

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Some grade of ore as contracted for export was available from MOIL, but MOIL did not accept the price offered by the MMTC and hence supplies had to be procured by the MMTC from other suppliers in India. No ore was procured from abroad by MMTC.

#### **T.V. Transmitter at Amalapuram**

\*135. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that even after raising the height of the low power TV transmitter at Amalapuram, the reception of the TV programmes covers less than an area of three kilometres;

(b) if so, the corrective steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether the technical experts are of the opinion that UHF band is not meant for places like Amalapuram where thick vegetation and tall coconut plantations obstruct reception; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to replace UHF band with VHF band?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (d) A low Power TV Transmitter, operating on channel 23 in UHF Band, was commissioned at Amalapuram in October, 1989. Its coverage was, however, severely limited because of the obstruction caused by the thick vegetation and tall coconut plantations surrounding the transmitter site. To overcome this handicap to the extent possible, height of the mast on which the transmitting antenna is mounted, was increased

from the earlier 100 feet to 150 feet. This resulted in appreciable improvement in the coverage of the transmitter. Reception of the transmitter has now been found to be satisfactory upto 12-15 Kms distance (inclusive of fringe areas) subject to availability of line of sight. In view of all plantation in the area, receiving antennae of about 30-40 feet height are required to be used for obtaining satisfactory reception. Boosters are required to be used for obtaining satisfactory reception in fringe areas beyond 8-10 Kms.

It is not, however, true that the situation can be overcome by the replacement of the existing TV transmitter by one operating in Very High Frequency (VHF) Band. The reach of a TV transmitter depends on availability of clear line of sight irrespective of the fact whether the transmitter is operating in VHF or UHF Band. It has also to be reckoned with that with the establishment of a large number of TV transmitter operating in VHF Band in the country, this Band has become congested making it imperative to establish UHF transmitters in certain parts of the country to avoid frequency interference from the neighbouring transmitters. It is because of this constraint that establishment of a UHF transmitter at Amalapuram has been considered imperative.

#### **Transfer of bank accounts of Kashmiri migrants**

\*136. SHRI L.K. ADVANI:  
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what instructions have been issued regarding withdrawal of money by the Kashmiri migrants from their bank accounts left behind in the Valley;

(b) the number of applications which have been received so far by