

casting centres at NALCO Nagar and Talcher?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) At present NALCO Nagar receives coverage from Low Power TV transmitter situated at Angul. Talcher does not receive satisfactory signal from High Power TV transmitter at Cuttack due to intervening distance. Primary grade day time radio coverage from 100 KW MW transmitter at Cuttack is available to both Talcher town and NALCO Nagar. However, they do not receive Commercial Broadcasting Service.

(b) Some Proposals have been received from the State Government in this regard from time to time.

(c) Provision of Low Power TV Transmitters and Radio Stations/Broadcasting Centres at NALCO Nagar and Talcher will depend upon availability of adequate financial resources and relative priorities. However, a proposal to establish a local radio station with 2x3 KW FW Transmitter, Multi-purpose Studio, Receiving Facilities and Staff Quarters at Dhenkanal, district headquarters of Talcher & NALCO Nagar has been included in the draft VIII Five Year Plan.

High Power Transmitters for Coastal Areas of Maharashtra and Goa

729. SHRI VAMANRAO MAHADIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a low power TV transmitter has been set up to cover the coastal areas of Maharashtra and Goa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to raise the

capacity of these transmitters for wider coverage; and

(d) if so, the details of time schedule and the additional areas to be covered therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). Whether high power (10 KW) TV Transmitter at Bombay and the low power (100 W) TV Transmitter at Ratnagiri provide service in parts of coastal areas of Maharashtra, the high power (10 KW) TV transmitter at Panaji, besides covering Goa, also provides service to parts of coastal areas of Maharashtra.

(c) and (d). Further expansion of TV service in these coastal areas depends upon availability of funds under future plans for TV expansion. It may, however, be added that the establishment of transmitters of higher power in these areas is not economically viable in view of the terrain conditions.

Development of Tourism

730. SHRI D. AMAT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the new steps that are being considered by Government to develop tourism in the so far neglected parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): The new steps that are being considered by Government to develop tourism in the country including backward areas are as under:—

(i) identification and development of new travel circuits in the country,

(ii) package of incentives for attracting private investment in the tourism sector,