

(b) and (c). Free legal-aid and assistance is already being provided to the poor and weaker sections of the society in all law courts in Delhi by the Delhi Legal Aid and Advice Board and the Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee. So far over 78,000 persons have availed themselves of legal aid and advice in Delhi law courts.

[*Translation*]

### **Minerals based Industries in Rajasthan**

321. SHRIDAULATRAM SARAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of minerals being exploited and the industrial units set up in Rajasthan based thereon in the central public sector;

(b) the financial assistance being provided by Union Government to the State Government in this regard and the basis thereof;

(c) whether the State Government have suggested any changes in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

### **Conversion of L.P.T. to HPT In Surat, Gujarat**

322. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a persistent demand for a high power T.V. relay centre in Surat, Gujarat;

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken thereon; and

(c) when the high power transmitter is likely to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Requests to this effect have been received from time to time.

(b) and (c). Three low power (100W) TV transmitters, one each at Surat, Kosamba and Songarh, and a very low power (2x10W) transmitter at Kakrapar are, at present, functioning in Surat district. Further expansion of T.V. coverage in the district can be carried out in a phased manner depending upon the availability of resources for this purpose in the future plans of TV expansion.

[*English*]

### **Import of Rubber**

323. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rubber imported during the last five years;

(b) the internal production and consumption of rubber during the last five years;

(c) the price of the natural rubber in the international market and internal market during the last five years; and

(d) the policy of the Government regarding rubber imports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b). Details of production, Consumption and imports during the last five years have been as under:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Production</i>	<i>Consumption ( in tonnes)</i>	<i>Imports (By STC)</i>
1984-85	186450	217510	32408
1985-86	200465	237440	38538
1986-87	219520	257305	40228
1987-88	235197	287480	41984 (P)
1988-89	259172	313830	51367 (P)

(P) = Provisional.

(c) Prices of natural rubber in the International market and domestic market during

the last five years have been as under:

<i>Year</i>	<i>International Market (Price in Rs. per quintal for RSS—III in the International market and RMA—4 in the domestic market)</i>	<i>Domestic market</i>
1984-85	961	1655
1985-86	902	1732
1986-87	1035	1660
1987-88	1297	1791
1988-89	1654	1815
1989-90 (Average for April—Nov.)	1454	2136

(d) The policy of the Government is to import only as much quantities of rubber as would be necessary to bridge the gap between demand and supply.

#### Doordarshan Kendras

324. SHRI ANIL SHASTRI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of towns in the country with cultural heritage like Varanasi having Doordarshan Kendras; and

(b) the steps being contemplated to increase the number of Doordarshan Kendras in such towns and particularly in Varanasi?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF