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| Beef & Buffalo Meat | 0.14860 | 0.00 |
| Poultry chicken | 0.45163 | 16.40 |
| Pork | 0.04306 | 12.03 |
| e. Condiments & Spices | 0.66233 | 31.96 |
| Black pepper | 0.02292 | 17.17 |
| Chillies(dry) | 0.18866 | 7.63 |
| Turmeric | 0.07650 | 211.39 |
| Cardamoms | 0.02494 | 105.15 |
| Ginger(dry) | 0.02991 | 35.45 |
| Betelnuts | 0.13381 | 11.76 |
| Cummin | 0.10288 | 31.68 |
| Garlic | 0.05905 | 59.60 |
| Corriander | 0.02366 | -38.97 |
| f. Other Food Articles | 0.23927 | 17.51 |
| Tea | 0.15739 | 19.95 |
| Coffee | 0.08188 | 13.95 |
| Food Articles | 15.40246 | 20.04 |

Doordarshan tower at Chirgaon in Himachal Pradesh

†*162. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the villages under tehsil Chirgaon, district Shimla, Himachal Pradesh are not covered by Doordarshan;

(b) whether tower installed in Chirgaon is of very low power transmission capacity and inspite of receiving representations from about 20 Gramparadhans and different institutions, Ministry has ignored their requests for increasing its capacity and changing its location;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether in response to question asked by former MP of Shimla, Ministry has not taken any action due to incorrect information provided by concerned officers without conducting any on-the-spot inspection; and

(d) if so, remedial action to be taken by Government after conducting an inspection in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) As informed by Prasar Bharti, a Very Low Power TV transmitter (VLPT) of 10 Watt power is functioning at Chirgaon. The site where VLPT, Chirgaon is located was selected from the point of view of optimum coverage. Normal coverage range of a VLPT is about 5 to 6 Kms. TV signals get obstructed due to intervening hills / other structures etc. Coverage of VLPT, Chirgaon is limited due to hilly terrain in the area. Whereas Chirgaon township is reported to be adequately covered, some nearby villages do not receive coverage. Representations for shifting of the VLPT from its present site had been received in the past and examined. Shifting of VLPT, Chirgaon from its present site has not been considered practicable. In case, the transmitter is shifted from its present site, some areas presently covered by the transmitter will not receive the signal.

Areas uncovered by terrestrial transmitters, all over the country have been provided with multi channel TV coverage through Doordarshan's free to air DTH service "DD Direct Plus", signals of which can be received throughout the country with the help of small sized dish receive units. New transmitters for expansion of terrestrial coverage are now not envisaged. There is no scheme either to increase the capacity of the present VLPT at Chirgaon or to shift it from the present site.

In the past also questions have been raised in both houses of parliament regarding coverage of Chirgaon tehsil, district Shimla by Doordarshan and it was informed that the location of VLPT Chirgaon was selected from the point of view of optimum coverage. Some requests from village panchayats in Chirgaon tehsil for shifting of VLPT Chirgaon from its present location to another location were received but the VLPT was not shifted as this was likely to result in some areas losing the TV coverage presently available there.

Poaching activity near Sariska wildlife sanctuary

*163. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: