

SHRI KEDAR PANDAY: We are not in a position to take it over just now.

SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: So long as the comments from the State Governments do not come, the Central Government do not act. That means, so long as their comments do not come, the Central Government would not act and we shall continue to suffer floods. Is that the position of the Government of India?

SHRI KEDAR PANDAY: As I have said, we got the report of the Commission on the 21st March, 1980. We sent the report to the respective State Governments on the 19th April, 1980. We have sent reminders, and again we are going to send reminders. When the reactions of the State Governments come, then we shall be taking action.

Suspected Sabotage at Imphal Station of A.I.R.

*24. **SHRI N. E. HORO:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Imphal Station of the All India Radio was off the air throughout the day on 2nd May, 1980 following suspected sabotage in the underground cable system; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The station did not go off the air at all. Due to a fault in the P&T cable linking the studio with the transmitter (reportedly caused by the uprooting of an electric pole), the studio was not able to feed the regular programme to the transmitter on the morning of 2nd May, 1980. The station, therefore, commenced transmission with filler music which was lasted for about 15 minutes. Thereafter the regular programme which

rushed from the studio was put on the air from the emergency studio attached to the transmitter. The P&T cable was repaired on 5th May, 1980 and is in use since then.

SHRI N. E. HORO: Is it a fact that the fault in the cable was due to the uprooting of an electric pole and if so, is that not an act of sabotage?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): No, Sir; it was not an act of sabotage. The fault in the P&T cable is reported to be due to uprooting of a nearby electric pole as a result of a truck colliding with it.

Scheme for Introduction of Coloured Television

*26. **SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined a scheme for phased introduction of colour television in the country; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the technological aspect and financial implications of introducing colour television on a wider scale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b). The feasibility of introduction of colour television in India in a phased manner is under study. Actual implementation will depend on the approval of the scheme by Government as well as availability of funds.

SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: This has been the routine reply of the Government. Can the Government give the information as to when it is going to implement it—the specific date?