

**Title: Need for early commissioning of T.V. Relay Centre by installing an LPT at Basanti in Sunderbans, West Bengal -Laid.**

**SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL (JOYNAGAR) :** I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the delay in commissioning of TV Relay Centre by installing an LPT at Basanti in Sunderbans in the district of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal. In 1996 the Government took a decision to start a TV Relay Centre at Basanti. Subsequently accommodation was taken by Doordarshan. But I regret to say that till date the Relay Centre has not started functioning. With reference to my Unstarred Question No. 65914 dated 31.08.2001 the Information and Broadcasting Minister quoting Prasar Bharati replied that the Low Power TV transmitter at Basanti is functional since March, 1997 which is not correct. The installation of a Low Power TV transmitter is essential as the visibility of TV programmes in Sunderbans is very poor. Since Bangladesh is nearer and its TV programmes have a better visibility the people are forced to watch the Bangladesh TV programmes.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to ask the Prasar Bharati to start the Relay Centre without any further delay...(Interruptions)

**उपाध्यक्ष महोदय:** आप बैठ जाइए। (Interruptions)

**उपाध्यक्ष महोदय:** मैं आपकी बात सुनूंगा। पहले आप बैठ जाइए।...(Interruptions)

**MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER:** One by one, I will hear. ...(Interruptions)

**MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER:** The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2002 at 11 a.m.

**16.03 hrs**

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock  
on Thursday, March 14, 2002/Phalguna 23, 1923 (Saka).*