

provide them gas according to our commitment and the rest will depend upon the availability of gas. This issue of full utilisation of gas is under consideration of the Planning Commission.

SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Central Government has a proposal to set up Gas Cracker Plant on HBJ Pipeline in Madhya Pradesh. I would like to know whether Madhya Pradesh Government has submitted a proposal for the setting up of a plastic industry for manufacturing raw-material in the down stream of that pipeline, if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

SHRI BRAHMA DUTT: Besides the fertilizer plant in Guna, an LPG extraction plant has also been sanctioned in Madhya Pradesh. Work has already started on it. We are also formulating another scheme for the extraction of C-3, it is for you to see if it is to be set up on the down stream.

[*English*]

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH: Through you, I would like to ask the Hon. Minister whether he is going to raise the capacity of the pipeline after compressing gas to 33 million cubic feet. Does he consider, after raising the capacity, setting up aethane cracker plant in Madhya Pradesh?

SHRI BRAHMA DUTT: I have already said that in Guna, a gas separation plant is coming up. When the capacity is increased, we will think about further activities around the pipeline.

Installation of Hirakud Stage-III Power Project

*365. **SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total outlay recommended by the Planning Commission for the installation of Hirakud Stage-III (Seventh unit) power project during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) the money spent so far on the installation of the Seventh unit of that power project in Orissa;

(c) the assistance received from Japan for the said project; and

(d) the progress made in the completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI):

(a) to (d). A Statement is given below.

STATEMENT

Installation of Hirakud Stage-III Power Project

(a) Approved outlay in the 7th Five Year Plan for Hirakud Stage-III (7th Unit) hydro-electric project (1 x 37.5 MW) is Rs. 15.81 crores).

(b) The total expenditure incurred on the project upto March, 1988 is Rs. 23.24 crores.

(c) An agreement for OECF (Overseas Economic Cooperation Funds of Japan) loan assistance of Yen 1500 million (equivalent to Rs. 16.3 crores approximately) for implementation of the 7th Unit of Hirakud H.E. Project was signed on 15.10.1981. Disbursement upto March, 1988 was Japanese Yen 1391.84 Million.

(d) Civil works of escape channel and regulator are in progress. Power House superstructure is under construction. Generating unit with 11 KV terminal equipment and hydraulic hoist for penstock gate have

been imported from Australia. Switchyard equipment has been received at site and its erection is in progress.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: I would like to know whether there has been any delay in the implementation of this project. When was it stipulated to be completed and when is it likely to be completed now? If there is delay, what is the reservation consequent thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): Delay is about three years because the State Government could not find adequate resources. It was to be done by OECF and we hope that this will be completed in 1989.

MR. SPEAKER: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

T.V. Transmitters

*353. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of high power and low power T.V. Transmitters functioning in the country;

(b) the total estimated area and population covered by the T.V. transmitters;

(c) whether Wynad district in Kerala is fully covered by the T.V. transmitter at Kalpetta; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to bring the whole of Wynad district under T.V. coverage?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN- TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) to (d). An estimated 4935 lakhs population of the country spread over an area of about 15,69,400 Sq. Kms. falls within the coverage area of the existing Doordarshan network which consists of 51 high power and 221 low power/ very low power TV transmitters. Whereas a substantial part of Wynad district of Kerala is, at present, covered by TV service, on commissioning of the high power (10 KW) TV transmitter under implementation at Calicut (in replacement of the existing low power transmitter), the whole district is expected to be covered, subject to local terrain conditions.

Representation of Journalists on the Board of Directors

*355. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any organisation of journalists has proposed restructuring of the press by suggesting provision of representation to the proprietors as well as journalists both on the board of directors and management as well as the board of editorial policies so as to ensure both the interests of the management as well as freedom of journalism;

(b) if so, what are the concrete proposals; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN- TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Government are not aware of any such proposal.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.