

(a) whether the World Bank has sanctioned certain funds for hydro-electric projects in India;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned for each Project and particularly for the hydro electrical Project in Orissa by the World Bank; and

(c) what is the progress made so far in regard to the establishment of the hydro-electrical Project in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Agreement with World Bank has been signed for IDA credit of SDRs 156 million (equivalent of US \$ 170 million) and IBRD loan of US \$ 156.4 million for only Upper Indravati Hydro-electric project in Orissa.

(c) The infrastructure works at site are in advanced stage of completion. The excavation on 4 dams, 5 dykes and one link canal has been started. The work of excavation of power house area and the regarding of penstock slopes has been started. Also the pre-qualification tenders for the major items of works like dam, tunnel and generating plant and machinery have been invited.

#### Saving of Foreign Exchange on Imports of Crude

2571. SHRI ARJUN SETHI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that country is likely to save some foreign exchange on import of crude and petroleum products in the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the deals as well as other factors in this regard favouring India's position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY

(SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA) :  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Contracts have been concluded with National Oil Companies of Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Nigeria and USSR for import of crude oil during 1983. Contract has also been entered with USSR for import of petroleum products during 1983. Prices charged would be the official selling prices of the respective countries.

The reduction in foreign exchange outgo is made possible due to anticipated increased availability of indigenous crude oil and petroleum products during the current year as compared to the previous year. Further there has been a reduction in import prices during 1983.

#### Study Regarding Site

2572. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of studies were conducted on Satellite Instructional Television Equipment (SITE), during 1975-76;

(b) if so, the main findings of these studies particularly those relating to the expansion of TV network and the programmes to be relayed;

(c) whether any of these findings have been made use of by implementing the appropriate steps in line with these findings in both these sectors (Expansion & programming);

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir. Studies by Door-

darshan as well as Space Applications Centre were conducted on Satellite Instructional Television Experiment (SITE) during 1975-76.

(b) The findings of these studies in respect of expansion of TV network and the programmes to be relayed were not specific. However, the main findings of the studies in the case of community viewing television service are as under:-

1. The Planning of software should precede the hardware requirements.
2. Television needs a separate set of Managers, Producers and Researchers for the programme on rural development.
3. Higher investment in community TV trading of TV Custodians and a better maintenance system is called for.
4. Social scientists must always be involved with the future planning.
5. During SITE, acceptance of community TV was found to be quite high and also emerged as an important factor for the breaking of community barriers. It emerged as an unprecedented force in respect of collective interest, common goal and desirable social change.
6. A new common language should be developed with higher proportion of visuals for TV programmes.
7. Field demonstration formats are more comprehensible.
8. For ETV programmes—children should be segmentised into different age groups.

(c) Yes Sir. All the findings have been taken into account while planning the programme for telecaster post-SITE

of transmitters as well as under the INSAT Scheme.

(d) As per details given in the statement attached.

(e) Question does not arise.

#### Statement

1. From the post-SITE Transmitters, the planning of programmes were done taking into consideration the findings of the studies. For the INSAT Scheme, the selection of States have been done on the basis of the recommendations of the Working Group for the Utilisation of INSAT. The identification of villages for the installation of community viewing sets have been undertaken keeping in view the approach, necessity and the backwardness in the particular district. Programme planning for telecast is done in the case of Educational TV one year in advance and the production process continues throughout the year. In the case of Area Specific Programmes, the topicality is retained. Hence, too much of advance planning is not possible. However, in the case of health, social awareness, family welfare, nutrition etc. the planning is done well in advance and we have the recorded programmes.

2. All post-SITE Centres and the INSAT Centres have Producers recruited with Specific qualifications of agricultural background and training.

For other programmes also the recruitment are done keeping in view the requirements of the service operating from a particular transmitter. The producer and researcher work as a team for the planning and production of a particular programme in all priority areas.

3. The entire INSAT-Scheme is based on community viewing sets of the two categories (a) Direct Reception Sets (DRS), and (b) Very High Frequency (VHF) sets in the selected districts of 6 States—Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat. 2000 DR Sets and 2000 VHF

Sets are under installation. They are in addition to the existing community viewing VHF Sets in different States.

4. There is Research and Evaluation Cell attached to each of the Door-darshan Kendra in the INSAT Centres as well as in the post SITE Centres. These Researchers work as a team along-with the Producers right from formulation of programmes to their evaluation.

5. Under the INSAT Scheme, community TV is the main plank to give support to all developmental programmes in the field of agriculture, health and development. These community sets to rural will be fed by Area Specific Programmes based on the needs and requirements of the people as well as programmes of National importance which will bring in national integration and communal harmony, in addition to breaking of social barrier.

6. The language acceptable for the region for the Area Specific programmes with more visuals is being used.

7. However, INSAT Centres have been provided with Electronic News Gathering Equipment (ENG), which will be used for field based programmes and by this method the field demonstration programmes will increase significantly.

8. The ETV programmes in the INSAT States and also the post-SITE Centres has been divided into two age groups (a) 5-8 years, and (b) 9-12 years and separate programmes have been devised for each age group.

#### Abolition of Sales Tax and Custom Duty on Newspapers

2574. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether an All-India Small Newspaper Editors Conference was held in New Delhi recently, and it was

suggested to abolish sales tax and custom duty on newsprint;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) the other suggestions made to solve the problem of newsprint and the action taken by the Government thereon ?

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) :

(a) Press reports on the Conference have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) The matter of abolition of Sales tax on newsprint purchased by Small and Medium Newspapers has been taken up with the State Governments & Union Territory administrations and this is being pursued. Small newspapers have been exempted from paying customs duty on imported newsprint.

(c) No resolution or memorandum arising out of the deliberations of the All India Small Newspaper Editors Conference has been received by the Government. Hence no action can be taken at this stage on other suggestions, if any, regarding newsprint made at this Conference.

#### Deterioration of Telephone Service in Raniganj

2575. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware about the deterioration in telephone services in Raniganj; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a)