

SHRI K. A. RAJAN: The Planning Commission Study Team has already submitted the report to the Government, that is, Sivaraman Committee Report... (Interruptions). The Government is committed to the scheme irrespective of whether it is Rs. 38.0 crores or Rs. 17.0 crores. But you have not answered the particular question put by me. In the light of the facts, with all my sympathy for the lady, I am not pursuing my question.

SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI: I would request the House to give a full hearing of what I say. I have not said that we have not sanctioned anything... (Interruptions). As recommended by the Planning Commission, a special Central assistance of Rs. 4.31 crores for potential viable coir co-operative societies have already been sanctioned. That I have not denied.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: In the light of the negative reply given by the Minister we are not asking any supplementaries on this. Let it go on record. (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: Why do you get upset? I have already said that the Department should have given the correct figure, because the figure Rs. 38 crores, is wrong. I have been finding it in other such answers also. They give a particular figure, and later on they have said that that figure was wrong. I have already said that it is not correct.

MR. SPEAKER: Q. No. 331.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: Sir, the question No. 342 standing in my name is identical. Will you kindly ask the Minister to take it up with this question?

MR. SPEAKER: Yes, he can answer both.

T.V. Centre in Kerala

***331. SHRI SKARIAH THOMAS:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken final decision to set up a T.V. centre in Kerala State;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be set up; and

(c) the name of the place where the proposed T.V. centre is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c). It has already been decided in principle to set up TV station at Trivandrum. It is proposed to have a single studio set up (with provision to have a second studio later) and a 10 KW transmitter with a 150 metre tower. It will take 3 to 4 years for the completion of the project after the necessary sanctions have been issued.

Installation of T.V. Stations at Ahmedabad and Major Cities

***342. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) when will Ahmedabad and some other major cities in India get a T.V. Station;

(b) why are the decision and implementation in this regard being delayed; and

(c) steps and measures taken by Government to accelerate the process of starting T.V. Stations at Ahmedabad and other cities?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c). A full-fledged T. V. Centre at Jullundur and

a TV relay centre at Kanpur are already under construction. The relay centre at Kanpur is likely to be commissioned shortly. In the Sixth Plan schemes of Doordarshan, there is provision for setting up full-fledged TV Stations at three state capitals, namely, Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Trivandrum, and TV relay centres at eight other places. In addition two approved schemes of the Fifth Plan, namely, the setting up of TV relay centres at Asansol and Kasauli, will also be taken up during the Sixth Plan period. It will take about 3 to 4 years for a TV Station to be set up after the necessary sanctions have been issued. Pending such formalities preliminary action such as selection of suitable sites etc. is already under way in some of these cases including Ahmedabad.

SHRI SKARIAH THOMAS: To part (b) of my question you have answered that it will take 3 to 4 years for the completion of the project, after the necessary sanctions have been issued. I want to know specifically when the necessary sanctions are going to be issued and if you have started any preliminary work; and if so, the details thereof?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI: Sanctions do take some time. It is our endeavour to complete all these projects in the 6th Plan. I have already identified all of them.

SHRI SKARIAH THOMAS: Since Trivandrum is at one end of Kerala and the two other major cities of Kerala, that is, Cochin and Calicut are far away, will the Government consider putting up the station in such a way as to cover the entire State of Kerala; and what is the range of the 10 km. transmitter with 150 metre tower?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI: It would not be possible to cover the entire State

of Kerala with this transmitter in Trivandrum.

AN. HON MEMBER: What is the range?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI: I would not be able to say off hand may be about 80—85 km.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: As the House knows, TV was started in India in 1959. To begin with, it was in Delhi. There after, it took 13 years, to have a second one in Bombay; and then five more full-fledged TV Centres came consecutively in quick succession. They are in Srinagar, Amritsar, Calcutta, Madras and Lucknow. I do not want to give details of other places where relay centres are also functioning. I want to know precisely as to why three major cities—expecting to have the TV Centres in the 6th Plan—namely, Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Trivandrum—were left out of the consideration in these initial 20 years or so? You Mr. Speaker, will be glad to know that Bangalore is also included like Ahmedabad in the 6th Plan. My point is that Ahmedabad is the main city in Gujarat, a border State, and from various points of view it is important to have a T.V. centre started here sooner than elsewhere. Why is it that the previous government and the present Government have delayed the setting up of the T.V. station in Ahmedabad; and, all the more because of the fact that Ahmedabad and Gujarat give to the Government a tremendous amount of revenue in terms of radio licence and T.V. licence fees.

SHRI L. K. ADVANI: As a Minister incharge of this portfolio I would like to have as many T.V. centres as possible. And the original thinking was that during the 6th Plan, it will be possible for us to have centres in all the Capitals, but due to constraint of resources, the Planning Commission has not agreed to any excepting, these three in which Ahmedabad is one. Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Tri-

vandrum are the only State Capitals which have been agreed to, but it is essentially due to constraint of resources that do not make further expansion possible.

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR The hon. Minister has said in his reply that it will take about 3-4 years for a T.V. station to be set up; and he says, in the meantime, preliminary work is going on like selection of suitable site, etc. I wonder, apart from the fact that financial constraints are there, why such a long period of 3-4 years they should take in merely selecting a site and other details? Is it a fact that the opening of a new T.V. centre costs approximately Rs. 4 crores? If Rs. 4 crores is the cost, is it too much in terms of the cost especially when the benefits are too great?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI: It is true that a full fledged T.V. Centre costs around Rs. 4 crores. It is really the experts who determine the total period that is taken.

We do not go in for turn key jobs as many other countries do. We try to do as much indigenously as possible. Therefore, this period has been indicated.

श्री विनायक प्रसाद यादव : मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि टी० वी० सेंटर खोलने का क्या प्रायोजन है ? मैं यह भी निवेदन करना चाहता हूँ कि जब स्टेट कैपिटल में सब जगह उन्होंने प्रथम तक टी० वी० सेंटर नहीं बनाये हैं तो जिला हेडक्वार्टर में टी० वी० सेंटर बनाने का क्या औचित्य है ? मैं मंत्री महोदय का ध्यान बिहार की तरफ खींचना चाहता हूँ, पटना जो कि कैपिटल है वहाँ टी० वी० सेंटर नहीं बनाया गया है, जब कि मुजफ्फरपुर में बनाया गया है । बिहार के लोग कहते हैं कि क्या हर जिले में जहाँ का एज० पी० कमिश्नर होता है, वहाँ टी० वी० सेंटर होना क्योंकि बिहार की कैपिटल पटना में सेंटर न होकर मुजफ्फरपुर में बनाया गया है । मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि टी० वी० सेंटर स्थापित करने का प्रायोजन क्या है ?

श्री सातल कृष्ण साठवाणी प्रश्न मुजफ्फरपुर के बारे में पूछा गया है, मैं सदन में इसका जवाब करना चाहता हूँ मुजफ्फरपुर का निर्णय सदन में नहीं किया, यह पहले हुआ था ।

वहाँ पर काफी काम हो चुका था और बीटा का काम होना बाकी था, जिसको इस सरकार ने पूरा करके वहाँ पर केन्द्र स्थापित कर दिया ।

श्री सातल कृष्ण साठवाणी प्रश्न मंत्री जी ने अभी प्रारम्भिक चरण की कमी के कारण में कहाते हुए भी हर स्टेट की कैपिटल में एक टी० वी० सेंटर खोल नहीं पा रहे हैं, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि मुस्टर क्यों नहीं बनाये जाते हैं, जिस में हमारे सेंट्रल और स्टेट्स २००० के लोगों को फायदा हो सके ? नैनीताल ६ हजार फिट की हाइट पर है, अगर वहाँ पर मसुरी की तरह टी० वी० सेंटर लगाया जाये तो वह समान एरिया का कवर कर सकता है, ऐसा करने में धन भी ज्यादा नहीं लगेगा । और सब लोगों को इस की सुविधा मिल जायेगी । क्या मंत्री महोदय इस तरफ ध्यान देंगे ?

श्री सातल कृष्ण साठवाणी : इस सदन में टेक्नीशियन पर जब भी चर्चा हुई है तो धनक सदस्यों ने यह विचार व्यक्त किया है कि टी० वी० केवल मनोरंजन के लिये नहीं होगा शिक्षा, शिक्षण के लिए भी होगा चाहिए । अगर शिक्षण के लिये बनाना है तो उन के लिये प्रावश्यक है कि प्रोडक्शन सेंटर वही पर हो । मैं सदन को बताना चाहता हूँ कि एक गिने सेंटर लगाने पर भी 1 करोड़ 30 लाख रुपये लगना है, ऐसा नहीं कि बहुत सस्ता हो ।

SHRI VASANT SATHE: I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether a place centrally situated like Nagpur which cover a large area will have to wait till it acquires a 'capital' status to have T.V.? Your objective is to educate the backward and tribal people in the satellite scheme and to have it in Chhatisgarh or round about Nagpur, on merits, deserves to be a T.V. Centre. What is the criteria?

I would like to know, as it costs Rs. 4 crores, if the State Government comes forward to provide Rs. 4 crores, will the Ministry agree to set up a T.V. station at Nagpur?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI: The hon. Member has referred to the coverage of Nagpur and the Chhatisgarh area by the SITE experiment. It is true and after that experiment was discontinued after a period of one year, other stations were planned to be set up under SITE continuity stations and in

that area, the site chosen as SITE continuity station was Raipur in Chhatisgarh area. It was chosen by the earlier Government as the place where the TV station was to be set up. (Interruption) I am merely pointing out that Raipur was chosen as a place for a TV station as a continuity scheme. It is there and it is running. It is in Chhatisgarh. It has been served by that. But the TV transmitter unlike the Radio Station covers a very limited area and so, it is not possible to cover the entire area. At the moment, Nagpur is not under consideration. But after 1981-82, whenever satellite goes in space, perhaps we could consider.

(Interruption)**

MR. SPEAKER: Do not record.

कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड में पूर्णकालिक चेयरमैन और निदेशक के रिक्त पद

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श्री जनार्दन पूजारी :

श्री मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को पता है कि कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड में अनेक उच्च पद काफी समय से रिक्त पड़े हैं, और उनको भरने के लिये अभी तक कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गई है जिसके कारण कोयले के उत्पादन में भारी बाधाएँ खड़ी हो रही हैं;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो पूर्णकालिक चेयरमैन और निदेशक (बाणिज्यिक), निदेशक (कार्मिक) के पद कब से रिक्त पड़े हैं और इनको न भरने के कारण क्या हैं और पूर्णकालिक चेयरमैन का पद रिक्त रखे जाने का क्या औचित्य है;

(ग) क्या सरकार देखे कि कोयले की मांग को ध्यान में रखते हुए और प्रशासनिक आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए इन पदों को तुरन्त भरने के लिए कोई कार्यवाही कर रही है; और यदि हाँ, तो तत्सम्बन्धी व्यापार क्या है ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). No higher posts in Coal India Ltd. have been lying vacant for a long time. The post of Chairman is

being held by the Secretary, Department of Coal in addition to his own duties from 16-9-1976 when the previous Chairman-cum-Managing Director relinquished his charge after the expiry of his term of office. Action has been taken to fill up the post on a permanent basis. The post of Director (Commercial) is not vacant. There is no post of Director (Personnel) in the Coal India Ltd. Coal production has not been affected.

श्री मंगल प्रकाश सिंह: मंत्री महोदय ने बयाने उत्तर में कहा है कि कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड के अध्यक्ष पद को स्थायी रूप से भरने के लिए कार्यवाही की गई है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि अब तक इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है। इस पद को भरने के लिए अब कितना और समय लगेगा और इसके बचन की पद्धति क्या है ?

SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN: Action has been taken and the process is being set in motion. The person will be selected very shortly and will be in position in the next few weeks.

श्री मंगल प्रकाश सिंह: मंत्री महोदय ने यह भी बताया है कि इस पद के रिक्त रहने की वजह से कोयले के उत्पादन पर कोई प्रभाव नहीं पड़ा है। मंत्री महोदय का यह उत्तर ठीक नहीं है। इस लिए मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि 1977-78 और 1978-79 में कोयले का अल्प-अल्प कितना उत्पादन हुआ है—बहु बढ़ा है या कम हुआ है ?

SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN: The coal production has not been affected because the Chairman has not been appointed. Temporarily, the Secretary, in addition to his duties, is the Chairman of the Coal India Ltd. at the moment. With regard to production, in April to November, 1977, the production was 62.01 million tonnes whereas from April to November, 1978, it was marginally up to 62.85 million tonnes. So, that shows that the production has not been affected because of this shortfall in vacancies.

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Continued vacancies at the top in coal India has virtually pushed this