

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(d) Does not arise.

(c) the place identified for this purpose?

[*Translation*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. International Federation of Eye Bank and Tissue Bank International of USA have proposed to held in upgrading facilities in eye bank in L.V. Prasad Institute, Hyderabad, Venu Eye Institute, New Delhi, West Lions Eye Hospital, Bangalore and Dholka Eye Bank Ahmedabad in addition to setting up a Laboratory at L.V. Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad for the manufacture of MK (Mc Carey Kaufman) Medium required for preservation of conneas.

T.V. Programmes

811. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made efforts to block the Star and Zee T.V. programmes;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether some changes are proposed in Doordarshan to enable it to have tie up with foreign T.V. organisation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Ground Water

812. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made being made by the Union Government to ensure the continuous availability of ground water in the country;

(b) the details of scarcity zones and semi-scarcity zones with regard to the availability of ground water, State-wise;

(c) whether as per the study conducted by his Ministry all the blocks in the country except Gujarat and Maharashtra have been covered under the 'dark' and 'grey' categories;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the policy adopted/likely to be adopted by the Union Government in the near future for the exploration of ground water?

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) Ground Water resource gets replenished every year from natural precipitation, seepage etc. However, for the localised pockets in various States/Union Territories, where the Ground Water level has declined because of heavy withdraw-

als, the Central Ground Water Board has prepared and circulated guidelines for formulation of artificial recharge scheme by the State Governments. The Board is also conducting surveys and drilling on scientific lines using modern exploration technologies to explore new areas worthy of ground water development.

(b) to (d) Details of the Dark and Grey Block/Talukas/ Water Sheds with regard to

availability of ground water are given in the enclosed Statement. The Critical (Dark) and Semi critical (Grey) areas are termed as Talukas in Gujarat, as water sheds in Maharashtra and as Blocks in the rest of the country.

(e) As per the present policy, the Central Ground Water Board will continue to explore country's Ground Water resources using modern exploration technologies.

STATEMENT

(As on January 1992)

Sl. No.	State	No. of Blocks/ Taluks/ Watershed	Number of blocks	
			Dark	Grey
1.	Andhra Pradesh	309	28	25
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	48	-	-
3.	Assam	134	-	-
4.	Bihar	588	-	55
5.	Goa	12	-	-
6.	Gujarat	183 (Taluka)	18	14
7.	Haryana	98	24	20
8.	Himachal Pradesh	69	-	-
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	123	-	-
10.	Karnataka	175	9	9
11.	Kerala	151	-	-

Sl. No.	State	No. of Blocks/ Taluks/ Watershed	Nirbadhts	
			Dark	Grey
12.	Madhya Pradesh	459	3	14
13.	Maharashtra	1481 (watershed)	34	57
14.	Manipur	26	-	-
15.	Meghalaya	29	-	-
16.	Mizoram	20	-	-
17.	Nagaland	21	-	-
18.	Orissa	314	-	-
19.	Punjab	118	69	21
20.	Rajasthan	236	63	29
21.	Sikkim	4	-	-
22.	Tamil Nadu	370	43	76
23.	Tripura	17	-	-
24.	Uttar Pradesh	895	17	77
25.	West Bengal	341	1	35
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[English]

CGHS Dispensary at Patna

813. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received representation from Members of Parliament regarding the functioning of Central Government Health Scheme, dispensaries at Patna; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The available medicines in the dispensary are issued on the spot. However, the medicines which are not available are normally issued to the beneficiaries within 48 hours, after procuring them from the approved Local Chemists. For pathological investigations, Sen Institute of Pathology and Sen's Laboratories Bud Marg, Patna have been recognised by CGHS. Instructions have been issued to all the Medical Officer Incharges of the dispensaries to maintain punctuality by all concerned. The polyclinic could not be shifted due to non-availability of suitable accommodation.

[English]

TV Surveys

814. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Star TV has given any

proposal to Doordarshan for surveys on programmes popularity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such participation is likely to benefit the Star TV enormously in gauging viewership figures; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Akashwani Relay Service

815. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fully equipped Akashwani Kendras, Relay Kendras and Auxiliary Kendras in Gujarat, particularly in the tribal areas;

(b) whether the Government propose to upgrade the status of these Kendras;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to expand the Akashwani Relay Service in Gujarat, particularly in the tribal areas, during the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO):

(a) There are seven fully equipped All India Radio stations in the State of Gujarat located at Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Bhuj,