

giving the required details of major overseas contracts signed by M/s. Engineers India Ltd. during the last three years is attached. [See Appendix CXXIV Annexure No. 45]. As per available information the contracts have been executed by M/s. EIL as per schedule and to the satisfaction of the clients. Overseas work is undertaken primarily with a view to gain experience in international contracting work as well as to earn foreign exchange. This strategy will continue to be followed in future.

(d) and (e) A statement containing the available information about the bids which are currently being processed for overseas projects is attached [See Appendix CXXIV, Annexure No. 46]. While the market for overseas contracts has become increasingly competitive, the Company hopes to secure some overseas business in the coming years particularly in the countries where it has already established contracts such as Algeria, Abu Dhabi, Malaysia etc.

Setting up of T. V. Station at Jammu

555. SHRI DHARM CHANDER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 300 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th July, 1982 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconsider the issue of setting up of a T.V. station at Jammu in view of Jammu's strategic position and the fact that Srinagar T.V. Station's programmes are not visible on T.V. sets in Jammu city;

(b) whether it is a fact that Jullundur T.V. station plays only Dogri music records for 20 minutes in a month, while Srinagar T.V. station allots 30 minutes for Dogri programmes in one month; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase the TV. programmes in Dogri from T.V. stations at Srinagar and Jullundur for the Jammu public?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN): (a) It has been de-

cided to set up a Low-Power T.V. receive-cum-relay system at Jammu before the Asian Games.

(b) No, Sir. Jullundur and Srinagar Kendras both telecast 15 minutes programme in Dogri every week.

(c) With the present limited resources, it is not possible to increase Dogri language programmes from either Jullundur or Srinagar.

T. V. net-work scheme for all villages

556. SHRIMATI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a comprehensive scheme to bring all the villages in the country under the T.V. net-work;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the cost involved in the scheme; and

(d) by when all the villages will be brought under the T. V. net-work?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN): (a) and (b) Plans for extending T.V. coverage to rural as well as urban areas are prepared in a phased manner, depending on availability of resources. At present, the T.V. service covers about 52,500 villages with a population of about 670 lakhs. With the completion of the Sixth Plan T.V. projects the number of villages getting Television service is expected to be about 1.4 lakhs with a population of about 1500 lakhs.

(c) and (d) The cost involved in bringing all the villages in the country under T.V. network will depend on the mode of its expansion and prevailing prices at the time of implementation. The time schedule for covering all the villages will thus depend on the future availability of resources