

**Setting up of Doordarshan Centres in Maharashtra**

465. SHRI HUSEN DALWAI: Will the 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 8 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. Bhuseval
15. Chandrapur
16. Latur
17. Parbhani
18. Gondiya

**Conversion of existing telephone systems 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 exchanges Government have taken in hand for such programme?