

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir. The cross-bar exchange is not being replaced at present. However, action is being taken to clear the waiting list by installing a new exchange.

(b) and (c). C-DOT electronic exchange of 3500 lines which is under installation and this will be expanded further by 1000 lines to clear the present waiting list.

#### Doordarshan/AIR, Gujarat

3054. SHRI DINSHA PATEL :

SHRI N.J. RATHWA :

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

(a) the details of the All India Radio and Doordarshan centres set up in Gujarat particularly in Tribal areas as on date, location-wise;

(b) whether all these centres have become operational;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay;

(d) the amount spent on the development of each of the said centres so far separately;

(e) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the State Government for broadcasting the programmes of Vividh Bharti and Production of Doordarshan Programmes;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (d). As in Statement enclosed.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) and (g). Do not arise.

#### STATEMENT

State	Doordarshan	Expenditure (in lakh Rs.)	All India Radio Station	Expenditure (in lakh Rs)
	1	2	3	4
Gujarat				
PPC :	Ahmedabad	737.18	@ Ahmedabad	
	Rajlot	548.98	@ Vadodra	
HPT :	Ahmedabad	174.67	@ Rajkot	
	Bhuj (Int.)	25.57	* Godhra	227.00
	Dwarka	283.70	* Surat	292.00
	Rajkot	320.88	* Ahwa	220.00
	Ahmedabad (DD II)	86.19		
LPT :	* Ahwa	24.44		
	* Ambaji	42.75		
	Amreli	23.14		
	* Bhabbar	44.33		
	* Bharuch	18.50		
	* Bhavnagar	14.73		
	* Chhota Udaipur	40.07		
	* Dandi	18.06		
	* Dediapara	39.96		
	* Devgadh-Daria	51.70		
	Dharangadhra	76.73		
	Dhorajee	38.29		
	* Dohad	36.67		
	* Godhra	33.77		
	* Ider	60.00		
	Jamnagar	28.50		
	Junagarh	33.13		

	1	2	3	4
* Kevadia Colony		32.01		
Khambai		52.64		
* Kosamba		41.00		
Mahuva		78.29		
Mangrol (Junagarh)		85.00		
* Mehsana		37.96		
* Navsari		46.42		
* Palanpur		24.96		
Palana		66.05		
* Patan		17.50		
Porvander		30.14		
Rudrar		79.07		
* Sanjeli		69.05		
* Shamlaji		44.25		
Songarh		38.15		
* Surat		18.36		
Surendranagar		24.32		
* Tharad		38.70		
* Vadodara		14.64		
* Valsad		29.16		
Varaval		22.28		
Gandhinagar (DD II)		31.12		
VLPI : * Kakrapar		30.69		
* Netrang		40.38		

\* Located in Tribal areas.

@ Figures of expenditure not available.

Note : All the above mentioned centres are operational.

#### Target for Installation of HPT

3055. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether Doordarshan has failed to achieve the target for installation of High Power Transmitters during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c). There has been a shortfall in achievement of targets in establishment of High Power TV Transmitters (HPTs) during the VIII Plan Period. The shortfall has, however, been mainly because of the priority assigned to setting up of Low Power TV Transmitters (LPTs) and Very Low Power TV Transmitters (VLPTs) with a view to extend service to hitherto

uncovered areas in the country and constraints of funds. Depending on availability of resources, a number of HPTs are envisaged to be set up in the country as part of IX Plan proposals of Doordarshan.

#### Import of Steel

3056. SHRI UTTAMSINGH PAWAR : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that overseas steel producers have been supplying steel at throw away prices;

(b) if so, the details of imported steel during the last six months alongwith the rate at which it was imported;

(c) whether the overseas steel traders have supplied the steel on account of relaxation of customs duty on steel recently; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken to safeguard the interest of the domestic producers?