

[Translation]

Wages of mine workers

8846. SHRI BALWANT SINGH
RAMOOWALIA :
SHRI TEJA SINGH DARDI :
SHRIMATI MADHUREE
SINGH :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the wages of workers of mines in different parts of the country are comparatively very low ;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the wages of the mine workers ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c). The Central Government has fixed and revised the minimum wages in respect of the employment in different mines and certain other employments including agriculture, construction and maintenance of roads or in building operations, stone-breaking and stone-crushing, maintenance of buildings and construction and maintenance of runways. The last revision was made in February, 1985. A proposal to further revise the minimum wages is under consideration of Government. The minimum wages in mining employments are more than the minimum wages fixed by the Central Government in other employments.

[English]

T.V. Centre at Chandigarh

8847. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a Television centre at Chandigarh; and

(b) if so, the time by which it will be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Establishment of a low power (100W) TV transmitter with programme generation facilities at Chandigarh is an approved scheme under the VII Plan of Doordarshan. Its implementation would, however, depend on actual yearwise allocation of resources.

Telecast of Festivals

8848. SARI N. TOMBI SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan telecasts important festivals of different States;

(b) whether the Holi which is one of the most important festivals of Manipur was telecast; if, so, the date and the duration of telecast and the regions where they were shown;

(c) if not, the reasons for the apathy; and

(d) whether his Ministry will ensure, in consultation with the State Government that Holi and other important festivals are covered by Doordarshan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir. All Doordarshan Kendras endeavour to cover the important festivals of their respective States depending on the availability of technical and other facilities.

(b) and (c). Manipur does not have a programme production centre at present. Calcutta and Guwahati Kendras, which are the only two programme production centres in the region, could not provide coverage to Holi in Manipur due to their pre-occupations. However, all the relay transmitters relayed programme on Holi telecast from Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi.

(d) It has been the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to cover important festivals