

Title: Need to expedite setting up of an F.M. radio station in Paralakhemundi in Orissa.

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU (BERHAMPUR - ORISSA): Sir, in my parliamentary constituency of Berhampur, three Assembly segments are in Gajapati district, which is very remote and backward having 70 per cent of Scheduled Tribe population. This area is also affected by naxalite movement. In 2003, Information and Broadcasting Ministry had approved a five k.w. F.M. radio station in Paralakhemundi, the district headquarters. Accordingly, the district administration also agreed in principle to provide two acres of land on usual Government price as required by the information and Broadcasting Ministry. But no action has been taken till now to acquire the land and to start the work by the Ministry.

So, through you, Sir, I request the hon. Minister of Information and Broadcasting to take immediate action and start the work of setting up F.M. radio station at Paralakhemundi.