Written Answers

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5.	Ganjam	5	54	438	497
6.	Kalahandi				or the same of the
7.	Keonjhar		***************************************	27	27
8.	Koraput	4	1	147	152
9.	Mayurbhanja	1	- Constitution	120	121
10.	Phulbani		_	2	2
11.	Puri	419	505	1629	2553
12.	Sambalpur		-	143	143
13.	Sundargarh	8	7	209	224

Survey of School T.V. Programmes

2334. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have conducted a survey on beneficiaries of school programmes telecast for the benefit of school children;
- (b) if so, the number of schools benefiting from telecast, State-wise; and
- (c) the opinion and suggestions received from schools and experts regarding school programmes on T.V?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. A study conducted by an outside research agency, commissioned by Doordarshan, in the sampled TV Schools of Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat reveals that there is some im-

provement in the attendance level of school children. TV has generated interest among students for watching Educational TV(ETV) programmes. Despite difficulty in the comprehension, majority of the students termed the ETV programmes interesting. The teachers found the subjects/topics of ETV programmes useful. However, many opined that fewer ETV programmes had relevance to the local environment, of primary school children.

The exact number of schools benefiting with the ETV programmes is not known as the installation and maintenance of the TV sets in schools is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments.

Rise in Price of Paper

2335. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the steep rise in prices of mill "A and "B'