

Setting up of New TV Relay Centres in Maharashtra

595. SHRI PRASAD BABURAO TANPURE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) The number of new TV relay centres set up in Maharashtra during the last three years, location-wise and capacity-wise;

(b) the total number of relay centres at present and their coverage in percentage of total population of Maharashtra;

(c) the total expenditure incurred during the last one year on setting up of new relay centres;

(d) whether a number of relay centres are not functioning properly; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken to improve their quality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) A statement is enclosed.

(b) 85 transmitters of varying power (6 HPTs, 69 LPTs, 9 VLPTs, 1 transposer are presently functioning in Maharashtra, giving TV coverage of 86.5% population of Maharashtra.

(c) 4 LPTs at capital cost of about Rs. 97 lakh each and 2 VLPTs at capital cost of about Rs. 83.0 lakh each have been set up in Maharashtra during last one year.

Statement

Locations of TV transmitters commissioned in Maharashtra during last three years (1.1.96 to 26.11.1998):

1. LPT, Mahad
2. LPT, Satara
3. LPT, Tumsar
4. LPT, Umarchad
5. LPT, Mhaple
6. LPT, Nagpur (DD II)
7. LPT, Rajapur
8. LPT, Riased
9. LPT, Aheri
10. LPT, Chandur
11. LPT, Navapur
12. LPT, Shirpur
13. LPT, Sironcha
14. VLPT, Badlapur
15. VLPT, Bhokar
16. VLPT, Khad

17. VLPT, Malkapur

18. VLPT, Malwan

Allocation for Food Processing Industries

596. SHRI MAHBOOB ZAHEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage of allocation of annual outlay in favour of the Food Processing Industries is declining from 0.09% in 1992-93 to 0.04% during 1998-99;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to wind up this Department; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Whereas annual outlay for Food Processing Industries has remained between Rs. 40 to Rs. 47 Crores, the percentage decline from 0.09% to 0.04% during 1992-93 and 1998-99 has occurred on account of increase in the total central sector outlay.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Setting up of Doordarshan Production Centre at Shekhpura

597. SHRI RAJO SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Doordarshan production centre at Shekhpura in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Foreign Equity Participation in Electronic/Print Media

598. SHRI MADAN PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken any decision with regard to allowing cent per cent foreign equity participation in electronic and print media;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.