

### Installation of a T.V. Station at Ahmedabad

64. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1451 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th March, 1979 and state:

(a) the progress made for the installation of a full-fledged T.V. station at Ahmedabad;

(b) whether any final selection for the site has been made, if so, what is the exact location;

(c) whether ISRO will also continue its T.V. programme independent of the new T.V. Station or will it be co-ordinated with the new T.V. station; and

(d) by what time the new T.V. station in Ahmedabad is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI LAL K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) After a detailed survey, a site has tentatively been selected near Thaltaj for setting up the T.V. Station at Ahmedabad. Action is on hand to obtain clearance from concerned authorities for siting the transmitter at this place. The TV station is expected to become operational in 1982-83. As regards ISRO, the question of continuance of its association with Doordarshan in the matter of programme production after the TV station is set up at Ahmedabad will be considered at the appropriate time keeping in view the requirements of the service.

### Production of Coal

65. SHRI CHADALAVADA VENKATARAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target fixed for the production of coal during the last year has been fully achieved; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) During the year 1978-79, against the revised production target of 106 million tonnes output was 102 million tonnes of coal. Even this level of production resulted in addition to pit-head stocks of 5 million tonnes of coal from November, 1978 to March, 1979.

(b) The production during the year 1978-79 fell short of the target due to power failure, absenteeism, heavy rains, labour unrest, shortage of explosives etc.

### Development of oil industry with the Soviet Assistance

66. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had visited the Soviet Union in the month of May, 1979 and discussed matters relating to the development of oil industry in the country and supply of crude oil and petroleum products to India; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the discussion?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The purpose of the visit to USSR was to explore possibilities for enhanced cooperation in the field of