

Linking of Districts with Calcutta by Microwave System

2344. SHRI PALAS BARMAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in West Bengal not yet Linked with Calcutta by Microwave system;

(b) whether an Ultra-High Frequency Microwave system was recently shifted from Balurghat after commissioning;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether there is any plan to re-establish the same is at Balurghat in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Three districts have not yet been connected by Microwave system.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) does not arise.

(d) Malda-Balurghat UHF scheme is under execution and is scheduled for commissioning by March, 1990.

TV Reception in Konkan Region of Maharashtra

2345. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been consistent complaints from the television viewers from Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts of Konkan region of Maharashtra about the hazy reception of television programmes;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to redress

the grievances of these TV viewers; and

(c) by which time TV reception will be normalised in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L.BHAGAT) : (a) Complaints about the hazy reception of TV programmes in parts of this area have been received from time to time.

(b) and (c). A low power TV transmitter is at present functioning at Ratnagiri. The coverage of the transmitter is somewhat limited due to local terrain conditions. The High Power TV transmitter at Panaji provides service to a substantial part of Sindhudurg district. However, certain areas remain uncovered due to intervening distance and terrain conditions. Provision of TV service to uncovered parts of Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts as also other similarly placed areas of the country would depend upon availability of resources in future plans of TV expansion.

Postal Delivery Vans in Goa

2346. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of postal delivery vans available to the Goa Postal Division;

(b) whether these vans are absolutely inadequate for the quantum of mail presently being handled there;

(c) whether any demand for more vans has been placed by Goa Division; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI