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**Development of Certain Places in North Bihar**

5733. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government for the development of tourist centres in North Bihar; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to develop Sitamarhi (Punora-Purayarai), the birth place of Sita, Balirajgarh, Kalyaneshwar (Kalna), the first gate of old Janakpur and Gautamkund, the place of Gautam, the founder of Nayaya Shastra, Ahilyasthan, Bishpi, the birth place of Vidyapati, the famous Sanskrit and Maithli poet, Asuagarh, Vaishali etc. old historic places as tourist centres?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b). The development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of State Governments. The Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the State Government has included Sitamarhi and Vaishali in the three travel circuits.

No proposals have been received from the State Government for development of the other mentioned places.

**Installation of H. P. T. V. Transmitter at Banswara**

5734. SHRI HEERA BHAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the T.V. transmitter installed in Banswara district of Rajasthan is of very low power and its range in 25 kms. only;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to instal a high power transmitter in the said area having range of 150 kms; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). A low power (100 W) T. V. transmitter operating on UHF Band has been commissioned at Banswara district of Rajasthan with a view to providing TV Service to the district headquarter town of Banswara. The transmitter has a range of about 15 KMs including fringe areas where satisfactory reception is possible by use of elevated antennae and boosters etc.

(c) and (d). There is, at present, no approved scheme for replacing the existing Low Power Transmitter by a High Power one in Banswara district.

**Doordarshan Kendra and Studio for Patiala**

5735. S. ATINDER PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Doordarshan Kendra and full-fledged studio at Patiala in view of its rich cultural and historical heritage in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). At present, there is no proposal to set up a TV Studio Centre at Patiala. However, virtually whole of Patiala district, including Patiala town, falls within