

Houses for the coal miners

1790. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for providing housing facilities to the coal miners working under the Coal Mines Authority during the Fifth Five Year Plan; and

Ob) if so, how many houses are built for the workers till now since the mines were taken over by the Coal Mines Authority?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A Five Year Plan for the construction of houses has been prepared by Coal Mines Authority. The information regarding the total number of houses built so far after nationalisation is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Expansion programme of T.V. during Fifth Plan

1791. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the television expansion programme during the Fifth Five Year Plan; and

(b) whether Nagpur and Auranga-bad are included in the programme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) TV Stations at Delhi, Bombay (with Relay Centre at Poona), Srinagar and a transmitting station at Amritsar are already functioning. TV Stations are also

being set up at Madras, Lucknow (with a Relay Centre at Kanpur), Calcutta (with two Relay Centres near Midnapur and Asansol) and Jul-lundur (with a Relay Centre at Kausauli) as part of the Fourth Five Year Plan.

In addition, subject to availability of funds, three programme originating TV Stations at Patna, Cuttack and Hyderabad and a few relay Centres attached to them are also proposed to be set up as part of the Fifth Plan to provide continuity of TV Service to areas, which will be served by the Satellite Instructional Television Experiment.

(b) No, Sir.

Distribution System of essential commodities

1792. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

SHRIMATI SUMITRA G. KULKARNI:

SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up an elaborate distribution system for catering to the needs of vulnerable sections of the society; and

(b) if so, what are the broad details of the contemplated scheme and the steps being taken to lay down the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): (a) No, Sir.

Ob) Does not arise.