

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Relay Stations In U.P.

503. SHRI M. S. PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up low power relay stations in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Whereas one high power; five low power and eight very low power TV transmitters and two TV transposers are already functioning in the hill area of Uttar Pradesh, one more very low power TV transmitter at Munsiri and a TV transposers at Mussoorie under implementation in the area as spill-over schemes from the VII Plan are expected to be commissioned into service during the current financial year (1990-91) itself.

[*English*]

Freedom Fighter Applications from Kerala

504. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for Freedom Fighters Pensions from Kerala pending with the Government;

(b) how many such applications from Kerala were disposed of by the Government during 1990;

(c) the total number of recipients of

Freedom Fighters Pension in Kerala at present; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to expedite the clearance of pending applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) As on date no application from the freedom fighters of the State of Kerala that was received before the last date i.e. 31st March, 1982 is pending; Applications received after 31.3.82 are treated as delayed applications and are considered for condonation of delay. There are 54 such applications in different stages of examination. Besides there are review cases coming from the State Government which is a continuous process.

(b) 18 new cases have been disposed of.

(b) Freedom fighters Pension has been sanctioned in 4223 cases from the State of Kerala including Ex-I.N.A. cases.

(d) A special drive had been launched to expedite disposal of all pending applications.

Opening of T.V. Relay Station at Jaleswar, Orissa

505. SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open a new T. V. relay station at jaleswar, district Balasore, Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?