

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Since, however, implementation of various schemes includes in the VII Plan of Doordarshan for expansion of TV service in various parts of the country would depend on year-wise availability of resources, it is not possible at this stage to indicate the year-wise coverage which would be achieved on such expansion.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. However, due care has been taken in the VII Plan of Doordarshan for TV expansion to extend TV coverage to areas where the existing coverage is less than the national average.

Setting up of steel stockyard in U.P.,

5620. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a steel stockyard anywhere in Uttar Pradesh during the year 1986-87;

(b) if so, the name of the place where it is proposed to be set up;

(c) whether Uttar Pradesh Government have requested the Ministry to set up this steel stockyard at Bareilly; and

(d) if so, the Ministry's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (d). SAIL proposes to start an outlet for sale of iron and steel at Lucknow provided suitable space is available.

(e) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Cost of cultivation and price of Beedi Tobacco

5621. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the cultivation cost per hectare of beedi tobacco and the average yield per hectare; and

(b) the price fixed by Government for purchasing 1 Kg. of beedi tobacco for the year 1986-87 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :

(a) The cost estimates of Beedi Tobacco are not generated under the Comprehensive Scheme for studying the cost of cultivation of principal crops. The average yield of tobacco (including all varieties—VFC, Beedi, etc.) in 1984-85 was 1098 kg. per hectare.

(b) The Government has not fixed any minimum support price for beedi tobacco for the year 1986-87.

Import of coking coal

5622. SHRI T. BALA GOUD : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of coking coal imported by the steel plants during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the amount spent year-wise for the import of coal; and

(c) the steps being taken to minimise import and for use of indigenous coal by undertaking modifications in the steel plants/process technology ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). The quantity of coking coal imported by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and the value thereof during the last three years is as under :

Year	Quantity (in Million Tonnes)	Approx. C & F value (Rs. in crores)
1983-84	0.463	37.50
1984-85	0.665	55.80
1985-86	2.034	161.80