

was partially commissioned in November 88 with 36 rooms and essential public areas. On completion the hotel will have 46 rooms. Besides, ITDC has also expanded its existing 28 room Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhubaneswar by addition of 36 rooms.

The expanded block was commissioned on 23rd April, 1987.

(b) and (c) The following approved hotels are functioning in the State of Orissa:—

<i>Place</i>	<i>Star Category</i>	<i>No. of Hotel</i>	<i>No. of Rooms</i>
1	2	3	4
Bhubaneswar	5-D	1	72
—Do.—	5	1	72
—Do.—	4	1	51
—Do.—	3	Nil	Nil
—Do.—	2	2	74
Cuttack	2	1	30
Puri	2	1	22
—Do.—	Awaiting Classifica- tion	2	90
Gopalpur on sea	2	1	20
Total		10	431

Orissa would require additional hotel rooms with the growth of tourist traffic. For this, private sector is being encouraged to set up hotels by providing various incentives both by Central and State Governments.

Construction of floating Hotels in Maharashtra

1476. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra proposes to set up 'floating hotels' in the Arabian sea near Mumbai (Bombay);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any financial or other assistance have been sought by the State Government in this regard or Union Government propose to give some advice in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMEN- TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER

OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) The Central Department of Tourism has not received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for setting up 'floating hotels'.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Doordarshan Relay Centre at Katihar, Bihar

1477. SHRI YUVRAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction work carried out at Doordarshan relay centre at Katihar, Bihar is being done with obsolete machine of Agra Kendra since 1988; and

(b) if so, the time by which transmission is likely to be started from there?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) The original transmitter released from Agra was decided to be installed at Katihar as a measure of optimal utilisation of resources. The equipment installed at Katihar is in perfect working condition and well within its useful life span. The transmitter at Katihar is expected to be ready for being commissioned into service shortly but it has been decided to put it to regular operation only after it is fully established that it is functioning satisfactorily in all respects.

Setting up of T.V. Tower in Himachal Pradesh

1478. **SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Television programmes are not properly viewed at various places in Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh due to diverse conditions in hilly areas and several representatives of the people have made a request to set up T.V. Towers at several places;

(b) if so, the names of places in Himachal Pradesh where setting up of T.V. towers have been requested during the period from 2 December, 1989 to 15 July, 1990; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Parts of Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh are, at present, not covered by TV service. As TV signals travel in straight lines, reception from TV transmitters depends on the availability of clear line of sight. In hilly areas, certain places, though within the coverage zone of the TV transmitters installed there, do not receive satisfactory service due to

“shadow” caused by the terrain conditions. Requests for improvement of the TV service in hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have been received, from time to time, from various quarters.

(b) Requests for extension of TV service to the following places in Himachal Pradesh have been received during the period under reference:

1. Palampur
2. Baijnath
3. Joginder Nagar
4. Jaisinghpur
5. Sunder Nagar
6. Dharampur
7. Rohru/Jubbal
8. Kelokar
9. Dev-Bradwa
10. Mata Chatubhurja (Basahi Dhar)
11. Gadhwali Mata-Mandir (Ehju)
12. Awahdevi
13. Tira
14. Jachch
15. Area between Baijnath & Ghatasani
16. Chopal tehsil
17. Sarkaghat & Chachyot.

(c) The VIII Plan allocation not having been made so far by the Planning Commission, it is not possible to indicate the extent to which the aforesaid requests can be complied with, under Doordarshan's VIII Plan.

Proposal for setting up of an opium factory in Maharashtra

1479. **SHRI HARI BHAI SHANKAR MAHALE:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give leasehold rights to poppy cultivators in Maharashtra;