

(a) whether Government propose to start a T.V. Relay Station at Kodai-kanal in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the areas to be covered by this station?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. A T.V. Relay Centre is proposed to be set up at Kodaikanal during the Sixth Plan period.

(b) The Relay Transmitter is expected to have a service range of 180 Kms. with an area of about 60,000 sq. kms. of Madurai, Coimbatore and Ramanathapuram districts and parts of Tirunelveli, Tiruchirapalli Salem and Nilgiri districts.

**Supply of Electricity by Sub-Station of DVC in Godda Districts (Bihar)**

4996. SHRI SAMINUDDIN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sub-station of Damodar Valley Corporation in Godda District, Santhal Pargana (Bihar) has been muddling in the supply of electricity for years together and for the last one month it has not been supplying electricity even for two hours, as a result of which the public is facing great difficulties;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to the failure of rains during the "Hathia Nakshatra" the farmers of Bhagalpur district, Santhal Pargana, are facing drought conditions which has necessitated operation of tube-wells by electricity;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the electricity officers at Godda are still creating hurdles in the supply of electricity; and

(d) if the replies to the above parts be in the affirmative whether Government propose to take steps to improve the power supply position in Godda region, Santhal Pargana, Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI

VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Vindictive transfers of male and female loaders**

4997. SHRI MUKUNDA MANDAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the vindictive transfers of male and female loaders by the colliery management of the Eastern Coalfields Ltd.;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) steps taken by Government to stop such vindictive transfers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) to (c). Information has been received in regard to the transfer of male and female workers of Rana Colliery to Banueneri Colliery of ECL. Surplus workers are transferred from one colliery to another and there is no victimisation in this case. Generally, both husband and wife employed in a colliery are transferred together to some other colliery so that they can live together. In this case, transfers of many female workers were subsequently cancelled on their representations.

**Centres offer for Managing Power Plants for Efficient Utilisation**

4998. SHRI ZAINUL BASHAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the inefficient utilisation of the Power Plants of the crisis-ridden States like Uttar Pradesh, his Ministry have offered to manage the plants by introducing the latest technology and methodology;

(b) if so, the names of the States to which the offer has been made; and

(c) the reaction of the States thereto?