

**SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR :** Sir, the Sudarsan Liners Limited was registered on 10th March 1976 in Madras with an authorised capital of Rs. 50 lakhs divided into 5 lakhs equity shares of Rs. 10/- each. I agree that some of those on the management of this concern are also on the management of the Sudarsan Chit Funds.

**SHRI H.N. GOWDA :** Sir, the Minister has admitted that the same persons are on the management of this Company. It is said that whatever money they got by cheating the public through Sudarsan Chit Funds, they are trying to invest here by making good all the money which they have got by Cheating the public. So, I would like to know whether the Government contemplate taking action to attach the properties of this Sudarsan Liners Ltd. by amending the law if need be, so that the public may be repaid the amounts.

**SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR :** No. So far as the question of Cheating by Sudarsan Chit Funds is concerned, Sir, we had undertaken an inspection within the meaning of Section 209A of the Companies Act. Some irregularities have come to the fore and action is being taken for the purpose of eliminating this complaint. Matters have also been brought to the notice of the Reserve Bank of India as also the Department of Economic Affairs.

On the question of what exact dimension this problem should take, this is a matter which would be considered in depth in consultation with the other Ministries concerned.

#### **T.V. Centre at Cuddapah**

\*604. **SHRI K. OBUL REDDY :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal for installation of a T.V. Centre at Cuddapah ;

(b) if not, whether Government propose considering such a proposal, in view of the fact that Cuddapah is a Central place for Rayalaseema area and two neighbouring States of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu ; and

(c) whether Government propose taking up feasibility survey for installing the T.V. Centre at Cuddapah shortly ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI) :** (a) to (c). There is no proposal to set up a T.V. Centre at Cuddapah during the Sixth Plan period (1980-85) due to constraint in resources. The requirements of Cuddapah would be kept in view while formulating future plan for expansion of television.

**SHRI K. OBUL REDDY :** Sir, the Minister has stated in his reply that due to constraint in resources, Cuddapah could not be considered for setting up a TV Centre in the Sixth Plan period. May I know from the hon. Minister whether nay other towns in the country have been selected for TV centres in the Sixth Plan period and the basis or the criterion on which they are selected and the names of the towns selected and whether it is considered that Cuddapah is of less importance than the towns selected ?

**SHRI VASANT SATHE :** As far as T.V. centres are concerned our first objective is to reach all the capital stations. Then we are also taking in our view areas of larger coverage of rural population. For that in the Plan subject to the constraint of resources it is proposed to set up four T.V. centres at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Trivandrum and Gauhati and either relay centres at Kasauli, Murshidabad, Madurai, Kodaikanal, Asansol, Vijayawada, Cuttack, Panaji, Varanasi, during the Plan period 1980-85.

**PROF. N.G. RANGA :** What about Hyderabad ?

**SHRI VASANT SATHE :** Hyderabad is already going on. It has already a station. We are going to make it a full-fledged programme production Centre.

As I said the other day, there is constraint of resources. Although there is heavy demand everywhere that they want T.V. but it has very low priority. I told you the other day that the Total Budget is Rs. 32 crores for the entire Ministry which comes to nearly 48 paise per capita for the whole year and in this we have to do all these things. It is really not possible. Therefore, my friends will have to bear with us, whatever we can do we will definitely try to do.

**SHRI K. OBUL REDDY :** Cuddapah city is situated in Rayalaseema which comprises of five districts with a population of one crore. It is industrially developing many instrument plants. Sugar mills are there. A number of spinning mills and paper mills are being set up and it is trijunctional point between Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamilnadu. In view of its strategic importance and in view of its fast development, will the hon. Minister reconsider and set up a T.V. centre in Cuddapah during the Sixth Plan Period ?

**SHRI VASANT SATHE :** I agree that Cuddapah is an important centre in an important region. Unfortunately it is not covered by the microwave link system of the P & T. Had it been covered that, there could have been some possibility of having a real centre.

**PROF. N. G. RANGA :** What about Tirupati ?

**SHRI VASANT SATHE :** Tirupati is a different case.

As far as Cuddapah is concerned, I may tell my friend, the idea is to service the largest number of people particularly the rural areas. We are

now thinking of upgrading the AIR station at Cuddapah from 20 kw to 100 kw. You will be happy to know that this has been included in the Sixth plan itself. Therefore, you will have to be patient as far as T.V. is concerned.

**श्रीमती ऊषा वर्मा :** टी वी सेंटर के लिये देहात के लोगों को भी बड़ी उत्सुकता रहती है, तो क्या मंत्रों महोदय उत्तर प्रदेश के अन्दर भी यह सेंटर और खोलने की कृपा करेंगे ? मेरे जिले में भी लोगों की बहुत मांग है कि हमारे यहां भी यह सेंटर होना चाहिए ।

**MR SPEAKER :** Question does not arise.

**श्री बलरत्न सठे :** आप का भी विचार करेंगे ।

### Oil exploration Programme

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\*605. **SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH :**  
**SHRI RAMA CHANDRA RATH :**

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the oil exploration work has been going on as per the scheduled programme ;

(b) whether Government have finalised any programme to speed up the oil exploration in the country ;

(c) if so, the details of the programme ; and

(d) the extra funds allocated for the purpose ?

**THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P.C. SETHI) :** (a) Yes, Sir. Except for the set-back caused by the disturbances in Assam last year.

(b) to (c). A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.