

(b) if so, what are they and with what result, so far;

(c) whether Government have taken a final decision to locate the T.V. Station at Ahmedabad instead of at Gandhinagar in Gujarat;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) when are the above-mentioned three new T.V. stations likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). Sites for the TV stations at Trivandrum and Bangalore have been selected finally and the State Governments have been approached for transfer of these sites to Doordarshan. A site for the TV station at Ahmedabad has also been selected and clearance for locating the TV studio and transmitter at this site has been sought from the concerned authorities.

(c) and (d). It is proposed to locate the TV station at Ahmedabad as Gandhinagar is not considered suitable.

(e) The three TV stations are likely to start functioning in the last year of the Sixth Plan (1982-83).

Setting up of more T.V. Relay Centres in U.P.

*30. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering setting up of some more T.V. relay centres in Uttar Pradesh; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the places where and the period within which these centres are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). It is proposed to set up a TV relay centre at Varanasi during the current Plan

period (1978-83). This relay centre will be equipped with a 10 KW transmitter and a 150 metre tower which will provide coverage to an area of 18,000 sq. km. and a population of 72.4 lakhs. It will relay the programmes of the TV centre at Lucknow.

Establishment of T.V. Relay Station for Goa

*37. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to establish a T.V. relay station for Goa;

(b) if so, when will it be established; and

(c) steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c). It is proposed to set up a TV Relay transmitter at Panaji during the current plan period (1978-83). A site has been selected for the purpose at Altinho hill. The State Government has been approached for acquisition and transfer of this land to Doordarshan.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I hope I can say this on behalf of the people of Gujarat and particularly the people of Ahmedabad that we are happy that the TV Centre is after all going to be set up in Gujarat, that is, in Ahmedabad.

May I know whether like Bangalore and Trivandrum, the site at Ahmedabad has been finally 'selected'?

I say this because, in respect of Bangalore and Trivandrum, it has been said that the site has been 'finally selected' whereas in the case of Ahmedabad, it is stated that it is 'selected'. So, I want to know whether it is 'finally selected'. I would