

Doordarshan and the AIR, will the Government keep this particular need in view of so adjusting the programmes that Urdu gets the better deal from both of them?

SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT: We will keep in view. In fact, we have kept in view when the telecast time of media was increased. It is dependant on programmes. At this time, I can't give all the details. We have been telecasting programmes in Urdu and we will keep this in view.

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA: At least an assurance must come.

SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT: I have said, we will keep in view.

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA: Thank you very much.

Then with respect to AIR we are told that an endeavour is to gradually increase the coverage. I congratulate you on your endeavour. You have just now told us about your plans for the Doordarshan. Will you like to tell us something more about whether you have any specific plan for increasing the coverage of AIR or is it just a mere endeavour and it rests over there?

SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT: It is not a mere

endeavour. With regard to Doordarshan, have already told you. With regard to AIR there are specific proposals for increasing the telecast time for various regional stations. Now, we have started the national channel. The time has been increased. There are very specific proposals.

Setting up of Industries in Backward Areas

*200. SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent study pointed out that the policy of industrial dispersal had not touched the backward areas in any tangible manner;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the above study; and

(c) the steps being taken to establish more industries in backward areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c). A statement is given below.

STATEMENT

We are not aware of any recent All-India study on the scheme for industrial dispersal. Industrialisation is a continuous process. The Central incentives provided by the Central Government have helped entrepreneurs to set up industries in backward areas as is evident from the following tables:-

No. of Letters of Intent (LOIs), Industrial Licences (ILs), Delicensed Industries Registrations (DLR) and DGTD Registrations issued

	LOI	IL	DLR	DGTD Regn.
1985	774	427	681	1140
1986	621	278	1483	610
1987	534	192	1097	651

Assistance provided by Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) to Backward Areas.

I. IDBI

Year	Amount sanctioned (Rs./Crores)
1970-75	51.8
1975-80	329.0
1980-85	949.8
1986-87	1,836.9

Increase in the percentage share of assistance

1970-75	33.5%
1986-87	39%
Cumulative assistance to Backward Areas	43.6%

Year	No. of projects sanctioned in No Industry Districts	Amount sanctioned (Rs/crores)
1985-86	44	162.8
1986-87	34	94.2

II. IFCI

Share of backward areas in the total yearly assistance 50% (approx.)

Assistance provided to new projects costing upto Rs. 50 crores set up in No Industry Districts

- (i) Concessional Finance.
- (ii) Loan for development of project-specific infrastructure.
- (iii) Interest-free loan during construction period.

Government have recently decided to set up 100 Growth centres with infrastructural facilities of high order to act as magnets for attracting industries to backward areas.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no doubt about the fact that our Government in general and the Ministry of Industry in particular are making efforts to spread a network of industries in those backward areas where regional imbalance exists. But a survey conducted recently by experts reveals that despite Government's will, entrepreneurs are not setting up industries in the areas where it is necessary to have them. For example, industries are not being set up particularly in special backward areas, hill areas, desert areas, cyclonic areas tribal areas, and drought hit areas, where there is unemployment among the poor on a large scale. Will the hon. Minister assure the House that the block and not the district will be regarded as the unit to measure industrial backwardness of an area as per the report received? If so, when are you going to declare the backward block units as backward industrial areas so that the network of industries could be spread there?

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

T.V. Transmitter at Bhanjanagar, Orissa

*182. SHRI SOMNATH RATH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of low power TV transmitter at Bhanjanagar in Orissa has started; if so, when it is going to be completed; and

(b) whether the B.Ed. College authorities at Bhanjanagar have agreed to spare their building for the installation of the TV transmitter there; if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT.): (a) and (b). The KUSB College, Bhanjanagar has offered some space in the College building for housing the proposed transmitter. The transmitter equipment is scheduled to be received from the suppliers in the first quarter of 1989-90. The accommodation offered by the College authority will be utilized at the appropriate time on receipt of the equipment at the site. The transmitter is expected to be installed and commissioned into service by the middle of 1989.

[Translation]

Shortage of Paper

*184. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether shortage of paper is apprehended in near future; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken by Government to prevent the shortage of paper?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Renovation and Modernisation of Hirakud Hydel Power Station

*185. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will the Minister INDUSTRY be pleased to state: