

**Installation of High Powered Transmitters in Forward Areas**

2522. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Radio Stations to be installed during 1971-72 and particulars thereof;

(b) whether Government have a plan to install high powered transmitters in the forward areas; and

(c) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY): (a) Seven transmitters in all. Out of them, the following four new stations have already been commissioned in the course of the year:

- (i) Aligarh (shortwave for External Services);
- (ii) Rajkot (mediumwave for External Services);
- (iii) Alleppey (mediumwave);
- (iv) Leh (mediumwave).

At the following two places, the existing stations have been strengthened by installing high power transmitters in the course of this year:

- (i) Jodhpur (mediumwave); and
- (ii) Imphal (mediumwave)

A station is expected to be set up at Silchar before March, 1972.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) High power mediumwave transmitters will be set up at the following places during the remaining part of the Fourth Plan period:

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| (i) Kohima     | } in replacement of the existing transmitters which are of lower power. |
| (ii) Srinagar  |   |
| (iii) Tezpur   | } New Stations.   |
| (iv) Gorakhpur |   |
| (v) Najibabad  |   |

**Stagnation in Urban Development Schemes in West Bengal**

2523. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of the urban development Schemes taken up in West Bengal during the period from 1968-69 to 1971-72;

(b) the estimated cost of each Scheme;

(c) the progress, till date, of the Schemes taken up; and

(d) whether most of the development Schemes to be implemented during 1971-72 are stagnating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) to (d). Urban development programmes in West Bengal consist of two distinct components namely -

(a) schemes in the Calcutta Metropolitan Development Area;

(b) Programmes and schemes outside Calcutta Metropolitan Area.

Regarding (a), a copy of the statement placed by the Minister of State for Health