

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Following is the programme for providing new connections in Delhi subject to timely receipt and installation of exchange equipment.

Year	No. of connections likely to be given
February-March, 82	2,500
1982-83	15,300
1983-84	30,000
1984-85	30,130
After Sixth Plan	7,050
Total :	84,980

(b) 84,980 as on 1-2-82.

Silent Valley Project

453. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision on the Silent Valley Hydro-electric Project in Kerala ; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN) : (a) and (b). Implementation of the Silent Valley Hydro-electric Project has been held up on account of serious reservations expressed from environmental angle. The Report of the Joint Centre-State Committee on the Silent Valley Hydro-electric Project, set up for this purpose, is still awaited. The question of implementation of Silent Valley Project would be reviewed after the recommendations of this Committee are received.

Connection of Cities on National Television Hook-Up

454. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA :
SHRI SUDHIR KUMAR GIRI :
SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) is there any proposal to connect more cities on the national television hook-up :

(b) if so, when and the details thereof ;

(c) names of the cities to be connected ; and

(d) when the projects are to be completed and the progress made in this regard, with details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (c). During VIth Plan the following cities are to be connected by micro-wave link :—

1. Delhi-Jullundur-Srinagar
2. Jullundur-Amritsar
3. Delhi-Lucknow-Calcutta
4. Lucknow-Kanpur
5. Lucknow-Varanasi
6. Calcutta-Murshidabad
7. Calcutta-Asansol
8. Bombay-Pune
9. Bombay-Panaji
10. Madras-Madurai
11. Hyderabad-Vijayawada
12. Delhi-Jaipur

Under the INSAT Scheme, it is proposed to connect all the TV Centres in the country via INSAT by providing S-Band relay receivers at all the centres with uplink facilities for National linkage at Delhi. Firm demand has been placed on P&T for uplink at Delhi and a letter of intent for S-Band relay receivers is also placed on BEL. National linkage through INSAT will be progressively achieved during 1982 and 1983.

(d) The scheduled dates of completion of linkage through micro-wave links and the present position are given in the attached statement.