

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Quality of Doordarshan Programmes

*227. **SHRI PRAKASHBAPU VASANTRAO PATIL:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Committee to suggest improvements in the quality of Doordarshan programmes; and

(b) if so, the composition and terms of reference of the Committee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal at present to set up any such Committee.

(b) Does not arise.

Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay

*231. **SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK:**

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) had to incur huge loss of equipments and sophisticated instruments due to the recent heavy downpour in Bombay;

(b) whether the management had little opportunity to save the Centre from the natural calamity due to inadequate safety measures and civil constructions;

(c) whether the Government have assessed the losses;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective measures proposed to be taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL,

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir. There has been no major damage.

(b) The downpour was unprecedented, resulting in landslides. However, owing to adequate safety measures and civil engineering features only the basement of one laboratory out of the many buildings at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre was affected temporarily.

(c) and (d) The loss is not significant. Most of the affected instruments have already been brought into working condition.

(e) As a measure of abundant caution, it is proposed to provide multiple barriers, strengthen the existing drainage system, and relocate some equipment.

Review of Loss making Public Sector Undertakings

*232. **SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the top ten chronic loss incurring Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) whether any in-depth review of the functioning of such Public Sector Undertakings has been made in order to suggest options and remedies,

(c) if so, the outcome of such an in-depth review; and

(d) the present status of these Public Sector Undertakings.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Names of top ten chronic loss making PSEs in the financial year 1989-90 are given below:—

1. Hindustan Fertilizers Ltd.
2. Fertilizer Corpn. of India Ltd.
3. Indian Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.
4. Engineering Projects (India) Ltd.