

wered by the submissions I have made.

SHRI MOINUL HAQUE CHOU-DHURY: May I know whether any preliminary assessment has been made before committing to this working group in monetary terms as to how much increase or decrease there will be in the size of the Plan? Also, how much time does Government envisage this working group will take in completing its studies?

SHRI D. P. DHAR: If we had come to a preliminary conclusion with regard to the financial size of the Plan, its decrease or possibly increase, then I submit the task of this working group would have been infructuous. I would submit with all respect that we shall have to wait with some patience the conclusions which the working group will arrive at.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: You have a full-fledged Resources Division in the Planning Commission. That cannot even provide a preliminary assessment? We are paying for the Resources Division in the Planning Commission (*Interruption*).

SHRI D. P. DHAR: I feel extremely sad that I have inadvertently caused Shyamnandan Babu to lose his temper.

SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA: No. no (*Interruption*).

SHRI D. P. DHAR: But the truth of the matter is that the Resources Division, for which, as Shyamnandan Babu very correctly and very rightly brought to the knowledge of this hon. House that the exchequer is paying—and it is not doing this work honourably—is exactly engaged in this work. As he had been very kind occasionally to come to the Planning Commission, I will be only too happy to share with him the extent of the work that has already

been done in this regard. But surely he will agree with me that it would be unfair to the hon. members of this House if I come with half-baked figures at this stage. Therefore, I feel that this hon. House would bear with me for a little while more so that I am in a position to give figures which would be reasonable, which would be certain.

TV Stations to be set up during Fifth Plan Period

*43. **SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new T.V. Stations to be set up during the Fifth Plan period and the places at which these Stations are proposed to be set up; and

(b) the total amount proposed to be allocated for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) and (b). The Fifth Plan proposals for development of Television network are under consideration of Planning Commission and have not yet been finalised. It is not possible at present to indicate the outlay for the purpose.

SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: Then I will ask about the Fourth Plan. (a) May I know the progress made in the TV network in the country, amount spent so far and the expenditure likely to be incurred by the end of the Fourth Plan? (b) To what extent have we achieved self-sufficiency in technical know-how? (c) Is there a plan to expand the Delhi TV centre? If so, what is the time

likely to be taken and what are the financial implications involved? (d) Last, but not the least important, is it a fact that in spite of the TV centre at Srinagar, the Pakistan TV network is having a wide coverage in the Kashmir Valley, and if so the steps taken or likely to be taken to improve the TV station at Srinagar so as to increase its range of coverage?

MR. SPEAKER: How does it arise out of this? How is it relevant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): So far as Srinagar is concerned, the station is now functioning as a full station. There has been delay in the completion of the tower because unfortunately the contractors who were given this task have not finished the work. We hope the tower will be completed by September or October.

MR. SPEAKER: I will pass on to the next question.

SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA: My second question is: may I know from the hon. Minister how much rural population is likely to be provided with television facilities by the end of the Fifth Plan? That is part (a), and part (b)... (Interruptions)

SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH: No answer for a relevant question.

MR. SPEAKER: Can you repeat the relevancy about it?

SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH: What is the rural area which will be covered in the Fifth Plan by the TV? It is a very much relevant question.

MR. SPEAKER: He asked about the TV plan in the Fifth Plan. The Minister said: No. Is he treating the

rural areas separately from the main answer. How is this?

SHRI P. G. MAVALANKAR: May I know from the hon. Minister of Information and Broadcasting whether he gave an assurance in writing or orally, to the former Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Ghanashyam bhai Oza that Ahmedabad will get a television station.

MR. SPEAKER: It is a separate question... (Interruptions)

SHRI P. G. MAVALANKAR: Mr. Oza said it in public....

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down; it is not yet finalised. Do not do like this. When the Government spokesmen have said so, I do not see how supplementaries are being evolved out of it.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE The hon. Minister stated previously in this House that a television centre would be established in Kanpur in 1974. . (Interruptions). I am talking of the Fifth Plan.

MR. SPEAKER Who knows? It may come.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE What is the question to ask? I rise on a point of order. We were told in the House that it would come in the Fifth Plan.

MR. SPEAKER Please do not insist.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: What is it: I do not understand. Was my question irrelevant?

MR. SPEAKER: It is not relevant. Next question.