

**PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA):** (a). Whereas substantial parts of Poonch and Rajouri districts of Jammu and Kashmir fall within the coverage area of the high power (10KW) TV Transmitter at Poonch and the 2X10 W TV transmitter functioning at Rajouri, certain places in these districts do not receive TV service due to the intervening hilly terrain.

(b) Whereas a scheme for the establishment of a TV transposer at Surankot in Poonch district of Jammu & Kashmir is under implementation, it is also envisaged to augment the power of the 10 KW TV transmitter at Poonch to 20 KW. On implementation of these schemes, TV service in Poonch and Rajouri districts will improve.

[*Translation*]

#### **Setting up of high power Doordarshan Transmitters in Bihar**

**870. SHRI JANARDAN TIWARI:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up high power transmitters of Doordarshan to cover northern border areas of Bihar:

(b) whether Government also propose to set up any TV Centre in Bihar for preparing Doordarshan programmes; and

(c) if so, the time by which it will be set up?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA):** (a). Yes, Sir. A high power (10KW) TV transmitter is under implementation at Katihar in Northern Bihar. This is in addition to seven low power transmitters already functioning in the northern border area of Bihar.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The establishment of programme production centres at Patna, Ranchi, Muzaffarpur and Daltonganj are in various stages of implementation in Bihar. Whereas the installation work of the Centre at Muzaffarpur has been completed, those at Daltonganj, Patna and Ranchi are scheduled to be commissioned during 1991-93.

[*English*]

#### **Development of Tourist Places in States**

**871. SHRI GANGA CHARAN LODHI:** Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Union Government to develop tourist places in certain States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):**

(a) and (b). The Department of Tourism provides financial assistance to the States/ Union Territories for strengthening tourism infrastructure in the country, which is extended for construction of wayside facilities, cafeterias, tourist complexes, restaurants, yatri niwases, yatrikas, tourist transport, equipment for adventure sports etc.

#### **Opening of Branches of Regional Rural Banks**

**872. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any restriction for opening new branches under regional rural banks; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):** (a) and (b). No, Sir. The branches of Regional Rural Banks and