

Setting up of Doordarshan Centres in Maharashtra

465. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of districts of Maharashtra which have been taken on the map of Doordarshan;

(b) how many Doordarshan centres are proposed to be taken in hand during 1984-85; and

(c) what are the names of these centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) At present, TV service is available in 16 districts of Maharashtra, listed in column 'A' below from TV transmitters at Bombay, Pune and Nagpur. With the implementation of current plan schemes, TV service is expected to be available in additional 16 districts listed in column 'B' below:

A. Districts presently getting TV service in whole or parts

1. Bombay
2. Nagpur
3. Thane
4. Raigarh
- 5. Pune
6. Satara
7. Ahmednagar
8. Ratnagiri

B. Additional districts expected to get TV service at the end of VIth Plan in whole or parts.

1. Wardha
2. Bhandara
3. Amravati
4. Kolhapur
5. Jalgaon
6. Chandrapur
7. Nasik

8. Aurangabad

9. Yavatmal

10. Akola

11. Parbhani

12. Sangli

13. Osmanabad

14. Nanded

15. Dhule

16. Sholapur

(b) and (c) The following low power TV relay centres are being set up in Maharashtra during the current year:—

1. Sholapur

2. Nasik

3. Kolhapur

4. Aurangabad

5. Sangli

6. Amravati

7. Malegaon

8. Akola

9. Dhule

10. Nanded

11. Ahmednagar

12. Jalgaon

13. Jalna

14. Bhoseval

15. Chandrapur

16. Latur

17. Parbhani

18. Gondiya

Conversion of existing telephone system into electronic system

466. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to convert the existing telephone system into electronics one;

(b) if so, what is the period fixed for this conversion programme; and

(c) which are the telephone exchange® Government have taken in hand for such programme?