

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) While the programmes on the foreign satellite channels have not had any major impact on the popularity of Doordarshan, concern has been expressed in many quarters about the negative impact of these programmes on the society in general and the youth in particular.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The report submitted by the agency commissioned to study the social impact of television is under examination.

(d) Among the measures taken by Doordarshan in order to cater to the diverse needs of the widest cross sector of its viewers and sustain their interest are the introduction of the regional language satellite service in eleven regional languages, a movie channel - Movie Club, DD-3 Channel and a progressive increase in the terrestrial reach of both the DD-1 and DD-2 channel.

Prices of Coal

*353. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) has recently recommended total decontrol of coal prices of all grades;

(b) if so, the details and the implications thereof;

(c) the details of the other recommendations made by the BICP with regard to coal Sector; and

(d) the reaction of the Government to the recommendations of the BICP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No report or such recommendation of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) has been received recently by the Ministry of Coal.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Apprehension of Terrorists

*364. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of terrorists apprehended in Kashmir and other Eastern sectors during the last two months, State-wise;

(b) the number of such people who escaped from the police custody; and

(c) the Action taken by the Government against the guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B.

CHAVAN) : (a) 356 terrorists were apprehended in J & K during October and November, 1995. The total number of terrorists reported to be arrested in the Eastern States during the last 2 months (11.10.1995 to 13.12.1995) is 308. The break-up is given below :-

Assam	65
Manipur	175
Nagaland	52
Tripura	7
Meghalaya	3
West Bengal	6

(b) 5 terrorists escaped from the JIC in Baramulla in Jammu & Kashmir on 14.11.1995. 2 of them have since been re-arrested.

(c) A case has been registered in respect of the incident in Baramulla. A joint enquiry by the Superintendent of Police (Operations) Baramulla, and a Deputy Commandant of CRPF has also been instituted. In the meanwhile, based on preliminary enquiries 4 persons, including the SHO of JIC Baramulla and the Guard Commander have been placed under suspension. The driver of the truck in which the militants had escaped has also been taken into custody. Steps have been taken to strengthen vigilance and the security arrangements further, to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future. Vigorous action is continuing to arrest the remaining escaped terrorists.

Pending Projects

*365. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of coal production projects sanctioned earlier, withdrawn or not taken up so far;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which these projects are likely to be taken up for implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) 47 coal production projects of Coal India Ltd. sanctioned during the Seventh Five Year Plan were withdrawn/not taken up due to reasons like problems of land acquisition and rehabilitation, adverse geo-mining conditions, lack of infrastructural facilities for coal evacuation, environmental and safety considerations, non availability of funds and non-availability.

(c) During Eighth Five Year Plan, implementation of 16 projects has commenced till now.

Devnagri Script in Computers

*366. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :