

**Countering misinformation campaign in insurgency-hit areas**

2330. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to counter the Pakistani-sponsored misinformation campaign being spread in insurgency-hit regions;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government is also planning to install high-powered transmitters for Doordarshan and AIR in the terrorist affected areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof with the expenditure to be incurred on TV and FM transmitters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN): (a) and (b) There are reports that anti-India propaganda is received in the State of Jammu & Kashmir from across the border. All India Radio Stations and Doordarshan Kendras located in the border areas are actively engaged in planning and mounting programmes on a regular basis to counter the misinformation campaign by the neighboring countries.

(c) and (d) The Government has approved a scheme amounting to Rs.100 crore for strengthening the transmission of broadcasting signals in border areas of J&K. The details of the scheme are given below:

- I. Setting up of HPTs (10 kW each for Doordarshan and AIR) at three new locations, one each in three regions of J&K viz. *Srinagar, Leh and Jammu*.
- II. Setting up of 10 kW FM HPT at existing TV site at Naushera.
- III. Setting up of 2 nos. of 5 kW TV HPT at existing AIR site at Rajouri.
- IV. Setting up of 4 nos. of Low Power 100 watt FM Transmitter at existing sites in Leh Region.

**Amendments in the Cable Television Networks Regulations Act**

2331. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: