

tional priorities in production and distribution.

Committee to Study use of Plastics in Agriculture

5867. SHRIMATI SANYOGITA RANE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had constituted a Committee to encourage the use of plastics in agriculture;

(b) whether the committee has also examined the fiscal policy and prospects for the use of Plastics; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) In March, 1981 Government constituted a National Committee on the Use of Plastics in Agriculture under the Chairmanship of Dr. G.V.K. Rao, a former Member, Planning Commission.

(b) and (c). The Committee is reviewing the possibilities of use of plastics in agriculture; the terms of reference include a review of the overall economics of application of plastics in different areas in agriculture under Indian conditions.

Control over the Satellite Facilities

5868. DR. SARADISH ROY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a act that some earth stations would take over the master control facilities of the satellite;

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

(c) names of the stations which would be taken over under the master plan; and

(d) progress so far made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Indian National Satellite is being pro-

cured by Department of Space for monitoring the health of satellite, altitude orbit control and such other functions. Deptt. of Space is putting up at Hasan an earth station designated as Master Control Facility (M.C.F.). For providing future telecommunication facilities through Satellite, P&T is putting up 28 earth stations at various sites in the country.

The two types of earth stations mentioned above have independent functions to carry out.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Master Control Facility Earth Stations—Hasan (Karnataka).

P&T Earth Stations:

(i) *Main Stations:* New Delhi, Madras, Calcutta, Shillong and Bombay.

(ii) *Primary Stations:* Jaipur, Lucknow, Jullundur, Patna, Ernakulam, Hyderabad, Bhubaneshwar and Ahmedabad.

(iii) *Remote Stations:* Bhuj, Jodhpur, Panjim, Srinagar, Leh, Kavaratti, Port Blair, Car-Nicobar, Aizawal, Agartala, Itanagar, Kohima, Imphal, Gangtok and Minicoy.

(d) The scheme is expected to be operational by Mid-1982.

Setting up TV Relays Through Microwave Link at Dhule in Maharashtra

5869. SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) is there any proposal to establish T.V. Relay Station through Microwave Link at Dhule in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, when it is proposed to be established; and

(c) whether in view of the fact that Dhule is a backward and tribal district, priority will be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Implementation of the proposal is subject to availability of resources.

(ख) यदि हां, तो वे तार घर कब तक खोले जायेंगे ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में तार घरों का खोला जाना

58 70. श्री दया राम शास्त्री : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में तार घरों के खोले जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्च मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाना) : (क) ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में, डाक तार विभाग की मौजूदा नीति के अनुसार, जो कि विवरण में दी गई है, तारघर खोले जा रहे हैं ।

(ख) नीति की सीमा के अंतर्गत आने वाले सभी स्थानों में चालू पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान तार सुविधाएं प्रदान किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है ।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

विवरण

हानि पर संयुक्त डाक-तार घर (तारघर) खोलने की नीति

स्थानों की श्रेणियां

संयुक्त डाक-तार घर खोलने हेतु शर्तें

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1. जिला मुख्यालय
2. उप मंडलीय मुख्यालय
3. तहसील मुख्यालय
4. उप तहसील मुख्यालय
5. ब्लाक मुख्यालय
6. ऐसे स्थान जिनकी जनसंख्या साधारण क्षेत्रों में 5000 या अधिक तथा पिछड़े एवं पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों 2500 या अधिक हो ।

घाटे का ध्यान न देकर भी न्यूनतम राजस्व की शर्त के वगैर उत्तरोत्तर व्यवस्था की जाएगी ।

7. वे स्थान जहां पर ऐसे पुलिस स्टेशन स्थित हों जिनका इंचार्ज उप निरीक्षक या इससे ऊपरके पद का पुलिस अधिकारी हो ।

साधारण इलाकों में वार्षिक आवर्ती व्यय का प्रत्याशित राजस्व कम से कम 25 प्रतिशत तथा पिछड़े इलाकों में 15 प्रतिशत तथा पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों में 10 प्रतिशत होना चाहिए ।