

TV Relay Centre at Nainital

750. SHRI M.S. PAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open a T.V. relay centre at Nainital in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether there is a demand from the people of Kumaon region of Uttar Pradesh to erect H.T. Relay Tower which would feed also the Garhwal region of the Uttar Pradesh hills; and

(c) if so, the time by which it would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) A low power (100W) TV transmitter has already been functioning at Nainital since August, 1984.

(b) Requests to this effect have been received from time to time.

(c) Whereas nine low power/very low power TV transmitters are already functioning in Kumaon region of Uttar Pradesh, another very low power transmitter under implementation at Munsiri would strengthen TV service in this region. Further improvement of TV service in the areas (as also other parts of the country similarly placed) would depend upon the availability of adequate resources for this purpose in the future plans of TV expansion. It may be stated that High Power transmitter in a hilly region is not cost effective proposition.

Variations in Customs duty

751. SHRI R. PRABHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been several changes in the rates of customs duty during the last three months on various commodities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the companies who manufacture these products and the quantity annually manufactured in respect of each case exceeding the value of Rs. 5 crores?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b). The change in the rates of customs duties effected during the last three months have been explained in the explanatory memoranda to the notifications relating to these changes. These notifications are separately being laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The commodities in respect of which there have been major changes in the rates of import duty and in respect of which there is significant production within the country are plastic raw-materials. The main companies manufacturing these raw-materials are Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd., National Organic Chemical Industries Ltd., Chemplast Ltd., Polyolefins Industries Ltd., Polychem Ltd., Hindustan Polymers, Shriram Vinyl and Chemicals industries and DCW Ltd.

The quantity of each of the products of value exceeding Rs. 5 crores manufactured by these companies is not readily available.

Development of Tourist Centre in Idukki, Kerala

752. SHRI PALAI K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand from the people of Kerala to develop the whole high