

(b) the causes identified for the rise in the mine accidents; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to prevent the mine accidents in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). The number of mine accidents during the year 1993, 1994 and 1995 are 1383, 1180 and 1230 respectively. The trend of incidence of accidents in mines is fluctuating. The slight rise in accidents in mines during 1995 has been mainly due to fatal accidents in limestone mines in opencast and above ground due to fall of persons.

(c) Provisions for safety of persons employed in mines are contained in the Mines Act, 1952, and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder. The safety laws are kept under constant review and amended from time to time. The Directorate General of Mines Safety also issues guidelines in the form of circulars to the management for improving safety measures. These provisions are required to be complied with by the mine managements. The officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety inspect the mines periodically to oversee the status of compliance with the safety provisions and to take action as provided for under the Mines Act, 1952, in case of default. Besides the legislative measures, the Government is promoting a number of other initiatives, such as:

- (i) Conference on safety in mines,
- (ii) Self-regulation by managements,
- (iii) Workers' participation in safety management,
- (iv) Tripartite and Bipartite reviews at various levels,
- (v) Training of workpersons,
- (vi) Observance of safety weeks and safety campaigns,
- (vii) National Safety Awards.

Allocation of funds for Tribal Development Projects

3360. SHRI CHUN CHUN PRASAD YADAV:
PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative allocation made during the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans period for the Tribal Development projects in the country;

(b) the actual expenditure incurred as against the allocation;

(c) the target achieved under these projects;

(d) the details of the States which have shown unsatisfactory performance;

(e) whether the Union Government are contemplating to review the Tribal Sub-Plans considering the achievements made so far; and

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

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) The comparative allocation made during the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh Five Year Plans period for the Tribal Development projects in the country under the State Plan as well as allocation made through Special Central Assistance and Grants under First proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution were of the order of Rs. 1102.84 crores, Rs. 4061.35 crores and Rs. 7163.71 crores respectively.

(b) The actual expenditure incurred for development of Scheduled Tribes as against the allocation during Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Plan period was around Rs. 977.26 crores, Rs. 4286.47 crores and Rs. 8023.76 crores respectively.

(c) During Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans period 102.55 lakh Scheduled Tribes families were actually given assistance through various programmes against the target of 69.78 lakh Scheduled Tribe families.

(d) It has been reported that all the Tribal Sub Plan States have shown satisfactory achievement against the target fixed during the aforesaid period.

(e) and (f). The Government has decided to set up a Commission under Article 339(1) of the Constitution on the Administration of Scheduled Areas and the Welfare of Scheduled Tribes, one of the terms of reference of the Commission is to review the development strategies for tribals including TSP approach and examination and recommendations of appropriate alternative.

Selling of Veal in Private Sector Hotels

3361. SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government aware that veal is freely available in private sector hotels in the capital particularly in Oberoi Group of Hotels;

(b) if so, the source from where Oberoi Group Hotels are getting veal;

(c) whether the Union Government had imposed ban on Veal; and

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

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. The Oberoi Group of Hotels in the Capital do not serve any prohibited Veal as specified in the Schedule to the Delhi Agricultural Cattle Preservation Act, 1994. However, they procure buffalo Veal from local suppliers of meat in Delhi and adjoining areas.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. It is a State subject.

[Translation]

Allocation of funds to Producers

3362. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for allocation of funds to the private producers for the production of serials and documentary films;

(b) the quality of these programmes alongwith the details of profit and loss to the Government during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to privatise the Doordarshan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Producers of the commissioned programmes are given lumpsum amount keeping in view the budget details submitted by them alongwith their proposal and as approved by the Costing Committee.

(b) The quality of the programmes produced by outside commissioned producers has been found to be of high professional standards by and large. Since Doordarshan is paying the cost of production to the producers, the question of profits & losses does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Commission on problems of sugarcane growers

3363. DR. Y.S. RAJA SEKHARA REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to appoint a commission to go into the various aspects of the problems faced by the cane growers and sugar industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. There is no proposal to appoint a Commission to go into the various aspects of the problems faced by the cane growers and sugar industries in the country. These aspects are being monitored by the Central Government in collaboration with the State Governments.

Creamy Layer

3364. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring a legislation to do away with the the Creamy Layer in the Reservation for Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are also considering to overcome the ceiling of 50% in the Reservation for Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes imposed by the Supreme Court;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose for the proportional Reservation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The issue is under examination.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Special Ration Card

3365. DR. C. SILVERA :
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether States and Union Territories have been asked to identify the population below the poverty line and issue special ration cards to them;