

[English]

**Rashtriya Pariyojna
Nirman Nigam**

3373. **SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA** : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any crisis in the Rashtriya Pariyojna Nirman Nigam Limited (RPNN);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether employees in some units of RPNN have not been getting wages for the past several months;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Rashtriya Pariyojana Nirman Nigam Ltd. has incurred heavy losses since 1989-90 and its dues have not been cleared by various project authorities. As a result, the Company is facing financial crisis and cash crunch.

(c) and (d) Due to cash crunch, the Company is not able to disburse salary/wages to the employees in some of the

units regularly. However, the Company has recently managed to remit funds from its Corporate Office to such units to enable them to clear arrears of salary/wages upto May, 1994.

(e) The Revival Plan of Rashtriya Pariyojana Nirman Nigam (RPNN) as approved in an inter-ministerial meeting held in August, 1992 has not been found viable by the Ministry of Finance. The Standing Committee on Agriculture has recommended revamping and revitalisation of the RPNN. The matter is under consideration.

T.V. Serials

3374. **SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR :**

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

(a) whether any decision regarding selection and telecasting of new T.V. serials has been taken;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the serials proposed to be telecast on National and Metro Network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) Selection of serials and their telecast under different schemes is an ongoing activity of Doordarshan. A list of new serials to be telecast during this year on the National and Metro network is attached as Statement.