

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (e) Revenue Recovery Certificates have been issued against M/s Hindustan Samachar Co-operative Society Limited. The EPF authorities have registered 54 prosecution cases against the Chairman and Director of the establishment. A plot of land measuring 5000 square yard in Bhopal has been attached for auction and recovery of the PF dues. As, the principal employer was not earlier traceable, no arrest could be made in the case. The ESI & EPF authorities are being directed to take strict action against the establishment for expediting recovery of EPF & ESI dues.

[English]

**Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited**

5401. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a large scale misappropriation of funds in the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited during the regime of the present Chairman who

alongwith other officers of his taste go on foreign tours frequently;

(b) the details of foreign tours made by the above Chairman, the total expenditure incurred on such tours, purpose thereof and the outcome of each of such tours during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to conduct CBI enquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The matter is being enquired into.

(b) The details are given in statements I and II.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

**STATEMENT-I**

**TOURS UNDERTAKEN OUTSIDE INDIA BY SHRI B.K. SYNGAL, CMD VSNL, FOR LAST THREE YEARS**

S. No.	Tour to	Period		Expenditure Incurred By VSNL [DA (to cover lodging, board, local transport abroad) Air Fare]			Purpose
		From	To	DA Rs.	Airfare Rs.	Total Rs.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Washington	5.9.93	19.9.93	121394 (\$3855)	108482	229876	98th Intelsat Board Meeting.
2.	London/Paris	4.10.93	17.10.93	126544 (\$4016)	66375	192919	9th Session of Inmarsat Assembly; Inmarsat Exhibition; Conference on Mobile Satellite Comms.
3.	Washington	29.11.93	11.12.93	94091 (\$2987)	108197	202288	99th Intelsat Board Meeting.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4.	Washington	6.3.94	24.3.94	133340 (\$4233)	104634	237974	100th Intelsat Board Meeting.
5.	Hongkong, Tokyo, Singapore, Geneva, Paris, London, Glasgow, Edinburgh, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Miami, Milwaukee, Madison, Minneapolis, Chicago, New Delhi, Bombay.	7.4.94	5.5.94	351887 (\$11171)	270463	622350	VSNL'S Euro Issue Road Show.
6.	Frankfurt, Swaziland, Mauritius (transit)	9.7.94	18.7.94	75600 (\$2400)	127013	202613	Intelsat CEOs' Meeting; Inmarsat High Level Signatorie Meeting; 34th Meeting of Commonwealth Telecom Council; Discussions with Mauritius Telecom.
7.	London, Washington	4.12.94	18.12.94	121517 (\$3854)	114057	235574	10th Extra-ordinary Session of Inmarsat Assembly; 103rd Intelsat Board Meeting.
8.	Washington	29.1.95	4.2.95	38610 (\$1200)	109655	148265	Intelsat—Deptt of Space Contract Signing Ceremony.
9.	London	19.2.95	22.2.95	No expenditure to VSNL as all expenses borne by ICO.			ICO Board Meeting.
10.	Washington  London	4.3.95	15.3.95	56700 (\$1800)	35185	91885	104th Intelsat Board Meeting;  ICO Board Mtg.
11.	Singapore	9.4.95	12.4.95	3123 (\$100) All other expenses borne by ICO.	—	3123	ICO Board Meeting.
12.	Montreal  Washington	10.5.95	17.5.95	25798 (\$825) No expenditure to VSNL, as all expenses borne by ICO.	—	25798	Discussions with Teleglobe.  ICO Board Mtg.

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13.	London	18.6.95	25.6.95	2003 (\$64) All other expenses borne by ICO.	—	2003	ICO Board Meeting.
14.	Beijing	9.7.95	12.7.95	No expenditure to VSNL as all expenses borne by ICO.			ICO Board Meeting.
15.	London	21.8.95	23.8.95	No expenditure to VSNL as all expenses borne by ICO.			ICO Preparatory Meeting; Work relating to Common- wealth Telecom Council.
16.	Washington Amsterdam	10.9.95	20.9.95	67140 (\$2118) No expenditure to VSNL as all expenses borne by ICO.	39399	106539	107th Board Meeting of Intelsat.  ICO Board Mtg.
17.	Geneva	1.10.95	10.10.95	140336 (\$4427)	70043	210379	Telecom 95 Geneva.
18.	Sydney	25.11.95	29.11.95	No expenditure to VSNL as all expenses borne by ICO.			ICO Board Meeting.
19.	Washington	3.12.95	13.12.95	68220 (\$2000)	110330	178550	108th Intelsat Board Meeting.
20.	Lisbon	2.4.96	11.4.96	No expenditure to VSNL as all expenses borne by ICO.			ICO Board Meeting.
21.	London	9.5.96	12.5.96	No expenditure to VSNL as all expenses borne by ICO.			Preparatory Meeting of ICO Board.
22.	Tokyo	25.5.96	30.5.96	No expenditure to VSNL as all expenses borne by ICO.			ICO Board Meeting and AGM.
23.	Washington	2.6.96	12.6.96	72072 (\$2100)	126986	199058	111th Intelsat Board Meeting.
24.	Frankfurt (Wiesbaden)	10.7.96	21.7.96	No expenditure to VSNL as all expenses borne by ICO.			ICO Board Meeting.

**STATEMENT-II**

## OUTCOME OF FOREIGN TOURS OF CHAIRMAN, VSNL

- (1) Technical support of US Administration was obtained for successful launch of INSAT 2 A.
- (2) VSNL has been awarded the contract for Satellite Access Nodes in India.
- (3) India was successful in leasing to INTELSAT capacity on the INSAT-2 E (to be launched in 1997).
- (4) India has won the contract for the Host Station for DAMA in the Indian Ocean Region.
- (5) VSNL has been awarded the INMARSAT Satellite Spectrum Monitoring System.
- (6) An MOU was signed between ISRO and INTELSAT for future collaboration in a K-Band DTH Satellite and lease of capacity on INSAT-3 series of satellites.
- (7) INTELSAT has opened their Regional Office in India, which is the first Regional Office outside Washington.