

Title: Need to set up an H.P.T. Relay Station at Panhala Hill Station in Kolhapur District, Maharashtra-Laid.

SHRI SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK (KOLHAPUR) : The issue of converting the present Low Power Transmitter Relay Centre at Kolhapur Panhala Hill into High Power Transmitter Relay Station is pending with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for the last 15 years. The present Low Power Transmitter Relay Station at Kolhapur Panhala Hill Station has a coverage area capacity of 15 km. Kolhapur district has a rich cultural heritage. Kolhapur is one of the most progressive district of Maharashtra having population of 30 lacks as per the Census and nearly 10 Tehsils cover the hilly areas. Kolhapur is the main Karmabhoomi of Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj and also great film maker late Shri V. Shantaram. However, today the local artists and folk-artists have little scope to display their talents through media of T.V. and Akashwani. Prasar Bharti has infrastructure of Akashwani Kolhapur at Panhala Hill Station. This HPT Centre will have wider coverage of Doordarshan programmes in neighbouring districts of Sangli, Satara, Ratnagiri and Belgaon etc.

Sir, I therefore, request the Union Government for immediate sanction of High Power Transmitter Relay Station for Kolhapur at Panhala Hill Station.