

HPT at Dwaraka and Bhuj

3752. SHRI HARIN PATHAK:

SHRI DINSHAW PATEL:

SHRI JAYSINHJI CHAUHAN:

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

(a) whether High Power TV Transmitter have not been installed at Dwaraka and Bhuj;

(b) whether the reception at these places is not clear and the viewers are watching the Pakistan T.V.; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not installing High Power T.V. Transmitter in those areas?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) To further strengthen TV coverage in the area, HPT Bhuj (permanent set up) with 300 meter tower for wider coverage in replacement of the existing interim set up on 100 meter tower is presently under implementation and is expected to be completed during 1998-99. Existing HPT, Dwaraka is located very near to the sea and is radiating reduced power due to the corrosion in the Antenna, thus affecting the coverage. Site for shifting HPT, Dwaraka at an alternate site away from the sea has been taken over. Weak and irregular TV signals are reported to be received from across the border in the border region of Gujarat.

(c) Does to arise.

**Widening of Honnavar to Srirangapatna
National Highway**

3753. SHRI S. MALLIKARJUNIAH: Will the Minister of

SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the widening of National Highway between Honnavar to Srirangapatna (Mysore); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Tumkur-Honnavar Road (from National Highway-4 at Tumkur to join National Highway No. 7 at Honnavar) is a State Highway and not a National Highway. The Government of India is responsible for the development of National Highways only. The responsibility in respect of all other roads lies with the respective State Government.

Irrigation Projects in Orissa

3754. SHRI PADMA NAVA BEHERA:

SHRI RAMA CHANDRA MALLICK:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of major, medium and small irrigation projects from Orissa pending forestry clearance; and

(b) the present position of those projects and the time by which they are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) A statement showing names of the irrigation projects received from the Government of Orissa and pending with the Central Government alongwith their present position is attached. The proposal will be examined on merit and decision will be taken after receipt of additional informations sought for from the State Government and/or are discussed in the Advisory Committee.

Statement*Irrigation Projects in Orissa*

| S.No. | Name of the Project | Present Position |
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| 1. | Diversion of 47.01 ha. of forest land for Construction of Malkennallah Minor Irrigation Project (MIP) in Baragarh district. | To be discussed in the next Advisory Committee Meeting. |
| 2. | Diversion of 1042.97 hr. of forest land for Lower Indra Irrigation Project. | Additional information sought for from State Govt. After receiving informations, proposal shall be put up before Advisory Committee. |
| 3. | Diversion of 3.963 ha. of forest land for Jhadabandha MIP. | Under process with Regional Office, Bhubaneshwar. |