

TV Relay Centre at Nainital

750. SHRI M.S. PAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open a T.V. relay centre at Nainital in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether there is a demand from the people of Kumaon region of Uttar Pradesh to erect H.T. Relay Tower which would feed also the Garhwal region of the Uttar Pradesh hills; and

(c) if so, the time by which it would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) A low power (100W) TV transmitter has already been functioning at Nainital since August, 1984.

(b) Requests to this effect have been received from time to time.

(c) Whereas nine low power/very low power TV transmitters are already functioning in Kumaon region of Uttar Pradesh, another very low power transmitter under implementation at Munsiri would strengthen TV service in this region. Further improvement of TV service in the areas (as also other parts of the country similarly placed) would depend upon the availability of adequate resources for this purpose in the future plans of TV expansion. It may be stated that High Power transmitter in a hilly region is not cost effective proposition.

Variations in Customs duty

751. SHRI R. PRABHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been several changes in the rates of customs duty during the last three months on various commodities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the companies who manufacture these products and the quantity annually manufactured in respect of each case exceeding the value of Rs. 5 crores?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b). The change in the rates of customs duties effected during the last three months have been explained in the explanatory memoranda to the notifications relating to these changes. These notifications are separately being laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The commodities in respect of which there have been major changes in the rates of import duty and in respect of which there is significant production within the country are plastic raw-materials. The main companies manufacturing these raw-materials are Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd., National Organic Chemical Industries Ltd., Chemplast Ltd., Polyolefins Industries Ltd., Polychem Ltd., Hindustan Polymers, Shriram Vinyl and Chemicals industries and DCW Ltd.

The quantity of each of the products of value exceeding Rs. 5 crores manufactured by these companies is not readily available.

Development of Tourist Centre in Idukki, Kerala

752. SHRI PALAI K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand from the people of Kerala to develop the whole high

range district of Idukki as a major tourist centre;

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):(a) to (c). No such proposal has been received from the State Government of Kerala.

[*Translation*]

Newsitem "ITDC Karmiyon Ne Hotelon Par Dharna Dia"

753. **SHRI SHIV SHARAN VARMA:** Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "ITDC Karmiyon Ne Hotelon Par Dharna Dia" appearing in the "Navbharat Times" of 13 February, 1990;

(b) if so, the main demands of the I.T.D.C. employees; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main demands of the employees was early implementation of memorandum of Understanding signed by ITDC

Management with trade unions on wage revision of hotel workers.

(c) Government has since issued necessary sanction for the revision of wages.

[*English*]

Setting up of Hotels in Maharashtra

754. **SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL:** Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hotels set up in Maharashtra during 1987-88 and 1988-89, region-wise;

(b) whether Government have decided to set up more hotels in Maharashtra during 1989-90;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to set up hotels in Western Maharashtra during this year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):
(a) On the basis of information available and as obtained from the Government of Maharashtra, a statement indicating the hotels set up in Maharashtra during 1987-88 and 1988-89 has been prepared and is given in the statement below.

(b) and (c). Government does not have any plans to itself set up hotels in Maharashtra during 1989-90.

(d) Does not arise.