

Increase in Transmission Capacity of Punaloor T. V. Centre

8239. SHRI SURESH KODIKUNNIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the transmission capacity of Punaloor T. V. Centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith time schedule therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) No TV transmitter is functioning as such in Punaloor town in Kerala. This place lies within the coverage area of the high power (10KW) TV transmitter functioning at Trivandrum. However, because of intervening terrain conditions, the place is reportedly not receiving satisfactory service. Whereas there is no approved scheme at present to augment the power of the Trivandrum transmitter, it is the endeavour of the Government to further improve Tv Service in the area as expeditiously as possible, dependent upon the availability of adequate resources for this purpose.

Business of NSIC with African Countries.

8240. SHRI A. R. ANTULAY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps government propose to take to boost the business of National Small Industries Corporation with the African countries;

(b) whether Government propose to hold an exhibition in some African countries to boost Indian trade with the African countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) To boost business of NSIC, Government has encouraged it to organise Exposition of Technologies in African countries; participate in international trade fairs; associate itself with meetings of Joint Committees/Joint commissions; sign Memoranda of Understanding with its counterparts and receive delegations from African countries to apprise them of its industrial and technological capabilities

(b) and (c). Trade Fair Authority of India organises Indian participation in international trade fairs and wholly Indian exhibitions in important African countries. During 1990, TFAI is scheduled to organise Indian participation in international fairs in Kenya and Senegal and also organise an wholly Indian exhibition in Mauritius.

Investigation by Central Excise Authorities in Delhi

8241. SHRI RAMDAS SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether prior to April, 1985, the Central Excise Authorities made investigations into the cases of Excise duty evasion by certain TV companies and their dealers in and around Delhi, through non-inclusion of Sales Service charges in assessable value; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the investigation in each case in terms of revenue realised and action taken against the culprits?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given below in the Statement.