

and other equipment, including oxygen cylinders and gas masks, to Bhopal.

- (v) Despatch of a CBI team headed by an Inspector General of Police for investigating the accident.
- (vi) Organising special trains during the MIC neutralising operation.
- (vii) Providing special aircraft for aerial water spraying of the factory area.
- (viii) Development of Army personnel and Central Reserve Police for assisting local civil authorities.

An amount of of Rs. 42 lakhs in cash and approximately Rs. 55 lakhs in the form of edible oil and sugar has been made available to the State Government from Prime Minister's Relief Fund. The Government of India have also released a ways and means advance of Rs. 5 crores to the State Government.

(c) A legal cell has been established in the Ministry of Law and the Government of India is considering, in consultation with the State Government, various options available for obtaining adequate compensation for the victims and recovery of expenses incurred by Government.

(d) The State Government has undertaken a comprehensive survey of the families living in the affected areas. Based on the needs of valued-able members of the affect families, as may be indicated by the Survey data, suitable ameliorative measures will be taken.

Wage Board for Journalists

*48. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the journalists have been pressing for a Wage Board ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to look into the demand of journalists and to redress their grievances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Expansion of T.V. Network in Orissa

*49. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of INFOMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had taken steps to extend the T.V. network in the country during the Sixth Plan ;

(b) if so, the T.V. network expanded in Orissa and other States during the above Plan period ; and

(c) the T.V. network proposed to be expanded in Orissa in the remaining period of the Sixth Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). 3 Low Power TV Transmitters at Bhubaneswar, Berhampur and Rourkela have been commissioned in Orissa during the VI Plan. In all, 150 new TV Centres, as detailed in the enclosed Statement have been set up in the country, during the VI Plan.

A High Power TV transmitter at Cuttack and a Low Power transmitter at Koraput are scheduled for commissioning in Orissa during the remaining period of the VI Plan.