

- (b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise
 (c) the time by which the above projects are likely to be implemented;
 (d) whether the Planning Commission has given the approval to the above projects; and

(e) if so, the funds allocated by the Government for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b), (c) and (e) The details are as under :-

New Lines

S No	Name of the Project	Zone/Railway	Funds allotted in 96-97 (In Crs of Rs)	Target Date
1	Nandyal-Yerranguntala	South Central	0.50	10th Plan
2	Sakri-Hassanpur	North Eastern	3.00	9th Plan
3	Kadur-Chickmagalur-Sakleshpur	Southern	1.00	9th Plan
4	Haridaspur-Paradeep	South Eastern	1.00	9th Plan
5	Dausa-Gangapur City	Western	0.50	*Work will be taken up after CCEA approval. Target will be fixed once work is taken up.
6	Kumarghat-Agartala	Northeast Frontier	1.00	10th Plan.

Gauge Conversion :

1	Mansi-Saharsa	North Eastern	08.00	31.12.97
2	Hajipur-Bachwara	North Eastern	10.67	31.12.97
3	Lumding-Silchar	Northeast Frontier	10.00	10th Plan
4	Mysore-Hassan (95-96 budget but CCEA clearance given now)	Southern	01.00	30.06.97
5	Rupsa -Bangriposi (-do-)	South Eastern	00.50	9th Plan

(d) Yes, Sir. Except 5 above which has been deterred.

Exploration of Gold

270. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have undertaken the gold exploration at Ooty in Karnataka;
 (b) if so, the details of drilling for exploration of gold in the State;
 (c) the estimated gold reserves in that area; and
 (d) the steps taken for the proper exploration of gold in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Gold Exploration has been carried out by GSI in Uti area of Karnataka.

(b) A total of 9156.95 metres in 74 boreholes has been drilled in Uti area, in Uti and Uti Temple Blocks. Drilling for exploration of gold has also been carried out by GSI in Raichur, Kolar, Dharwar, Tumkur,

Chitradurga, Shimoga, Hassan and Mysore districts of Karnataka.

(c) The gold reserves of 0.884 Million Tonnes (Probable Reserve) of ore with 2.04 to 18.95 gram/tonne of gold upto 130 m depth and with widths varying from 1.00 to 7.32 m has been estimated.

(d) The exploration through drilling and pitting and trenching geochemical and geophysical methods is continuing in Nagavi North-Mallasamudra blocks in Dharwar district, Chinmulgund, Kalledevar-Hosahonatti and Karjagi blocks of Shimoga Schist Belt, Darwar District, Gonnur Block, Chitradurga district and adjacent areas of Bellerra Mines, Tumkur District of Chitradurga Schist Belt and in Valageri-ambale area in Mysore district.

Relay Stations of AIR

271. SHRI S. RAMA CHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up three relay stations of AIR at Sompeta, Kakinada and Nellore

to cover the shadow regions beyond Orissa. Andhra Pradesh border to apprise fishermen of weather bulletins in time.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the other steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The coastal area of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh fall within the coverage zone of the High Power Transmitters at Cuttack, Vijaywada and Vishakhapatnam and FM Transmitters at Puri and Berhampur in Orissa, which cater to the needs of the listeners including fishermen by broadcasting of weather bulletins and warnings about cyclonic storm etc., round the clock.

Setting up of Steel Plants at Gopalpur (Orissa)

272. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the sites selected by different private companies as well as public sector undertakings to set up steel plants at Gopalpur in Orissa;

(b) the land acquired by those companies for the purpose;

(c) whether the decision has been taken for shifting of the old locations of the Steel Plants;

(d) if so, the details of the new locations; and

(e) the reasons for taking such decision?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the State Government of Orissa, two companies in the private sector namely Tata Iron and Steel Co. Ltd. (TISCO) and Larsen & Toubro Ltd. (L&T) have selected sites to set up steel plants at Gopalpur. The possession of 537 888 acres of land has been handed over to TISCO for rehabilitation colony and for the remaining requirement, land acquisition is in progress. In case of R&T's project, notification under the L.A. Act is in process.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise in view of (c) above.

[Translation]

Vulgarity in Films

273. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any

study report in regard to vulgarity in films as reported in 'Pioneer' dated August 29, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such reports received during each of the last three years; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (d). No study report on the subject of vulgarity in films has been received by Government in the last three years. Earlier, in the eighties, the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (I.I.M.C.) conducted audience reaction surveys and study of film censorship and submitted four reports. However, in accordance with the recommendations of the Estimates Committee (10th Lok Sabha) and the Standing Committee on Communications, it was decided in April 1996 to entrust a study on "Sex and violence in films and its impact on society" to the I.I.M.C. The terms of reference of the study were determined in consultation with the Central Board of Film Certification and expenditure sanction of Government for the study was issued in August 1996. The I.I.M.C. will complete the study within one year from the date of commencement.

[English]

Number of ITI Plants

274. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of plants set up by Indian Telephone Industry in the country location-wise;

(b) the different kinds of parts/equipments being produced in these plants at present;

(c) whether all the parts and equipments required for the Telecommunication sector in the country are produced in those plants; and

(d) if so, the performance of ITI during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). The plants set up by ITI and the items produced are as follows :-

	Plants	Items
1	2	3
1.	Bangalore Complex (Karnataka)	Switching, Transmission & Opto - Electronics Equipment, Terminal Eqpt. Control Systems, Micro Electronics.
2.	Naini, Allahabad (UP)	Telephone Instruments, Transmission equipment Opto-electronics equipment