

अन्तर्गत गोरखपुर में भी दूरदर्शन केन्द्र स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव है।

वाराणसी और गोरखपुर में दूरदर्शन रिले केन्द्र क्रमशः 190 लाख रुपये और 179 लाख रुपये की अनुमानित लागत से मंजूर किए गए हैं।

(ख) वाराणसी में स्थान का अधिग्रहण कर लिया गया है। भवन के नक्शे तैयार किए जा रहे हैं। उपकरणों के लिए आर्डर दे दिए गए हैं।

गोरखपुर केन्द्र के लिए स्थान का चयन किया जा रहा है। ट्रांसमीटर के लिए आर्डर दे दिया गया है।

#### **Abolition of Licence Fee on Three Band Radios and Levy of One-time Fee on T.V.**

2458. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received certain suggestions regarding abolition of licence fee on three band radios and levy of one-time fee on T.V. ;

•(b) whether the suggestions received in this respect have since been evaluated; and

(c) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government do not propose to abolish the existing licence fees on 3-band radios. However, the financial, administrative,

etc. Implications of the suggestions received for one-time levy on T.V. sets are in the process of evaluation.

#### **News-Item under the Caption 'Bihar curbs on Press soon'**

2459. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi of July 28, 1982, under the caption 'Bihar curbs on Press soon'; and

(b) if so, what action is proposed to be taken by the Central Government in the matter in view of the Constitutional right of freedom of the press ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have seen the said news-item.

(b) The news-item does not call for any action. However, it may be reiterated that the Government firmly believes in the freedom and autonomy of the Press consistent with the highest professional standards and ethics in the discharge of its functions.

2460. [Transferred to the 5th August 1982]

#### **Television Net-Work for Orissa**

2461. SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) by when the whole State of Orissa is likely to be covered by television net-work; and

(b) whether Government are contemplating to enter into arrange-

ments with television net-works of U.S.A. and U.K. for coverage of their features in Indian television ?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :**

(a) Plans for expansion of TV are drawn in a phased manner depending upon the availability of resources and taking into account the relative priorities. Various factors such as extent of coverage of rural and urban population and border, remote and backward areas, are also taken into account. In view of this, it is difficult to indicate a time-frame by which the whole State of Orissa would be covered by T.V.

(b) No, Sir.

**T.V. Centre for Bhuvaneshwar/ Cuttak**

2462. **SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open a T.V. Centre at Bhuvaneshwar/Cuttack in Orissa;

(b) if so, by when it will start functioning; and

(c) what will be its area of coverage and what types of programmes will be included for this T.V. Centre?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE) :**

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A 10 KW TV transmitter is being set up at Cuttack during VIth Plan. This is expected to be commissioned by 1984-85. A Programme Production Centre exist at Cuttack.

There is a proposal to set up a Programme Production Centre at Bhuvaneshwar. Selection of the site for this Centre is in hand.

(c) The 10 KW TV transmitter at Cuttack, will cover an area of 15,400 Sq. Kms. with a service range of about 70 Kms. Programmes of common interest including entertainment, education, information etc. will be produced and put out from Cuttack.

**Publication of Prime Minister's Speeches**

2463. **SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Publications Division have published two volumes of the speeches of the Prime Minister and have plans to publish the third; if so, what are the years of original publication and subsequent editions ;

(b) the numbers of copies published so far upto 1st April, 1982 and the price thereof;

(c) whether any royalty has been paid to the Prime Minister; if so, the amounts paid financial year-wise upto the year 1981-82;

(d) whether similar royalty has been paid for the speeches of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan and other former Presidents, Prime Ministers and Ministers; if so, what are the particulars thereof; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for payment of royalty to the present Prime Minister?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**