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Guidelines for T.V. Serials

1955. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HAN-
DIQUE:
SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE:

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

(a) whether any fresh guidelines for T.V. serials under the Doordarshan's commissioned programme scheme have been issued recently;

(b) whether sanction of additional episodes for commissioned serials is granted under these guidelines; and

(c) if so, the validity period of the proposals submitted for serials?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

New Flights by Indian Airlines

1956. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new flights proposed to be introduced during 1992 by the Indian Airlines;

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce direct air service between New Delhi and Aurangabad once a week;

(c) if so, the time by which the same is likely to be introduced; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A thrice weekly A-320 service has been introduced from 15th February, 1992 on Calicut-Sharjah-Calicut route. No firm decision has yet been taken on introduction of any other new flight.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Indian Airlines is already operating four times a week service of Delhi-Jaipur-Jodhpur-Udaipur-Aurangabad-Bombay and back and thrice a week on Delhi-Jaipur-Udaipur-Aurangabad-Bombay and back. This is considered sufficient to meet the passenger traffic demand between Delhi and Aurangabad.

Modernisation of IISCO

1957. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the proposed modernisation of the Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO) works, Burnpur, stands at present;

(b) whether the Government had asked the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) to explore the possibilities of enlisting participation of the private sector in IISCO;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether some NRIs industrialists have also been approached to participate in the modernisation of IISCO;

(e) if so, the details and the Government's reaction thereon; and

(f) how far the delay has resulted in escalation of modernisation the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) The proposal for modernisation of Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited (IISCO)'s Burnpur Steel Works was cleared by the Public Investment Board (PIB), for obtaining Government's investment decision. This decision is expected to be available before June, 1992.

(b) to (c) Yes, Sir. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has engaged SBI Capital Markets Limited (SBI-CAP) as professional consultants to fully explore and advise on the possibilities of private participation in Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited (IISCO). SBI-CAP is now in touch with the possible private investors, both Indian/non-resident Indian and overseas. The London-based Caparo Group Limited (with which Shri Swaraj Paul, a non-resident Indian, is associated), which has evinced interest in IISCO, is one such possible participant. SAIL is expected to receive the SBI-CAP report during this month (March, 1992). Government will be taken an appro-

priate view in this regard after examining the report.

(f) No delay has so far occurred since the Public Investment Board's clearance in processing the proposal for Government's approval.

Telephone to Gram Panchayats in Orissa

1958 DR KARTIKESWARPATRA Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the number of Gram Panchayats provided with telephone facility during 1991-92 in Orissa, and

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats likely to be provided with this facility in the State, district-wise particularly in Balesore district during 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) 829 Gram Panchayat upto 29 2 1992 during the year 1991-92

(b) 1000 Gram Panchayats are proposed to be provided with Telephone facility during the year 1992-93. Details are given below -

S No	Name of District	Qty
1	Balsore	60
2	Bolangir	50
3	Cuttack	250
4	Dhenkanal	60
5	Ganjam	80