

- (iv) The oceanic resources comprise mainly of tuna, yellow-fin, big eye, shipjack sharks and bill fishes. Their stock potential is estimated to be 0.3 million tonnes.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has decided to invite bids from the Indian and International companies, only for the exploration of petroleum hydrocarbons in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea.

Backwardness and Unemployment Problem in Garhwal Districts

2012. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a sub-committee under the Planning Commission to go into the economic backwardness and acute unemployment problem in the Garhwal districts of U.P.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps being contemplated to remove economic backwardness and to create employment opportunities for the local population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Special attention is being accorded by the State Government for effective implementation of anti-poverty and employment oriented programmes like IRDP, J.R.Y., Nehru Rojgar Yojana and suitable opportunities for self-employment are being provided by promoting subsidiary occupations.

Coverage of TV and AIR in Maharashtra

2013. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the present position in regard to the TV and Radio coverage in Maharashtra;

(b) whether a large portion of the State is still uncovered by TV and Radio; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in next two years for expansion of coverage of the remaining portion of the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) The Radio and TV services in Maharashtra are at present available to about 98% and 74.7% of population and to about 97% and 59.97% in terms of the area of the State respectively. The TV coverage data, however, includes the areas falling in the fringe of the service range of the TV transmitter where viewers can receive TV signals with the use of elevated antennae and boosters.

(c) While a High Power (10 KW) TV Transmitter is under establishment at Ambajogai, it has been planned to set up 3 additional Low Power TV Transmitters, one each at Khamgaon, Hinganghat and Akot. On the other hand, it has been planned to set up Radio Stations at Akola, Chanderpur, Dhule, Satara, Yeotmal, Kolhapur, Nasik and Osmanabad and to upgrade the existing Transmitter at Bombay to 50 KW Power.

The extension of Radio and TV coverage to the remaining uncovered parts of the State can be carried out only in a phased manner depending upon availability of resources for the purposes.