

we are satisfied that there is no irregularity at all and the procedure adopted is a perfect procedure. On the other hand, whatever has been done is in the interest of the fertilizer unit.

Mini Television Centre

*334. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up mini television centres at Mangalore, Mercara and Mysore; 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). Proposals are under formulation to have relay TV centres covering a substantial part of South India in the micro-wave communication system. This is likely to cover Mangalore, Mysore and Mercara, when implemented.

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: In view of the answer given that proposals are under formulation to have relay TV centres covering substantial parts of South India, on the micro-wave communication system, will the Minister please state which are the other Centres in Karnataka that are going to be covered by T.V. Centres?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): The most important Centre is of course Bangalore, the capital of Karnataka. In addition, my friend had asked whether Mangalore, Mysore and Mercara will be considered. I would say that Mangalore and Mysore, being directly on the micro-wave system, will be considered first and, later on, Mercara also, which is in between, will be taken up for consideration.

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: I would like to know whether a full-fledged TV Centre at Bangalore will be located in between Mysore and Bangalore to serve the interests of the viewers.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: Sir, how can the TV Centre at Bangalore be located in between Bangalore and Mysore?

SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL: There is lack of TV facility at Ernakulam and Trivandrum. Has it come to the notice of Government, and what steps are being taken to have one at Ernakulam or Trivandrum.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: For Trivandrum, a TV Centre has already been sanctioned and it is in process.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Almost every other day we hear that a relay centre will be established at some place or other in the country. May I know whether there are any broad criteria or a policy for the establishment or creation of these relay centres? Will you permit me also to ask when he is going to have a relay centre in Goa?

SHRI VASANT SATHE: The criterion is that wherever there is a micro-wave system started by the P&T, we want to utilise that micro-wave system for television relay centres as well because it is now technologically possible with a little modification, to utilise the micro-wave system for TV purposes. Wherever this micro-wave system is there, the P&T has already laid some lines, and there are some lines which are proposed in the Plan. We have to place a firm order for having our relay centres of the TV, which we are doing. Therefore the criterion is wherever there is this micro-wave system, we would like to utilise that for TV relay centres. And that is what we are doing. If Goa is linked with micro-wave system, the hon. Member can be hopeful of having a relay station.