

a peon as there was a shortage of peon. But Sir, I have seen that they being utilised for higher post like assisting the camera man or even writing the script or correcting the script. Sir, all these 197 persons have put in more than five to ten years service in that higher post but when they are being absorbed, they are absorbed in the lowest category for which they have been taken. Has the Minister thought about solving this problem so that their experience is taken into consideration and they are absorbed in the higher category job in which they have been working so long?

**SHRI P. UPENDRA:** Sir, their experience will be considered while filling up the relevant posts. If they have got sufficient experience in the field, they will definitely be considered.

[*Translation*]

**SHRI YUV RAJ:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the daily wages workers employed in Jute Mills, the Public undertakings, are paid at the rate of rupees fifty per day. So, through you, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he will consider to bring about a wage parity between the casual workers' serving in Doordarshan and those serving in other organisations?

[*English*]

**SHRI P. UPENDRA:** I have already said that where the nature of the work entrusted to the casual worker and the regular employee is the same, they get 1/30th of the pay at the minimum of the relevant scale plus DA. Otherwise they get minimum wages as prescribed under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

**T.V. Transmitter Relay Centre in Thanjavur Town, Tamil Nadu**

\*428. **SHRI S. SINGARAVADIVEL:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the expected area of coverage by the low T.V. transmitter relay centre located in Thanjavur Town, Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether certain places at a distance of even 5 km. from the T.V. Transmitter, are not getting clear transmission;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to get the optimum use of the transmitter?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA):** (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

The Low Power (100 W) TV Transmitter at Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu, operating in UHF Band, has a service range of about 15 Kms. (inclusive of the fringe areas, where satisfactory reception is possible with the help of elevated antenna, boosters etc.). The TV transmitter at Thanjavur is reported to be functioning normally and providing satisfactory service within its expected coverage area, subject to availability of line of sight. Reception of this transmitter, however, is limited in its southern direction due to local terrain conditions. Besides, there have been instances of interruptions in the transmission from this transmitter mainly due to failure of power supply at the Centre. In order to minimise such interruptions, a diesel generator set has been provided at the Centre. Nonetheless, momentary interruption in service occurs each time the source of supply is changed from the mains to diesel generator and vice-versa.

**SHRI S. SINGARAVADIVEL:** Sir, there is a low power T.V. Transmitter which is in UHF Band. It is expected to cover an area of 15 Km but in some direction it covers only

5 Km. In the reply it is stated that the reception of this transmitter, however, is limited in its southern direction due to local terrain conditions. In other directions also the reception is not clear. What steps does the Ministry propose to take to rectify this defect?

**SHRI P. UPENDRA:** Sir, he is correct when he says that the southern direction is not only 5 Km. but it is about 7 Km. In the Eastern, Western and Northern directions it is about 10 to 12 Km, because the station is working on UHF whose range is limited. Unless, the consumers put the UHF tuner, the reception is not clear. I know that they are facing a lot of difficulty but they have to put the UHF tuner and the booster.

**SHRIMATI PREMALABAI CHAVAN:** Sir, all over India, there is a shortage of T.V. Transmitters. This is the only media by which the rural sections of our society can come to know about the Government's policy. My demand for Karad T.V. Centre is pending for the last five years. I don't know why Government is so reluctant and why it is giving a step motherly treatment to the State of Maharashtra. They have not yet given the T.V. Centre and the reason according to them is the shortage of fund and shortage of material. So, will the Minister give attention to this area?

**SHRI P. UPENDRA:** Sir, there are about 520 television transmitters in the Centre. The number is going to be increased by another 25 shortly. There are large number of demands from various parts of the country for opening new relay centres and new transmitters. We have tentatively finalised certain centres and we want the clearance from the Planning Commission. As soon as we get the allocation from the Planning Commission, we will be able to announce the Centre where we are going to have new relay transmitters.

[Translation]

**SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI:** Sir, Siddipet revenue division in Medak district of Andhra Pradesh is situated at a distance of 104 kilometres from Hyderabad. It covers three districts, Medak, Karimnagar and Nizamabad, but as it is situated at a distance of 104 km. neither the voice is audible nor the picture is clear here. So, I would like to know from the hon. Minister of Information and Broadcasting whether there is any proposal to set up a low power transmitter there during the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

[English]

**SHRI P. UPENDRA:** Sir, the hon. Member has met me more than once with this demand. I also received similar demands from other people. His demand is justified. But, as I said earlier, I cannot announce or commit now unless I get the allocation from the Planning Commission. I have noted down the request made by the hon. Member.

**SHRI GOPINATH GAJPATHI:** I am much obliged, Mr. Speaker. Sir There is a prima facie case of a low power transmitter situated in a totally faulty place in the town Parlakhemundi of Orissa State. I had raised this particular issue under Rule 377 in this august House, as well as I had written a D.O. letter to the Hon. Minister, who was kind enough to reply to me that he has passed necessary orders in this regard. But, as you know Sir, it is more easily said than done. I would again appeal through you to the hon. Minister that he should follow-upon this matter of urgent public importance and take necessary corrective action to ensure that this defect is rectified expeditiously.

**SHRI P. UPENDRA:** Sir, the hon. Member comes from my neighbouring State, I can't disappoint him. (Interruptions). There are

also some States like West Bengal which I can't neglect. Sir, definitely we will take immediate action on that.

**DR. THAMBI DURAI:** When we are having a low transmitter relay centre, it only relays national programmes. Sometimes we are not able to get the regional centre's relay programme because in that area though they have a kind of antennas, it disturbs. They can only get national programmes. Therefore, they are deprived of getting regional programmes which are really essential. But I do not know how the Minister is going to rectify.

Secondly, Sir, the border towns, for example you take Hosur in Dharmapuri near Bangalore. The people residing in Hosur are not able to get the regional centres' programmes. Therefore, is there any scheme to have relay centres in such kind of border towns to get the regional programmes?

**SHRI P. UPENDRA:** The hon. Member should have no complaint because in Tamil Nadu almost all L.P.Ts. are linked to the Madras Regional Kendra and they are getting the regional programmes through relay centres and if a particular centre is not getting the relay, we will take care of that.

**SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:** It is strange that the district of Midnapore in West Bengal is only 40 kilometres from Calcutta. But the people of this district are deprived of the programmes of Calcutta Doordarshan because there is one low power transmitter in Midnapore and there is one microwave station. We met the Minister and I also made the suggestion to utilise that microwave station for relay from Calcutta Doordarshan station. So, I would like to know whether the Minister will consider the suggestion so that the people of Midnapore District which is much closer to Calcutta will be able to see the programme of Calcutta Doordarshan in the near future.

**SHRI P. UPENDRA:** Sir, wherever microwave networks are there, we are linking up the regional kendras with L.P.Ts. and H.P.Ts. Asansol is already linked and Kunsong also is linked. Now, the microwave is strong, they will connect Midnapore also.

[*Translation*]

**SHRI SATYNARAYAN JATIYA:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister replied that they are providing satisfactory service within their expected coverage area. I would like to make a request that since Ujjain relay centre does not have clear reception from the Indore Doordarshan Centre, the conditions at divisional headquarter should be improved so that people get satisfactory service. I have made repeated request for improving the transmission. Ujjain should be provided with a transmitter or some such measures should be taken so that people can get the benefit of telecast.

**SHRI P. UPENDRA:** Sir, I have already said that we are going to take some decisions during the 8th Plan, then we will also take Indore and Ujjain into our consideration.

**SHRI JANARDAN YADAV:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Bihar has remained neglected for the last 40 years. My constituency Godda and districts of Bhagalpur, Dumka, Deoghar and Monghyr are situated at a very distant place in this region, so the rural people of these areas never get an opportunity to see doordarshan programmes. The transmitter covering the areas of Bhagalpur to Godda and Banka to Deoghar is a very low power transmitter with the result that the people of these areas can neither hear the T.V. news nor see any T.V. programmes even when they own T.V. sets of their own. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether doordarshan relay centres will be set up at the district headquarters in Godda, Banka and Bhagalpur?

**SHRI P. UPENDRA:** Sir, this is not correct that Bihar has been ignored.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Janardan Yadav Ji, Bihar is not being ignored.

**SHRI JANARDAN YADAV:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the previous Government has continuously ignored it.

**MR. SPEAKER:** But now the Government has changed.

[*English*]

**SHRI P. UPENDRA:** Sir, I had just been to Patna recently. I have visited Jamshedpur also and discussed Bihar's problems there with the Chief Minister of Bihar and other officials also. In Muzaffarpur, the programme generating facility is ready and we are going to operate it shortly. In Patna, already there is a temporary studio.

[*Translation*]

**SHRI JANARDAN YADAV:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am asking about Godda and Santhal Pargana.

**SHRI P. UPENDRA:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, we are going to set up a T.V. Centre there shortly. Our programme generating facility is ready and we are going to operate it shortly. Five new radio-stations are in the process of setting up and we are going to operate them shortly. We are going to start the telecast of regional news in Patna from 11th of October. In this way, we are paying full attention to Bihar.

**PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT:** Sir, I would like to bring it to the notice of the hon. Minister that the utility of television is continuously increasing and the people's interest is also growing. But due to existing L.P.Ts. in big cities, nearby small townships are not able to see all the T.V. programmes. If a transmitter is installed on the Taragarh hill in

Ajmer, residents of Vijaynagar, Beawar, Kishangarh, Pushkar and Najirabad will be able to see these programmes. But at present, the transmitter is installed at a low and faulty place, due to which the reception of T.V. programmes in the entire district of Ajmer is not very clear. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether transmitters and relay centres will be set up at high and proper places, so that people over the large areas could see the television programmes clearly?

**SHRI P. UPENDRA:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Generally such complaints have been received. This is a fact. We are conducting an investigation in this regard to see as to how it can be rectified.

[*English*]

**SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED:** Sir, it is not only confined to a few relay centres, but a large number of centres are defective. I had brought one such defective centre to the notice of the hon. Minister when he visited Warangal. The Minister knows the location of the relay centre and other technical defects of it. He publicly assured that he would get all the defects rectified, but so far nothing has been done. I would like to know whether the Minister at least do something now to rectify those defects.

**SHRI P. UPENDRA:** Sir, as soon as I came back from there, I looked into the matter. The height of the tower has to be raised and we are taking action for the same.

**Credit Deposit Ratio in Banks in Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab**

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\*429. **SHRI R. N. RAKESH:**

**SHRI R. M. BHOYE:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the credit-deposit ratio of all the public sector banks in Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab: