

[*Translation*]

SHRI BANWARILAL PUROHIT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has not replied to my supplementary. I wanted to know the total strength of the employees and workers of the BHEL group but no reply has been given.

[*English*]

SHRI J. VENGAL RAO: Sir, the total strength of the BHEL all over India is 63,000 workers and 12,000 engineers and officers. The total is 75,000

[*Translation*]

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has stated in his reply that about 80 thousand people are employed in different units of BHEL and about 300 persons have availed of the training facilities. Instead of imparting training to the foreign personnel, the Government should train its own personnel first and about 2000 such personnel should be given training. Will the Government consider enlarging the scope of this scheme?

[*English*]

SHRI J. VENGAL RAO: He is misled by this question and his supplementary is not correct.

S.No.	Station	From	To	Estimated Expenditure (in lakhs)
1.	Allahabad 'A'	1 KW MW	20 KW MW	162.00
2.	Lucknow (VB)	1 KW MW	10 KW MW	111.55
3.	Varanasi	10 KW MW	100 KW MW	159.50
4.	Lucknow	10 KW SW	50 KW SW	254.74

[*Translation*]

SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I respect Shri Krishna Kumar. But I am

We are giving training to the employees of the Electricity Boards and the Corporation. Our BHEL people are already trained experts.

[*Translation*]

Broadcasting Range of A.I.R. Stations in Uttar Pradesh

*477. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to enhance the broadcasting range of some low power A.I.R. Stations in Uttar Pradesh during the next three years,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c). The approved 7th Plan schemes of upgradation of powers of AIR transmitters at 4 Centres in Uttar Pradesh are envisaged to be completed in the next three years. Details regarding upgradation and the estimated expenditure to be incurred on each project are given below:

pained to note that the senior Minister, who also holds the portfolio of Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, is not present in the House to reply to the question although he is in

town. (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: He is equally responsible. Don't worry about that. He is bound to answer according to the norms.

SHRI HARISH RAWAT: He is competent. I know that.

MR. SPEAKER: It cannot be questioned like that. Any Minister from these benches can reply to any question. They are authorised. It does not matter

SHRI HARISH RAWAT: When the senior Minister is present in Delhi, why is he not present here to reply to the question?

MR. SPEAKER: That is not the point here. He can.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: He is referring to propriety.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Absolutely.

SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Technically it may be correct

[*Translatic.*]

SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there are many such low-powered radio transmitters in Uttar Pradesh the range which is limited to a radius of 5 Kms as is the case of transmitters at Agra and Almorah. I would like to know the steps being taken to upgrade such transmitters will these transmitters be upgraded during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

[*English*]

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR: My senior Minister is unavoidably engaged. That is why, he could not come. Ten new transmitters are being put up in Uttar Pradesh in the

Seventh Plan. We have answered in the main question that four transmitters are being upgraded. There is no proposal at the moment to upgrade the particular transmitter which the hon. Member has mentioned.

[*Translation*]

SHRI HARISH RAWAT: There are many areas in Uttar Pradesh where the transmissions of All India Radio do not reach but Chinese transmission is clear. Is there any proposal to install new transmitters in such areas where the transmissions of All India do not reach and if yes, how many such transmitters will be installed in U.P.?

[*English*]

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR: Sir, if I may add, at Almorah the power could not be increased due to technical reasons and so also at Agra. The State of Uttar Pradesh is covered 87 per cent by area and 96 per cent by population by the existing Radio Station. When the Seventh Plan Schemes are completed i.e. when the four Radio Stations are upgraded and 10 new Radio Stations are put up, the coverage will increase to 93 per cent by area and 98 per cent by population. It is true that some of the outside transmissions do reach India. That is a separate question altogether. We have a very comprehensive scheme for monitoring outside transmissions as also strengthening the transmission network in our border areas and for meeting any adverse propaganda against our country through the external transmission.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Sir, the transmission in Calcutta is one of the weakest systems. In the border districts, the All-India Radio transmission from Calcutta cannot be heard. It clashes with the Bangladesh Radio and transmission from Bangladesh Radio is more audible than that of Calcutta. Further, from Delhi, we never get the news items transmitted from Calcutta. The fact is that Calcutta is a big city with very weak transmission system. Will the hon. Minister improve the transmission system so that we can hear the news item?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Only after the change of Government in West bengal it is possible. (*Interruptions*)

SHRIS. KRISHNA KUMAR: At present, there are two transmitter existing in Calcutta- one is a 2.5 kilowatt medium transmitter to be upgraded to 10 kilowatt medium transmitter. This has already been done. Secondly, the 50 kilowatt medium-wave transmitter will be upgraded to 100 kilowatt medium-wave transmitter.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: When?

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR: Before the completion of the Seventh Plan period, it will be done. As the hon. Member is aware, the ranges of the various transmitters vary. That is the technical constraint. It is not necessary that everywhere in India each transmission has to be heard. That is not possible.

SHRI SOMNATH RATH: I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government is going to install a low power Air Station at Berhampur in Ganjam District of Orissa. Sir, Berhampur happens to be the outskirts of Ganjam District. On the one side there is the ocean and on the other side there are these problems. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government instead of installing this station at Berhampur, would think of installing it at Aska which is centrally situated so that all the Districts will be benefited by this AIR Station.

MR. SPEAKER: I don't think it is possible.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI K. KRISHNA KUMAR: I would like to inform the hon. Minister that the location of the new additional infrastructure of All India Radio has been decided after carefully considering the reach of the existing infrastructure and the transmission as also the uncovered areas. I am sure that the location about which the hon. Minister is mentioning has also been decided in that manner. However, we have no objection to look into any particu-

lar grievance the hon. Member has got. If the change of location will improve the overall transmission network and the availability of signals, we are open to his suggestions.

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY: There is a problem relating to Bhubaneswar. If you open Delhi Television, you can see Dhaka. I do not know as to how it can be rectified. But the fact remains. It is disgusting that whenever you open, you can see Dhaka and not Delhi. May I know whether anything could be done here?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Whenever we open, we see the Prime Minister.

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR: As the hon. Member is aware, television or broadcasting signals do not respect international boundaries. But we do have a very comprehensive scheme for strengthening the border telecast system as well as the border broadcasting system. And more than Rs. 100 crores in being spent in the Seventh Plan through three sets of schemes for upgrading the T.V. transmitters in our border areas. Apart from hardware expansion Schemes are being implemented for improving our programmes for the external transmission so that any propaganda from the neighboring countries can be effectively responded to.

Use of Foreign Trade Marks

*478. **SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the reply given on 30 August, 1988 to Starred Question No. 416 regarding use of Foreign Trade Marks and state:

(a) Whether Government have completed the review of the policy of regulating the use of Foreign Trade Marks in the domestic market and taken a decision in the matter;

(b) what is the present policy in this regard; and

(c) the steps proposed to develop and