

Employment Generation by Scheme of Road Construction

500. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the immense possibilities of employment generation by a comprehensive scheme of road construction; and

(b) if so, the actual plans and programmes of Government for Road construction and the States covered by the Plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A provision of Rs. 683 crores in the Central Sector and Rs. 1500 crores in the State Sector has been tentatively made in the 1978-83 plan for roads for the country as a whole. This Plan has, however, yet to be finalised.

Installation of More Powerful Transmitters in A.I.R.

501. SHRI P. KANNAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether transmitters of All India Radio are far weaker than their counterparts in neighbouring countries like Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to ensure more powerful transmitters in keeping with expanding needs of the country?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) The latest available information in regard to the power and number of transmitters of India and the neighbouring countries is given in the attached statement.

(b) The following schemes are under implementation for improving the medium wave transmitter power of radio stations:—

(i) Upgradation of Srinagar Transmitter from 20 Kw to 200 Kw.

(ii) Upgradation of Shillong Transmitter from 1 Kw to 100 Kw.

(iii) Upgradation of Aijawl Transmitter from 10 Kw to 20 Kw. In addition, there is a proposal in the draft Roll-on-Plan (1978-83) to upgrade the power of 12 medium wave transmitters.

Statement

Medium Wave Transmitters

	1000 KW	750 KW	500 KW	300 KW	200 KW	150 KW	120 KW	100 KW	50 KW	25 KW	20 KW less
India	2							13	12		97
Sri Lanka.									2	2	11
Bangala Desh .	1		..					1			15
Nepal							1
Pakistan .	1	1	..	2	..	1	2	2			11
China			1	4	8	3	65	104			About 700

Short Wave Transmitters

	250 KW	200 KW	150 KW	120 KW	100 KW	50 KW	35 KW	20 KW & less
India	2				7	2		21
Sri Lanka					4		4	11
Bangla Desh	1			5
Nepal	2			1
Pakistan	2			..	5	2		6
China								Information Not Available.

Financial and Technical Assistance for Development of Backward Area of Ramnadapuram

502. SHRI P. THIAGARAJAN:
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the precise role played by the Central Government in the development of the backward area of Ramnadapuram District in Tamil Nadu indicating the quantum of financial assistance, technical assistance granted during last three years and the current year;

(b) whether Government have studied the immense possibilities of manufacturing useful products from the Palmyrah trees which are found in abundance in this District; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken for development of such manufactures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.

छतरपुर मध्य प्रदेश में औद्योगिक केन्द्रों का खोला जाना

503. श्री लक्ष्मी नारायण नायक :
क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या चालू वर्ष में छतरपुर जिले में एक औद्योगिक केन्द्र स्थापित करने का काम शुरू कर दिया गया है और कौन कौन से उद्योग शुरू कर दिये गये हैं ;

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती आशा मयती) : जिला उद्योग केंद्रों को केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित योजना के अन्तर्गत स्वीकृत किए गए जिलों में से मध्यप्रदेश का छतरपुर जिला भी है। इससे पूर्व यह जिला ग्रामीण उद्योग परियोजना कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत था तथा अनेक प्रकार के लघु और ग्रामीण उद्योगों को ग्रामीण उद्योग परियोजना कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत प्रोत्साहन एवं सहायता दी गयी।