

of cloud microphysical properties needed to study the physical plausibility that hygroscopic cloud seeding could have produced a change in a "seeded" cloud segment when compared to a "non-seeded" cloud segment. Sufficient data was collected by the scientists and efforts are on to document the. changing environmental conditions that determine the suitability of clouds for cloud seeding and to determine the optimal methods to target the potential clouds. Efforts during the observational campaign are directed to measure effects of cloud seeding on cloud microstructure as well through employing aircraft and ground radar.

Live telecast of assembly proceedings of Gujarat

2831. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has received detailed proposal from the Speaker of Gujarat State Assembly in regard to live telecast of State Assembly proceedings on DD Ahmedabad and Rajkot on the pattern of the other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of that proposal;

(c) whether that proposal has been considered by the Ministry, so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the said proposal would be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHARY MOHAN JATUA): (a) to (e) Prasar Bharati has informed that a proposal from Speaker of Gujarat State Assembly for live telecast of State Assembly proceedings on Doordarshan was received by Doordarshan Kendra, Ahmedabad in 2007. The proposal could not be approved as per the existing policy. However, Doordarshan Kendra, Ahmedabad is telecasting sponsored programme of the question hour proceedings produced by the Public Relation Department of Gujarat Government from time to time.

Vacancies in AIR and Doordarshan in NER and J&K

2832. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts are lying vacant in AIR and Doordarshan