

and less liable to faults. These enable Group dialling and ultimately National Subscriber dialling.

[*Translation*]

Single pipe connections to SC/ST bastis in Chambal Division of Madhya Pradesh

10350. SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the village-wise SC/ST bastis in Chambal Division of Madhya Pradesh where single pipe connections have been provided during the last three years; and

(b) the number of persons belonging to the said categories in whose houses these connections are still to be provided and the time by which these connections are likely to be provided ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) and (b). Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board is providing single point connection in houses inhabited by Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. Priority for providing such connections is decided by the State Authorities. According to reports received from Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board, single point connection on concessional rates have been given to 48,460 and 77,558 consumers belonging to the weaker sections of the society and scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, during 1985-86 and 1986-87 respectively. 40,000 such connections were proposed to be provided during 1987-88.

TV Transmission centre, Bhopal

10351. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given on 29 February, 1988 to Unstarred Question No. 1042 regarding setting up of TV relay centres in Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and state :

(a) the area in kilometres being covered by Bhopal T.V. Transmission centre;

(b) whether it is a fact that people of Ganj Basuda, Seronj and Lateri-Kurwai tehsils do not receive clear pictures from this transmitter even after installing boosters;

(c) if so, the steps being taken to remedy the situation; and

(d) the time by which people of these areas will start receiving clear pictures ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) The High Power (10 KW) TV Transmitter in Bhopal provides service to an area of about 42,300 Sq. kms.

(b) As Ganj Basuda, Seronj and Lateri-Kurwai fall in the fringe of the service area of the Bhopal transmitter, therefore only weak TV signals are received at these places.

(c) and (d). Strengthening of the TV service in the area would depend upon availability of resources in the future plans of TV expansion.

[*English*]

Energisation of pump sets

10352. SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOT-HAMAN : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of agricultural pumpsets energised by the Rural Electrification Corporation throughout the country upto the financial year 1987-88;

(b) whether a special programme was undertaken by the Corporation to provide more agricultural pumpsets in the drought affected States;

(c) if so, the number of pumpsets set up under the special programme throughout the country; and

(d) the number of pumpsets energised in Kerala by the Corporation so far under the usual annual programme and the special drought relief programme separately ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI): (a) Under the REC financed projects, 31.42 lakh (Provisional) agricultural pumpsets have been energised in the country upto 31.3.1988.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) During the drought period from August-November, 1987, about 2.27 lakhs agricultural pumpsets were completed/energised in 12 drought affected states.

(d) During 1987-88, 13,304 agricultural pumpsets (provisional) have been energised in Kerala under REC programme of which 2812 pumpsets were energised during the drought period August-November 1987.

Activities carried out by Directorate of Film Festival

10353. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the activities carried out by the Directorate of Film Festivals during 1987-88;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on such activities;

(c) whether the officials of this organisation visit foreign countries in the discharge of their official duties;

(d) if so, the number of visits abroad by each of its officers with their rank during the last three years together with the amount of foreign exchange spent on each such visits; and

(e) the details of the benefits accrued from such visits ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b). During the year 1987-88 the Directorate of Film Festivals carried out the following activities and spent Rs 136.02 lakhs thereon :

1. National Film Festival
2. National Panorama Selection
3. Festivals of foreign films in India
4. Festivals of Indian films abroad
5. International Film Festival in India (Filmotsav)
6. Festivals of India in USSR and Festivals of USSR in India
7. Festival of India in Sweden
8. Festival of India in Japan
9. Special Film expositions in India and abroad.
10. Participation in Foreign Film festivals

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Such visits are in discharge of official duties. Details thereof during the last three years and the expenditure in terms of foreign exchange on each visit are indicated in the Statement given below

(e) Since most of the film events handled by the Directorate of Film Festivals are a part of cultural exchange programmes between India and other countries, participation of delegates from Directorate of Film Festival is necessary for organisational reasons also. It is difficult to quantify benefits from these visits. But these do help in establishing contacts with film personalities of other countries for the purposes of inviting them and their movies to India on various occasions like International Film Festival etc.