

**Setting up a Doordarshan Relay Centre at Deosar, Madhya Pradesh**

5770. SHRI JAGANNATH SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan relay centres are functioning at Sidhi and Singarauli in Sidhi district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the people living in the remote area of the district are not covered by these relay centres due to short range of their transmission; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to set up a Doordarshan relay centre at Deosar in Sidhi district of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIP. UPENDRA): (a) to (c). Two low per (100 W) TV transmitters, one each at Sidhi and Singarauli and a trans-pose at Singarauli are, at present, functioning in Sidhi district of Madhya Pradesh providing TV service to about 24% population of the district inclusive of the fringe areas where satisfactory reception can be obtained by the use of multi-element elevated antennae and/or tall boosters. Further extension of TV service to the uncovered parts of the district would depend upon the availability of adequate resources for this purpose in the future plans of TV expansion.

**Opium Production**

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total opium production per hec-

tare in 1989-90 in various States with State-wise break-up and its total requirements in the country;

(b) the criteria laid down for production of opium in various States;

(c) whether foreign exchange is also earned through this item and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether best quality opium in the world is produced in India and, if so, the difficulty being faced by Government in increasing its production?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) The figures of opium produced in the three poppy growing States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan for the year 1989-90 would only be known after completion of procurement of opium which is in progress. The opium produced during 1988-89 is, however, as follows:—

<i>Name of State</i>	<i>1988-89 (Prov. Kgs. at 90% cons.)</i>
Madhya Pradesh	2286630
Rajasthan	164010
Uttar Pradesh	95425
Total	488065

(b) The criteria envisages grant of licences to those cultivators who had been tendering the prescribed minimum qualifying yield in the preceding years and had not violated any departmental instructions relating to poppy cultivation. The grant of licence is also subject to the condition that the cultivator did not at any time resort to illicit cultivation or was not concerned in any offence under the laws relating to narcotic drugs.