

**हिमाचल प्रदेश में एक दूरदर्शन केन्द्र
की स्थापना करना**

426. श्री कृष्ण वत्त सुल्तानपुरी :
क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने
की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश में एक दूरदर्शन
केन्द्र की स्थापना कब तक किये जाने की
सम्भावना है ; और

(ख) इस बारे में अब तक की गई कार्य-
वाही का ब्योरा क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री बसन्त
साठे) : (क) हिमाचल प्रदेश में कसौली
में दूरदर्शन रिले केन्द्र के 1984-85 तक
चालू हो जाने की उम्मीद है ।

(ख) परियोजना मंजूर हो गई है ।
इसके लिये चुने गये तीन प्लॉटों में से एक
प्लॉट कब्जे में ले लिया गया है ।

Telephone Arrears

427. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY :
Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-
TIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the Zone-wise telephone
arrears during the past three years,
as also the write-off of the arrears
during the period ;

(b) the details of new general
guidelines that have been formulated
to tackle the mounting telephone
arrears; and

(c) whether the mass inter-state
transfer of Telephone Engineers
working in Calcutta, Bombay and
Delhi, which is being implemented
now, will reduce the mounting
telephone arrears ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNI-
CATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA
MAKWANA) : (a) There are no zones
in the department. The figures of
telephone revenue arrears as on 1st
July in respect of the financial year
78-79, 79-80 and 80-81 for each
Telecom. Circle/Telephone District
and the total amounts written off
during the same period are furnished
in attached statement.

(b) The methods available to the
department for recovery of telephone
dues are only disconnection of tele-
phones for non-payment persuasion
including personal contacts asking
for security deposit from the subs-
scribers who delay or default in
payment and litigation wherever
possible and necessary. Greater
emphasis is being laid on
these measures. Besides, an incen-
tive scheme has been approved
for departmental officials who help in
the recovery of old arrears. -

(c) The inter-state transfer of
telephone engineers working in
Calcutta, Bombay and Delhi which
has been done for administrative
reasons has no bearing on the
recovery of the telephone revenue
arrears.

Statement

*Statement of outstanding telephone revenue
on 1st July in respect of bills issued upto
31st March preceding.*

(Figures in thousand of rupees)

Districts	78-79 (as on 1-7-79)	79-80 (as on 1-7-80)	80-81 (as on 1-7-81)
Delhi	84,859	91,844	87,564
Calcutta	20,987	26,469	28,578
Bombay	15,504	16,568	15,222
Madras	3,811	3,758	4,041
Hyderabad	1,333	1,402	1,355
Bangalore	891	987	1,109
Ahmedabad	775	988	1,151
Pune	125	180	502
Kanpur	1,538	1,957	1,324
Nagpur	292	278	280

District	78-79 (as on 1-7-79)	79-80 (as on 1-7-80)	80-81 (as on 1-7-81)
Patna	601	944	1,126
Jaipur	611	533	359
Coimbatore	173	147	178
Lucknow	1,408	1,574	2,830
Ernakulam	169	225	321
Indore	120	52	51
Amritsar	48	44	53
Surat	222	171	261
Ludhiana	176	84	665
Chandigarh	352	375	559
Baroda	189	139	195
Trivandrum	107	132	281
Rajkot	22	42	61
Madurai	—	143	132)
Jullundur	—	337	177)
Agra	—	584	1,397)
Ghauhati	—	3,450	2,683)
Vijayawada	—	—	186)
			the
			year
			1978-79.
North Eastern	7,857	3,737	3,655
Andhra Pradesh	505	676	728
Bihar	1,328	1,470	2,789
Madhya Pradesh	3,058	2,198	2,287
Maharashtra	954	772	652
Gujarat	377	409	544
J & K	6,979	7,266	6,824
Kerala	215	230	210
Tamil Nadu	673	555	570
Karnataka	309	260	387
Orissa	2,149	1,681	1,982
North Western	903	510	795
Rajasthan	149	165	197
Uttar Pradesh	3,723	3,356	4,483
West Bengal	5,696	5,041	5,417
Grand Total	169,188	181,733	184,161

II. Statement showing amount of telephone revenue arrears written off.

Year	Amount (in lakh of rupees)
78-79	17.05
79-80	19.29
80-81	23.90

Microwave Link in Telecasting T. V. Programmes

428. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what steps Government have taken to bring the entire country to be connected with microwave link in telecasting TV programme throughout the country ; and

(b) what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) & (b). The existing TV Centres at Delhi, Bombay, Bangalore, Madras and Mussoorie are already connected with microwave links. Lucknow, Kanpur, Srinagar, Jullundur, Calcutta and Pune will be linked during 1982.

TV relay centres under the VI Plan, namely, Varanasi, Asansol, Murshidabad, Madurai, Jaipur, Panaji and Vijayawada are also proposed to be linked.

A perspective plan for setting up TV relay station on Microwave routes has been drawn. Its implementation will, however, depend on the availability of resources and priorities assigned for expansion of TV in the country. 49 such Centres have been identified in the Plan.

Decision on Prasad Committee Recommendations on Energy Policy

429. SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) have Government taken any decision on the various recommendations of the Prasad Committee on Energy Policy;