

established in April, 1990 to function as an Apex Bank for tiny and small scale industries. The paid up capital of this bank is Rs. 250 crores.

SIDBI has been organising rehabilitation meets in different States to help primary lending institutions (PLIs) and promoters in drawing up mutually acceptable rehabilitation packages for potentially viable sick SSI units. During 1990-91, 23 meets were organised at 14 centres where cases of over 250 units were discussed. The response from the PLIs and borrowers to such meets has been encouraging.

A separate Refinance Scheme for Rehabilitation (RSR) is being operated by SIDBI for revival of potentially viable sick units.

[English]

Telecast of Serials

4931. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount paid for telecast of serials Ramayana, Mahabharat and Tipu Sultan; and

(b) the name of serials approved for telecast during the "Prime Slot" allotted to the earlier serials?

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

(a) Doordarshan has not paid any amount for telecast of the serials Ramayana, Mahabharat and Tipu Sultan as these were telecast as sponsored programmes produced by outside producers.

(b) No single slot can be exclusively treated as "Prime Slot" as 'prime time' concept is a function of the convenience of the viewers and the popularity of the programmes. The following serials have been approved for telecast at the 9.00 P.M. slot or Sunday morning slots:

- (1) Udaan II
- (2) Banu Begum
- (3) Yeh Duniya Ghazab Ki
- (4) Kahkashan
- (5) Majhdhar
- (6) Ashiana
- (7) Hamrahi
- (8) Bhoot Nath
- (9) Shrikant
- (10) Anmol Ratan
- (11) Kashish
- (12) Save the Child
- (13) National Parliament Quiz.

Travancore Titanium Products

4933. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to modernise Travancore Titanium Products, Chavara in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the functioning and profit of Titanium Products is better than the previous years; and