

Scientific Research Education Programmes on T.V.

932. DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI PAWAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of hours allotted on television for scientific research education programmes;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the allotted hours;

(c) whether these programmes are getting encouraging support from the viewers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M.SAYEED) : (a) 120 hours per month approximately.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Scientific, Educational and Environmental programmes like "Turning Point", Living on the Edge", "Quest", "Heads and Tails", etc. telecast by Doordarshan have been well received by the viewers.

Import of Sensor Attached Barbed Wire for Fencing Border

933. SHRI A. INDRAKARAN REDDY :

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to import sensor attached electronic barbed wire for fencing borders;

(b) if so, the countries from which the barbed wire is proposed to be imported;

(c) the areas where such barbed wire system is proposed to be installed; and

(d) the extent to which the infiltration is likely to be curbed as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

New Coal Company

934. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a new coal company ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its location ; and

(c) the coal fields which are proposed to be included in the above company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Madam.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Rupee Phone Card Facility for Overseas Travellers

935. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications (DOT) and the Reserve Bank of India (R.B.I.) have accorded permission to the sprint RPG India Limited for launching their phone calling card facility for Indians when travelling abroad;

(b) if so, the details of facility and the advantages' benefits that are likely to accrue;

(c) the details of the regulations imposed by the Department of Telecommunications and the Reserve Bank of India in this regard;

(d) the approximate amount of foreign exchange likely to be saved by launching the Rupee Phone Card facility;

(e) whether the phone card facility is likely to be extended also to travellers within country;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This will enable travellers to make calls from Foreign Countries for which payments will be made in India in Rupees.

(c) As given in the enclosed statement

(d) The amount of Saving will depend upon number of users which in turn depend upon popularity of the Service.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) This needs intelligent Telecommunication Network through out the Country which is presently not available in India.

STATEMENT

(i) Details of Regulations imposed by Department of Telecommunications :

(ii) The card being offered to Indian Customers will be for use only outside India.

(iii) Customers will not be permitted to make calls from India using this card.

(iii) Indian customers will pay for their Foncard usage, in India as per the regulations of Reserve