- (a) whether Government are aware of the introduction of pari-sen fishing nets in fishing industry;
- (b) whether it is a fact that pari-sen fishing nets catch the entire fish depriving the other boats waiting for catch in the vicinity; and
- (c) the steps Government propose to take to stop, this on slaught on fishermen engaged in gainful occupation of catching fish in the conventional way?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise,

[Translation]

Iron and Cement Deposits in Morena

2003. SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether deposits of iron ore and cement stone deposits have been found in Sabalgarh Kailara, Vijaypur-tehsils of Morena district, if so, the estimated quantity of these deposits and the likely authority to exploit them; and
- (b) whether Government have explored the possibility of finding deposits of other minerals in Morena and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a). No iron ore resource has been estimated in Sambalgarh, Kailaras, Vijaypur-tehsils of Morena District. However, limestone resource totalling 295.10 million tonnes is estimated to be available, comprising of 89.66 million tonnes of cement grade 14.55 million tonnes of low grade and 190.89 million tonnes of unclassified grade. Areas are also being leased out for exploitation.

(b) The district has been surveyed for finding various minerals in the past. The 1985-86 programme for systematic

mapping and search for minerals by the Geological Survey of India in the Vidhyan terrain of Madhya Pradesh includes Morena District also.

[English]

Production of T.V. Programmes in Regional Languages

2004. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD: SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT:

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

- (a) whether any steps have been taken to produce more television programmes in regional languages and telecast them from the respective regional television centres; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL): (a) and (b). As a matter of policy, Doordarshan encourages regional Kendras to produce programmes in the languages of the respective regions. All full-fledged Doordarshan Kendras are putting out service, mainly in their respective languages, for a duration of about 3 hours daily. To utilise the medium of T.V. for aiding the achievement of various national objectives, it is necessary to create facilities for communicating with the people in their own languages and, at the same time, make the viewers in one part of the country aware of the culture, tradition, developments, etc. in othe parts. In keeping with this, there is a plan to introduce, in phases, a three tier T.V. service comprising primary service. national service and local service. Each major State will have its own primary service in the language of the State, originating from the TV centre at the capital. This service will be available throughout the State. Programmes in national service will continue to be contributed by regional Kendras and the service will originate from Delhi, to be relayed by all transmitters in the country. The local service will