

Assessment Regarding Performance of micro-wave System in Rural Areas

7017. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any assessment regarding the rural areas so far as the performance of micro-wave system is concerned ; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the area covered in the state of Karnataka ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY. N. PATIL) : (a) and (b) The microwave systems are large capacity systems which are provided for meeting high traffic requirements between places. The traffic generated in the rural area is usually low and microwave systems are not justified. Terminals of such systems have not been located in any rural area in Karnataka.

Drug manufacturing units in Gujarat and Setting up a depot of STC

7018. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more than 300 drug manufacturing units functioning in Gujarat;

(b) whether it is a fact that a branch office of STS is functioning in Ahmedabad;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a great demand to establish a depot of STC for distribution of reported bulk drugs in Gujarat;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not establishing a depot in Gujarat; and

(e) whether Government propose to reconsider the said proposal for the benefit of the drug industries and Gujarat State ?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :

(a) There are number of drug units operating in Gujarat.

(b) Yes, sir.

(c) to (e) A request had been made by the Gujarat Chambers of Commerce and Industries in 1980 for the opening of this depot. The request was examined. Since during this period, the imports and distribution of canalised bulk drugs by the STC has declined and since a depot of the STC already exists at Bombay, it was not considered necessary to open an additional depot.

TV. Station at Ahmedabad

7019. SHRI MOHALAL PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it was assured that the TV. Station at Ahmedabad will start functioning by the end of 1982;

(b) if so, what is the latest position on this regard;

(c) what is the total amount likely to be spent on the completion of the TV. Station at Ahmedabad; and

(d) the details of the area likely to be covered by the Centre ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The construction of this Centre started in 1982. Building construction is nearing completion. Construction of 150 metre R.C.C. tower is being taken up. The 10 KW transmitter has been received and the Centre is expected to be commissioned fully by 1984-85.

(c) The estimated cost of this project for black and white operation was Rs. 469 lakhs. However, owing to escalation in costs as well as the decision to equip this Centre directly for colour operation, the total amount likely to be spent on completion of the Centre is expected to go up to about Rs. 9 crores. The details are being worked out.

(d) The service range of the 10 KW TV transmitter is expected to be 70 Kms. covering an area of 15,400 sq. Kms. at present covered by the transmitter at Pij.