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Defence Land to Karnataka

3639. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted any request to him for obtaining some Defence land required for the construction of a grade separator at Trinity Circle;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken thereon?

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

(b) and (c) A total area of about 1,100.25 Square Metres in Survey Nos. 1849 and 1850 has been sought for. No decision has yet been taken in the matter.

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Doordarshan
Coverage of Programme on Kashmir

3640. SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to provide additional coverage of programme on Kashmir on national network of Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard during the last three years?

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) All programme matters of Doordarshan fall within the purview of Prasar Bharati, an autonomous statutory corporation. Prasar Bharati have informed that they have taken steps to provide additional coverage of programme on Kashmir on National Network (DD-1) as well as on DD-2, DD International and DDK, Srinagar.

(b) It has been intimated by Prasar Bharati that 67 programmes of 270 episodes were commissioned by Doordarshan in 1996-97 for telecast in 1997-98 and 129 programmes of about 700 episodes have been commissioned in 1998-99 and 1999-2000 for telecast on DD-1, DD-2, DD International and DDK, Srinagar. The issues covered relate to culture, tourism, history, monuments, re-construction of damaged infrastructure, revival of grass root level political activities, developmental stories, countering insurgency and anti-India propoganda from across the border etc.

Railways
Ticketless Passengers

3641. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government has made any comprehensive study about the menace of ticketless passengers on trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of cases detected by the authorities and amount of fine charged from them during the last three years, division-wise/year-wise;

(c) the steps are being taken by the Government to do away with the menace of ticketless passengers;

(d) whether there is no special drive in different divisions to check the ticketless passengers due to shortage of ticket examiners; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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Doordarshan
Commissioning of HPTs and LPTs

3642. SHRI S.S. OWAISI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of High Power/Low Power Transmitters commissioned during the Eighth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(b) the number of LPTs converted into HPTs during the above period;

(c) whether there is an acute shortage of Staff in running of these transmitters; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to make up the shortage of staff?

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) A statement is attached.

(b) During 8th Plan period, 18 LPTs were replaced by HPTs.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, a number of transmitters commissioned during 8th plan period are giving partial transmission, in the absence of requisite complement of staff which is yet to be sanctioned. Staff Inspection Unit of Ministry of Finance have been requested to make an urgent study of the staffing norms of various Doordarshan installations including LPTs to work out their overall staff requirement. On