

(a) whether according to an official study, one of the main reasons for the mounting losses to the extent of several hundred crores of rupees by the Postal Department is that the productivity norms of the Department are antiquated and it continued to follow current labour intensive practices ; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to introduce system changes and automation to increase postal productivity in mail processing and other work in the Department ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :** (a) Though there have been some official studies in the matter, it cannot be said that one of the main reasons for the "mounting losses" is that the productivity norms of the Department is antiquated and the Department follows current labour-intensive practices.

(b) Proposals for improving productivity in various branches of the Postal Department are constantly examined. A proposal to increase productivity in mail processing especially in metropolitan cities is under examination.

#### **Supreme Court's Judgement Regarding Posts and Telegraphs Department**

200. **SHRI R.L. BHATIA :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have by now studied the implications of the Supreme Court's judgement dated 4-8-1983 declaring that the Union Government's Posts and Telegraphs Department is an industry under the Industrial Disputes Act ; and

(b) if so, its outcome ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :** (a) and (b). The implications of Supreme Court Judgement require detailed examination in consultation with the Ministries of Law/Labour and Rehabilitation and these have not been finalised so far and are under consideration.

#### **Thermal Power Station in Ib Valley in Orissa**

201. **SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Ib valley in Orissa has been identified for the location of a thermal power station ;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of that thermal power station proposed to be located at the Ib valley ;

(c) the time-limit fixed for the beginning and the completion of that thermal power station ;

(d) the measures taken so far to expedite the establishment of that thermal power station ; and

(e) the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR) :** (a) to (e). The Project Report for setting up of a thermal power station of 4×210 MW at Benharpali in Sambalpur District of Orissa for utilisation of Ib valley power grade coal at an estimated cost of Rs. 42400 lakhs has been received from the Government of Orissa. The Project Report envisages the commissioning of the first unit of 210 MW by April 1989 with subsequent units being commissioned at successive intervals of 6 months each. Necessary inputs such as coal linkage, clearance from environmental angle, availability of water, availability of infrastructural facilities, etc. are required to be tied up before the project proposal can be techno-economically appraised.

#### **Setting up of Colour TV Transmission**

202. **SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :**  
**SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL :**

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

(a) whether a special plan which involves setting up of 132 Colour T.V. transmission centres by the end of 1984 is under implementation by his Ministry ;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in setting up the new colour T.V. transmission centres ;

(c) the total amount involved in this special plan ;

(d) the name of the places where these new colour TV transmission centres have been located ;

(e) what are the places selected for the location of the new colour TV transmission centres ; and

(f) the details of the programme of Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Plan for expansion of TV in the country, high power TV transmitters are being set up at 26 centres and low power transmitters at 118 centres all over the country, during the remaining period of the 6th Five Year Plan at an estimated cost of Rs. 95 crores.

(c) Site have been selected at most of the places. These are under acquisition. Equipment has been ordered. Construction of towers has been taken up.

(d) and (e). A list of centres where colour TV transmitters have/would come up under the expansion plan is enclosed.

(f) The above mentioned centers are scheduled for commissioning by the end of the VI Plan period. TV coverage would extend to about 70% of the population of the country after implementation of these schemes.

#### Statement

#### *High Power Transmitter (10 KW)*

S.No.	Location	State
1	2	3
1.	Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Visakhapatnam	
3.	Gauhati	Assam
4.	Patna	Bihar
5.	Ranchi	
6.	Ahmedabad	Gujarat
7.	Dwarka	
8.	Rajkot	
9.	Kasauli	Himachal Pradesh
10.	Jammu	Jammu and Kashmir