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Pinjore Aviation Club (Haryana) February, 1982	2	5.50	6.73	5.77
Hissar Aviation Club (Har.) 1968	6	6.63	6.11	5.77
Jamshedpur Gliding Club (Bihar) 1988	2	0.74	1.88	3.32
Bihar Flying Instt., Gliding wing, Ranchi (Bihar) 1996	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
Government Gliding Centre, Pune (Maharashtra)	13	Complete budget is borne by Government (DGCA)		
Ludhiana Aviation Club, Gliding wing (Punjab) 1.3.1977	2	2.15	1.04	1.45

[Translation]

LPT/Studio, Maharashtra

4230. SHRI HANSRAJ AHIR :

SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA :

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

(a) whether some low power transmission centres in Gadchiroli-Chandrapur, Maharashtra have not yet become functional despite the completion of their construction;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether a demand has been received by the Government to set up TV tower at Jawhar in District Thane, Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the time by which these are likely to become functional?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Though the Low Power T.V. Transmitter projects at Sironcha and Aheri in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra are technically ready, these projects could not be commissioned into service pending sanction of staff by the competent authorities for operation and maintenance of these projects. There is, at present, no L.P.T. project under implementation in Chandrapur district of Maharashtra.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

[English]

Relay Centre in Gujarat

4231. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Doordarshan relay centres in Gujarat at present, capacity-wise;

(b) whether these centres are sufficient for the coverage of the entire population of the State; and

(c) if not, the action proposed to be taken by Government to increase the number of capacity of these centres in the State?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) 46 TV transmitters of varying capacity, including 5 High Power TV transmitters, 39 Low Power TV transmitters and Very Low Power TV transmitters, are presently operational in the State of Gujarat.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) With a view to further improve TV service in the State of Gujarat, 15 transmitters of varying capacity, including 1 HPT (permanent set-up), 13 LPTs and 1 VLPT, are presently under implementation in the State. In addition to these projects, 5 HPTs, 8 LPTs/VLPTs are envisaged to be set up in the State subject to availability of resources and other infrastructural facilities.

Exploration of Mines to Private Sector

4232. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :

DR. A.K. PATEL :

DR. ASIM BALA :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of mine workers are being exploited throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has liberalised foreign equity participation in mining sector;

(d) if so, the terms and conditions thereof;

(e) whether the Government have chalked out any programme before handing over the mines to private sector; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (b) As per the information available, the mineral sector employs about 8 lakh persons. The interests of the