

States having full-fledged Doordarshan Kendras have been requested to offer their valued suggestions on various aspects of the National Programme and its duration. Suggestions have been received from four out of six Ministers. It is Government's intention to consider the suggestions of the Chief Ministers and also hold discussion with them for evolving a new format for the National Programme.

#### **Expenditure on Foreign Tours by ONGC Officers**

10926. SHRI SURAJ BHAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) number of ONGC officers and their designations who went on foreign tours in the last three years and the expenditure so incurred ;

(b) number of class III and class IV employees transferred in the last 3 years and expenditure so incurred ; and

(c) steps being taken to minimise these expenditures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Telephone Facilities to Police Stations of District Varanasi and Ghazipur.**

10927. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that telephone facilities are not available in 20 police stations of Varanasi district and most of the police stations of Ghazipur and the people have to go to the nearby places to book trunk calls ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of telephone facility at the above places, sometimes it takes a week to convey most urgent messages at the places ; and

(c) if the answers to the above parts by in the affirmative, the details of immediate action taken by Government to overcome this difficulty ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL) : (a) No, Sir. All villages with Police Stations under the charge of Sub Inspector and above ranks in Varanasi District have been provided with Long Distance Public Telephones (LDPTs). However, L.D.P.Ts. at Eight Police Stations are not yet installed due to material and finance resource constraints, at Ghazipur district.

(b) No comments.

(c) Materials required for providing of telephone facility at eight Police Stations in Ghazipur District are being arranged.

#### **Flaring up of Bombay High Gas**

10928. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that authorities have been taken unawares because of the crude production which have been beyond expectation and in the process gives out associated gas which is now being flared as no arrangement could be made for their use in the Bombay High area ;

(b) whether studies have been made as to how this gas is being utilised in foreign countries ;

(c) whether in the eastern region the position has become so acute that OIL has no other alternative than to reinject the gas into the ground ; and

(d) if so, what immediate steps are being contemplated to check this colossal loss ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir. The utilisation of increased production of associated gas due to enhanced production of crude oil was planned in advance and sufficient

users were identified for this purpose. However, due to increase in gas-oil ratio, the production of associated gas has been more than anticipated. New consumers have been identified to utilise the additional associated gas but some gas has to be flared at present due to time lag in the development of the facilities for utilisation of the gas.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The position of utilisation of associated natural gas in the Eastern region is not quite satisfactory mainly because the users are not able to lift the quantity of gas to the full extent of commitments made. Gas injection into the reservoir is part of the scheme of gas utilisation and is intended mainly for pressure maintenance to improve crude oil recovery.

The major consumers of OIL have been asked to lift the quantity of gas to the extent of their full commitment.

A scheme has also been formulated to interconnect the major ONGC fields in Assam for centralised collection of gas at a central point for bulk supply to major consumers. Possibility of reinjection of associated gas for storage purposes is also under study.

At present a Task Force for re-assessing the availability of gas and ensuring optimum utilisation thereof is at work. It comprises representatives of ONGC, OIL, Engineers India Limited, Oil Coordination Committee and the Department of Petroleum.

### दूरदर्शन केन्द्र की प्रसारण रेंज

10929. श्री सत्यानारायण जटिया : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश के प्रत्येक दूरदर्शन केन्द्र की प्रसारण रेंज क्या है ; और

(ख) दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों की स्थापना और प्रसारण रेंज तथा रंगीन-दूरदर्शन के प्रसारण के बारे में मंत्रालय की क्या नीति है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री

मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) दूरदर्शन संजाल में प्रत्येक मौजूदा 41 केन्द्रों की सेवा परिधि का व्योरा विवरण में दे दिया गया है।

(ख) (1) देश में दूरदर्शन का विस्तार चरणों में किया जा रहा है और इस अभिप्राय के लिए योजनाएं विभिन्न पहलुओं अर्थात् ग्रामीण और अर्द्धशहरी जनसंख्या के लिए सीमांत क्षेत्रों और दूरस्थ और पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में कवरेज का विस्तार करने के लिए, कार्यक्रम निर्माण और कार्यक्रम जोड़ने इत्यादि के लिए अवसंचरना को उपलब्धता के आधार बनाई जा रही है।

(2) सरकार ने रंगीन टेलीकास्ट को चरणों में करने का निर्णय लिया है। 4 रंगीन ओ० बी० वाहनों और इलेक्ट्रॉनिक की 20 यूनिटों और समाचार एकत्रीकरण उपकरण की सहायता से 9वां एशियाड नवम्बर-दिसम्बर 1982 में अधिकतर रंगीन में कवर किया गया था। इस समय महत्त्वपूर्ण कार्यक्रम सभी मौजूदा 41 दूरदर्शन ट्रांसमीटरों से रंगीन में दिखाये जा रहे हैं। इनमें राष्ट्रीय समाचार बुलेटिन, कृषि दर्शन, खेल कार्यक्रम, सामयिक घटनाएं, चुने हुए संगीत और नृत्य के कार्यक्रम, वृत्त चित्र, चित्रहार, हिन्दी फीचर फिल्मों इत्यादि जैसे कार्यक्रमों पर आधारित फिल्म शामिल होते हैं। लगभग 25 प्रतिशत से 30 प्रतिशत कार्यक्रम रंगीन में टेलीकास्ट किये जाते हैं। टेलीसीन चैनलों और स्टूडियो उपकरण जैसे अतिरिक्त उपकरण को उपलब्ध के साथ रंगीन कार्यक्रमों की गति धीरे-धीरे बढ़ाई जायेगी।

दूरदर्शन की छठी योजनाओं की सभी परि-योजनाएं अर्थात् अहमदाबाद, बंगलौर, गोहाटी और त्रिवेन्द्रम में चार दूरदर्शन केन्द्र, और आसनसोल, मुशिदाबाद, कोडकनाल, कर्नाली, विजयवाड़ा, कटक, पणजी, वाराणसी, गोरखपुर, रांची, राजकोट और नागपुर के दूरदर्शन स्थले केन्द्र सीधे रंगीन में कार्यान्वित किये जा रहे हैं।