

Besides, Tripura is eligible for all the three Incentive Schemes viz., Transport subsidy, 10 % Central Subsidy and Concessional Finance from Financial Institutions for industries to be set up there. Establishment of a jute mill in the State has been accepted in principle and the State Government has been requested to prepare a feasibility report. It is hoped that as a result of these measures some new industries will be set up in the State in the near future.

BROADCASTING FACILITIES

978. SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON :
SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA :

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

(a) whether Government propose to change its policy towards the opposition parties by providing them broadcasting facilities through AIR ; and

(b) if so the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) and (b) AIR does not invite persons for broadcast on the basis of their political affiliations. Persons for broadcast are chosen from all walks of life, including members of opposition parties, according to programme requirements and on the basis of their suitability and availability.

The opposition point of view is and will continue to be presented within limits by the

979. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jodhpur Station of the A. I. R. does not broadcast its own original programmes ; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Jodhpur Station has no budget allotments of its own ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) and (b) Jodhpur Station of AIR originates

a daily programme of 30 minutes' duration besides relaying programmes from Jaipur Station. It has its own budget allotment.

TRANSMISSION BY UDAIPUR STATION OF A.I.R.

980. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the reasons for the A. I. R. Station at Udaipur not transmitting any programmes in the morning and afternoon hours ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : The present technical facilities available at the Udaipur Station of the A. I. R. do not permit transmission of programmes in the morning and afternoon hours in addition to the evening programme. A scheme to provide certain studio and other facilities during the current Plan is, however, under implementation. This Scheme when implemented, will enable the Station to start transmissions in the morning and afternoon, and also originate some programmes at Udaipur.

981. [Transferred to the 25th August, 1972]

TRANSMITTER FOR SURATGARH

982. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish a 50 K. W. Transmitter at Suratgarh for border areas ; and

(b) if so, what is the target date for its operation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) A project for installation of a medium power transmitter at Suratgarh is under implementation.

(b) The transmitter is expected to be commissioned in 1974-75.