

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be re-started?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal to re-start PIB office at Raipur.

Non-Utilisation of Funds by States

4662. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :
SHRI RAMPAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have not been able to fully utilise the amount being giving by the Union Government under the various education heads and return the same;

(h) if so, the names of the States who have returned the amount during the last year alongwith the amount returned, State-wise; and

(c) the action the Government contemplate to take to ensure that the amount given by the Union Government is fully utilised by the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Network Management System

4663. SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SAHU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecom had given a contract for the installation of Network Management System (NMS) to AT and T in April, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount involved therein;

(c) whether the NMS has not been installed so far;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the time by which the system is likely to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PUKAYASTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The contract was for the procurement of Network Management and Surveillance System and the value of the contract was Rs. 78.50 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The delay is due to change in ordering specification/bill of material requested by the contractor, after placement of orders. The changed material list involved change in value of the contract from Rs. 78.50 to Rs. 52.16 crores which had to be vetted by a Price Negotiation Committee.

(e) The revised offer at the reduced prices of Rs. 52.16 crores was made to M/s AT&T (now M/s Lucent Tech.) with delivery schedule of 12 months. Their acceptance has just been received with certain conditions and the same is being examined.

[English]

Dolphins

4664. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated population of endangered marine species in the country;

(b) whether the Dolprin population is facing threat to its existence in various parts of the country; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to protect this from extinction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI) : (a) Actual population estimation for many of the endangered marine species within Indian territory have not been done. However, available information on some of the species as reported by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) is as follows:

Species	Number in Indian Ocean
1	2
1. Minke whale	5000
2. Fin whale	500
3. Sei whale	15,000