

Title: Need to set up LPTs in Satara and Sangli districts in Maharashtra with a view to enabling clear reception of television signals.

SHRI SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL (KARAD): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, Mahabaleshwar, Jawali and Patan tehsils in Satara district and Shirala tehsil in Sangli district of Maharashtra are parts of western ghats and of Sahayadri range. Due to hilly area, the valleys of these tehsils do not receive good signal quality of national telecast. Hence, signals received from HPT at Satara and HPT at Panhala are of poor quality hampering the audibility and visibility of the picture. Kandati, Medha and Kudal valleys in Jawali tehsil; Caphal, Tarale, Dhebewadi and Koyananagar valleys in Patan tehsil; and Shirala valley in Shirala tehsil do not receive good reception. There are a number of accessible and favourable coverage spots at which LPTs can be installed. Population of Jawali tehsil is about 1,35,000; population of Patan tehsil is about 3,00,000; population of Mahabaleshwar tehsil is about 60,000; and population of Shirala tehsil is about 2,00,000. Preliminary surveys of favourable sites should be made on priority for installation of LPTs so that long pending demand for good quality reception can be fulfilled.