

(b) The assets of Scooters India Ltd. have not been transferred or sold so far. Scooters India Ltd. holds 147.499 acre of land on lease basis. As per terms of offer, the agreed assets for transfer will be valued by mutually appointed assessors with the condition that the aggregate assessed value will not be less than the aggregate depreciated book value of the assets.

[*English*]

Power From Nepal

837. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to buy power from Nepal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the price agreed upon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b). India has indicated its willingness to consider purchase of surplus power at reasonable price from Karnali Multipurpose Project proposed in Nepal. Nepal had also offered to supply surplus power from a medium size project, they propose to set up. The price of power has not been discussed with Nepal.

[*Translation*]

Highest charges Paid for A T.V. Serial

838. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the name of T.V. serial among the serials being telecast presently which has been booked at highest transmission charges and income earned so far from its

telecast; and

(b) the time of telecast, duration, title and main terms of contract of this T.V. serial?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b). All the sponsored serials produced by outsiders telecast at 9.00 P.M. slot presently and the serial 'Ramayana' telecast at 9.30 A.M. on Sundays are charged at the highest rate of Super 'A' time classification. However, the serial 'Ramayana' has earned highest gross revenue for Doordarshan from sponsorship fee and associated spot advertisement charges, which came to Rs. 23.73 crores upto the end of June '88. The other particulars of this serial are given below:

(1) time of telecast.... 9.30 A.M. on Sunday

(2) Duration of time slot.... 45 minutes per episode

(3) Main terms of contract:

(i) Sponsorship fee of Rs. 2.25 lakhs per episode

(ii) Free commercial time of 90 seconds and two credit lines of 10 seconds each per episode

(iii) Number of sponsors...two

[*English*]

"Panchayat Dak Sewaks"/Scheme

839. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the scheme known as