, whether several reminders of the Centre had not evoked