

(b) if so, whether Government will consider to instal an auto-exchange with STD facility at Hardwar; and

(c) when it will be provided with this facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir. There is no STD facility available at Hardwar.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Hardwar is planned to be provided with the facility during the 7th itself.

Showing of Repeat TV Serials

2016. SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) it has been decided to repeat some of the TV serials; and

(b) if so, which are those serials and the reasons for such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b). A decision to repeat some popular serials in the Saturday afternoon transmission only has been taken to popularise this transmission. Currently the serial "Showtheme" is being telecast. The serial "Ek Do Teen Char" will be telecast after "Showtheme".

Utilisation of services of Coal Mining Research Station by coal companies

2017. SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector coal companies have utilised the services of the Coal Mining Research Station;

(b) if so, what were the disciplines;

(c) what were the sponsored and consultancy problems, discipline-wise;

(d) the amount spent for conducting investigations; and

(e) what positive benefit the industry could gain?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The coal companies take services from Central Mining Research Station mainly in the disciplines of rock mechanics and mining methods, mine environment and mine engineering.

(c) The details of disciplines are shown in the statement below.

(d) the funds received by CMRS from external agencies including the coal companies during the last three years are as follows

	Rs. in lakhs
1985-86	187.26
1986-87	132.43
1987-88	152.38

(e). The benefits gained by coal industry from services of CMRS include increased productivity with safety and economy, mechanisation and modernisation of mining.

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