

*[English]***Gold Commission****Second Channel in North Eastern Region**

6669. SHRI LAETA UMBREY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up second channel of Door-darshan in other parts of the country, particularly in the North Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the plans to expand Doordarshan network in the North Eastern region particularly in Arunachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. It is proposed to extend relay of Metro Channel programmes to the capital cities of the State/UTs of the country including North Eastern region, in phases, depending upon availability of resources, equipment and other infrastructural facilities for the purpose.

(d) 28 TV transmitters of various powers and 2 Programme Production Centre (PPCs) are under implementation/envisaged to be set up in the North Eastern region for extension of terrestrial transmission. 6 TV transmitters and 1 PPC, out of the above, are under implementation/envisaged to be set up in Arunachal Pradesh.

6670. SHRI P. KUMARASAMY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has recommended the setting up of a Gold Commission to promote gold mining activities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**ED stamp vendors in Haryana**

6671. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ED stamp vendors relieved from services from various General Post Offices in Haryana and particularly from Gurgaon in 1986;

(b) the number of such ED stamp vendors who have since been re-appointed;

(c) the number of such ED stamp vendors from GPO, Gurgaon who have not so far been re-appointed and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be re-appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS