

**Title: Need for early commissioning of T.V. Relay Centre at Basanti (Sundarban) South 24 Parganas, West Bengal.**

**SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL (JOYNAGAR):** Sir, way back in 1996, the Government decided to start a TV Relay Centre at Basanti (Sundarban) in the district of South 24 Parganas. Subsequently, a house was taken on rent and a *chowkidar* was appointed. But till date the TV Relay Centre has not started functioning. The visibility of TV programmes in the Sundarban region is very poor. People of this area are unable to see the programmes transmitted from Kolkata and Delhi. It was felt that a Relay Centre should be set up at Basanti to cater to the local needs. Moreover, as Bangladesh is nearer to the Sundarban region, its TV programmes have a clear visibility and people are forced to watch the Bangladesh TV programmes.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Government to start the TV Relay Centre at Basanti (Sundarban) South 24 Parganas, without any further delay.