**Title:** Need to take necessary steps for telecasting the Second Channel Programme of Doordarshan from Asansol T.V. Relay Centre, West Bengal.

SHRI BIKASH CHOWDHURY (ASANSOL): I would like to draw the attention of the House to the urgent need to telecast the Second Channel Programme of Doordarshan from Asansol TV Relay Centre and make it a full-fledged TV Relay Centre. It is a long-standing demand of the people of West Bengal. Several representations have been made to the Central Government but nothing has been done. If it is done, the people of Asansol as well as the viewers of Bankura, Birbhum, Purulia, Midnapore and Dhanbad will be benefited to watch the Second Channel Programme of Doordarshan.

Equipment for telecasting of Second Channel Programme from Asansol TV Relay Centre is lying idle for quite long time.

I urge upon the Government to look into the matter and take necessary steps for telecasting the Second Channel Programme of Doordarshan from Asansol TV Relay Centre and make it a full-fledged centre.