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#### **Passenger Amenities at Kurukshetra Railway Station**

6438. SHRI O.P. JINDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that lakhs of pilgrims visit Kurukshetra every year and the railway station is so small that it is very difficult to provide facilities for all the passengers;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to expand the Kurukshetra railway station as per the requirement and to provide all facilities in view of the above fact;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (d) Adequate facilities to handle the passenger traffic at Kurukshetra are created during the Mela period. Since rush of passengers are only for a very limited duration, creation of permanent facilities are not justified.

[English]

#### **Satellite Earth Station**

6439. SHRI P. NAMGYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question No. 968 dated November 28, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the answer given about the working of satellite earth station of Thoise was contrary to the fact and the linkage of the said earth station was technically not feasible;

(b) if so, the reasons for giving the incorrect reply and misleading the House;

(c) whether the earth station already installed at Thoise is likely to be shifted to Diskit, the headquarters of Nubra sub division;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether a new satellite earth station is likely to be installed at Diskit during 1997; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir. (Satellite earthstation is already working at Thoise and linkage of Thoise earth station with Diskit on a terrestrial media is technically feasible.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise in view of reply to part 'c' above.

(e) Satellite earth station using SCPC technology at Thoise is already working which was technically/financially justified at that point in time to meet the requirement for Diskit as well. Now with the stabilisation of MCPC technology, it is also possible to provide direct satellite access to the Diskit telephone exchange. Therefore it is proposed to provide MCPC-VSAT at Diskit during 1997-98 time frame.

(f) Question does not arise in view of reply to part 'e' above.

#### **Telephone Adalats in U.P.**

6440. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telephone Adalats organised in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) the number of cases settled;

(c) whether such Adalats are proposed to be organised at the State level also; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) 23 Telephone Adalats were held during last two years in U.P.

(b) 1519 cases were settled in these Adalats.

(c) and (d) Telephone Adalats are being held in Telecom Circles/districts headed by Telecom District Engineers and above, in all the States/Union Territories.

#### **T.V. Transmitter Project in Maharashtra**

6441. SHRI RAJABHAU THAKRE:

SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY:

SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of T.V. relay centres HPT/LPT/VLPT functioning in Maharashtra as on March 31, 1997, location-wise;