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Demands of Cable and Satellite Industry

3584. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the growing cable connectivity and the resultant inability of the hardware industry to meet the requirements of the Cable and Satellite industry; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

North-Eastern Region

109-10 ESI Hospitals and Dispensaries

3585. SHRI NRIPEN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of ESI hospitals and dispensaries in North-Eastern States, location-wise; and

(b) the hospitals and dispensaries out of them where treatment like CT Scan, MRI etc. are available?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) There is one ESI hospital at Beltota, Guwahati. The requisite information about the dispensaries is given in the statement attached.

(b) The provisions of CT Scan, MRI etc. are not available in the ESI hospitals, dispensaries in North Eastern States. However, necessary arrangement has been made for providing such facilities to the beneficiaries through other hospitals and charges in this regard are reimbursed as per the rules.

Statement

Detail of ESI Dispensaries in North Eastern States

Assam

1. Vjanbazan, Guwahati
2. Kalapahar, Guwahati
3. Noonmati, Guwahati
4. Dispur, Guwahati
5. Narangi, Guwahati
6. Chandrapur, Guwahati

7. Jalukheri, Guwahati
8. Amingaon, Guwahati
9. Lokra, Guwahati
10. Silghat
11. Chaudur
12. Tezpur
13. Dhubri
14. Jogighopa-Dhubri
15. Jorhat
16. Musiani-Jorhat
17. Tinsukia
18. Makum-Tinsukia
19. Addl. Tinsukia
20. Dibrugarh-Tinsukia
21. Manghasita-Tinsukia
22. Medo, Tinsukia
23. Jaypur, Tinsukia
24. Newgaon
25. Jagisoad-Newgaon
26. Bongaigaon,

Meghalaya

1. ESI Dispensary, Lower Lachvmiere, Shillong-I.

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Russia

Visit of Russian Defence Minister

3586. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :

SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Minister of Russia recently visited India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the subjects discussed and the decisions arrived at; and

(d) the outcome of the talks held?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Marshal I.D. Sergeyev, Defence Minister of the Russian Federation visited India from March 19 to 23, 1999. The two sides discussed furthering

and enhancing defence cooperation between the two countries and other related issues. Further a general agreement for training of Indian military personnel in military educational institutions of the Russian Federation was also signed.

The Russian Defence Minister called on the External Affairs Minister and the Prime Minister. The three Service Chiefs also called on him.

Impacts of Y2K on Defence Systems

3587. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have assessed the impacts of the Y2K problem on Defence System of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) The issue of Y2K compliance and identification of Y2K related problems in Defence Systems is receiving due attention in the Ministry.

The monitoring of Y2K related issues for Defence Systems has been broken down into the following :

- (i) Critical EDP Systems (including operating and application software).
- (ii) Inventory Management.
- (iii) Pay-Roll Management.
- (iv) Embedded System of the Defence Services which can be affected by the Y2K problems.

The above issues are being addressed with regard to the Defence Services, Defence Research and Development Organisation, Defence Public Sector Undertakings, Ordnance Factories and the Inter Service Organisations in the Ministry of Defence. The various Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) vendors have been contacted and a Y2K expertise cell consisting of Defence Research Development Organisation and the Central Research Lab of Bharat Electricals Ltd, Bangalore are providing the necessary Research and Development guidance for rectification.

All EDP systems, which are critical, have been identified and most of them have already been fixed and patched for Y2K compliance. This is also the case with inventory and payroll management.

The issue of Embedded Systems involves weapons, and surveillance and navigation systems. Y2K problems associated with Embedded Systems are very complex. Both identification and resolution call for a high degree of expertise and greater involvement of OEMs. Work on such systems is in hand.

As soon as the rectification work in various organisations is completed it is programmed to conduct a technical audit to validate the work done.

Indian Airlines Flights to Hong Kong

3588. SHRI MADAN PATIL :
SHRI ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL :
SHRI D.S. AHIRE :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Airlines has extended its services to Hong Kong; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Expenditure on Advertisements

3589. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Public Undertakings under the Ministry are concentrating more on advertisements through media instead of on improving efficiency in air services;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred on such advertisements during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to ensure economy in such expenditure and for improving efficiency by indicating the total vacant capacity carried; increases in air traffic and idling time of aircraft year to year?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.