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Title: Need to Increase Height of TV Transmission Tower at Doordarshan Kendra, Dibrugarh to 150 Metres and Introduce Fulledged News Department with Uplinking Facilities at the Kendra.

SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL (DIBRUGARH): Sir, the transmission tower of the Dibrugarh Doordarshan Kendra was originally meant to be 150 metres tall. Following the objections from Directorate General of Civil Aviation, height of the tower was reduced to 75 metres so that the civilian flight corridor was not obstructed. The DGCA subsequently modified the civilian flight corridor and clearances were received to restore the tower's height to 150 metres. As planned, the restored 150 metres transmission tower was to be equipped with a digital transmitter capable of telecasting six channels simultaneously. Now, after more than three years since the restoration was officially approved, the work has become time-barred and there seems to be no development plans for Doordarshan Kendra, Dibrugarh.

The transmission tower of Doordarshan Kendra, Dibrugarh must be taken up to 150 metres with no more wastage of time. This would enable better reach of programmes transmitted from the TV station to cover the entire upper Assam and parts of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland.

A fulledged news department along with uplinking facilities should be introduced at Doordarshan Kendra, Dibrugarh.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Athawale, if you have any trouble or difficulty there, then you can come in the front rows.