

(b) whether the Defence preparedness has been affected as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, the remedial action being taken to expedite the projects?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) There is no project involving manufacture of major Weapons systems which has been delayed for over twenty years.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Laying of Railway Siding at Cuttack

462. SHRI BHARTRAHARI MAHTAB : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to lay Railway siding at Cuttack;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposed to link Gopalpur with Talcher via Hindol and Narasingpur;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the above projects are likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) A survey for new line from Talcher to Gopalpur has been taken up. Further consideration of the proposal would be possible once the survey report become available.

Indian Dailies

463. DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD :
SHRI U.V. KRISHNAMRAJU :

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

(a) whether any Indian dailies with highest circulation has been included in the World Communication Report, 1996 of UNESCO;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria adopted in selection of such dailies;

(d) whether similar selections has been made during the previous years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI) : (a) As per UNESCO Authorities there was no World Communication Report published in the year 1996.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) The following Indian dailies had been included in the World Communication Report 1989:—

- (i) Malayala Manorama
- (ii) Ananda Bazar Patrika
- (iii) The Hindu
- (iv) Jugantar
- (v) Hindustan Times
- (vi) The Statesman

Upgradation of LPTs into HPTs

464. SHRI U.V. KRISHNAMRAJU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to upgrade the Low Power Transmitters into High Power Transmitters in the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the latest status of upgradation in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHR! MUKHTAR NAQVI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is enclosed.

(c) Besides upgradation of 1 KW HPT at Rajamundry to 10 KW, schemes for setting up an HPT at Warangal in replacement of the existing LPT is presently under implementation in Andhra Pradesh.

Statement

Statewise list of HPTs to be set up in replacement to existing LPTs which are presently at different stages of implementation

State	Location of HPT
1	2
Andhra Pradesh	Warangal
Assam	Guwahati (DD 2) Silchar (DD 2)
Bihar	Jamshedpur Patna (DD 2)
Goa	Panaji (DD 2)
Gujarat	Vadodra Surat
Himachal Pradesh	Shimla (DD 2)
J&K	Kathua Jammu (DD 2) Srinagar (DD 2)
Karnataka	Hassan Mangalore Mysore Raichur
Kerala	Cannanore Cochin (DD 2) Trivandrum (DD 2)

1	2
Madhya Pradesh	Guna Shahdol Ambikapur Bhopal (DD 2)
Maharashtra	Chandrapur Jalgaon Ratnagiri and Nagpur (DD 2)
Meghalaya	Tura (DD 2)
Orissa	Berhampur Sambalpur (DD II)
Rajasthan	Jodhpur Ajmer Jaipur (DD II)
Tamil Nadu	Kumbakonam
Tripura	Agartala (DD 2)
Uttar Pradesh	Gonda Lakhimpur Lucknow (DD II)
West Bengal	Balurghat Krishnanagar Kharagpur Shantiniketan Murshidabad (DD II)
Pondicherry	Pondicherry

Air Building to Osmanabad

465. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a newly constructed building of AIR at Osmanabad has collapsed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?