

this account is also reflected in the norms prescribed for upgradation of a departmental Sub-office.

(b) There is no co-efficient for this purpose. Workload is however calculated on prescribed time factors.

(c) Does not arise.

**Setting up of T.V. Centre at Balasore,
Orissa**

3361. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a news item was published in the largest circulated daily "The Swaraj" for setting up of a low power TV Transmission Tower at Balasore in Orissa ;

(b) whether many people in Balasore have purchased T.V. sets, on the basis of this news item ; and

(c) the decision taken by Government for setting up Low-Power T.V. Transmission Tower at Balasore which will cover population of Balasore and Mayurbhanji Districts of Orissa ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Government is not aware of the Press Report regarding low power TV transmitter at Balasore. There is no proposal to set up a Low Power transmitter at Balasore. The High power TV transmitter under installation at Cuttack is expected to provide coverage to parts of Balasore and Mayurbhanj districts.

Production of Plastic and Plastic Goods

3362. SHRI ANANTHA RAMULU MALLU : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the efforts made by Government to accelerate the production of plastic and plastic goods in the country ;

(b) the number of units manufacturing plastic which are economically viable ;

(c) whether Government are also encouraging the entrepreneurs to enhance the production of plastic and plastic goods ; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM AND IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA) : (a) Higher capacity has been endorsed on industrial licences of five of the existing units manufacturing plastic resins in terms of the Press Note dated April 21, 1982 issued by the Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Development.

Plastic goods are manufactured all over the country.

(b) At present 12 units are manufacturing major Plastic resins.

(c) and (d) There are no special incentives for such industries. However, the incentives for industries in general (such as benefits for location in industrially backward areas) are available to plastic industries also.

Irregularities in Sand Transport by Contractors in B.C.C.L.

3363. SHRI A.K. ROY : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) names of the contractors engaged in transporting sand in the Bharat Cooking Coal Limited in 1982-83 and the amount paid to them with areawise break up ; same details for the years 1980-81 and 1981-82 ;

(b) whether he is aware that Irregularities were found in the sand transport in the area No. V and the payment was stopped for sometime ; and

(c) if so, facts in detail and the steps taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL AND IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.