

[Translation]

Offices/Units of Information departments in U.P.

1768. DR. SAKSHIJI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Offices/Units of AIR/ Doordarshan in Uttar Pradesh alongwith their locations.

(b) the programmes presented by each of these units during 1993-94 and 1994-95 till date; and

(c) the details of the amount spent on these units during the above period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) *All India Radio Stations in U.P.*

Agra
Allahabad
Almora
Bareilly
Faizabad
Gorakhpur
Jhansi
Kanpur - Commercial Broadcasting Service Lucknow
Mathura
Mussorie - Relay Centre
Najibabad
Obra
Rampur
Varanasi

DOORDARSHAN KENDRA

Gorakhpur
Lucknow

(b) and (c). The information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

Postal Services in West Bengal

1769. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that Postal Services in West Bengal are deteriorating day by day;

(b) whether any remedial measures have been taken to improve the services; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Postal services in West Bengal are generally satisfactory.

Specific complaints received and operational shortcomings noticed occasionally are resolved through intervention. Efforts are constantly made by way of modernisation and providing new services to improve the quality of service.

(b) and (c). The Department have adopted multi-pronged strategy to improve the quality of counter services and mail transmission in a phased manner within the constraint of available resources. The steps taken so far include providing multi-purpose counter machines and segmentation of main into Rajdhani channel, Metro Channel, Business Channel besides introduction of express parcel service. The time taken to transmit money orders has also been reduced in places where V-Sat facilities exist.

Coal Supply to Cement Factory

1770. SHRI RAM NIHOR RAI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Churk Cement factory, U.P. has been provided with coal from Central Coalfields;

(b) the quantity of coal provided during the last two years and the current year, so far;

(c) whether C.C.L. has been supplying the full quantity regularly; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information received from Coal India Limited (CIL) the total despatches of coal to the cement factory during the period April-October, 1995 has been 16,600 tonnes from Central Coalfields Ltd. Despatches of coal to the factory during the years 1993-94 and 1994-95 from CCL sources had been 56,000 tonnes (provisional) and 43,000 tonnes (provisional) respectively.

(c) and (d). Coal India Ltd. have reported that against a linkage of 19,500 tonnes for the period April-October, 1995 to be moved by rail from CCL, despatches to this factory had been 16,600 tonnes. Besides, two rakes are awaiting supplies. Further, against a linkage of 10,500 tonnes to be moved by road during this period from this company, the cement plant has failed to lift any coal so far.

[Translation]

Telecast by Allahabad Doordarshan

1771. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Allahabad Doordarshan Kendra has become functional;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to become functional.