

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to overcome this shortcoming and the time by which it is proposed to be done?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) The All India Radio Station at Dharwar is operating on a 10 KW medium wave transmitter.

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.

Finalisation of Blue Prints of Thermal Generation Units

2235. SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have since finalised detailed blue-prints of 500 MW Thermal Generation Units;
- (b) if so, the broad outlines of the blue-prints; and
- (c) the total amount likely to be spent thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) and (c). Do not arise.

Effect of Increase in Costs on Fifth Plan Power Programme

2236. SHRI BIREN DUTTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Fifth Plan power programme is in jeopardy due to increase in the costs; and
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). Due to increase in costs, additio-

nal resources would be required for achieving the target of 16.55 million KW proposed in the draft V Plan. The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Advertisement Rates for Small Language Regional Newspapers

2237. SHRI SAKTI KUMAR SARKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Government advertisement rates for small regional language newspapers are very low as compared to the increase in the price level; and
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to revise the rates?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) Advertisement tariff is fixed by the newspapers themselves on the basis of their circulation, area of coverage, nature of readership, etc. and not by Government. The Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity, however, makes use of only those newspapers and periodicals whose rates are found economical from the point of view of Government's publicity requirements.

- (b) Does not arise.

Increase in Crimes

2238. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of murders, dacoities and other crime cases in the country during 1973-74. State-wise;
- (b) whether the crimes were on the increase; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS