

(c) if so, the action taken against the persons found guilty in this regard and the zone-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) As per extant policy fresh face casual labour on the railways are employed with the prior personal approval of General Managers, adhering to extant instructions regarding the procedure to be followed, and educational qualifications, medical standards and age limits as laid down for the particular category in which they are likely to be absorbed.

Percentage laid down in favour of SC/ST for recruitment to Group 'D' categories are applied in the intake of Casual Labour both in the open line and the projects.

While engaging fresh faces as casual labour for works expected to last for some months, the orders regarding reservation for employment to ex-servicemen are also to be followed.

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

Co-operation from Germany

*93. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have sought any co-operation from Germany for the supply of Railway equipment and their installation and commissioning; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) Indian Railways have sought German assistance for improvement of signalling between Ghaziabad and Kanpur. A proposal in this regard was processed through the Ministry of Finance to KFW/Germany who had a feasibility study done.

Time Spent by Various Channels of Doordarshan

*94. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of telecast hours by different channels of Doordarshan during the period from January to December, 1996;

(b) the number of hours spent for the regional languages during the same period, language-wise and channel-wise;

(c) whether the Doordarshan has played any role in developing the regional languages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) A statement is inclosed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Doordarshan has a number of Regional Language Satellite Channels with programmes in Assamese, Bengali, Gujrati, Kannada, Kashmiri, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Tamil and Telugu. These channels are available in the entire country through a Cable or an appropriate dish antenna and also include the Regional Network programmes which are available terrestrially within the respective States from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. everyday. Thus, Regional Language Satellite Services (RLSS) facilitate telecast of more programmes in regional languages and provide access to regional programmes for viewers throughout the country.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

Originating Station and Channel	Total hours of telecast per week (Hrs.-Mts.)	Language of Telecast
1	2	3
Delhi		
*National Network (including ETV)	90-00	Mainly in Hindi, Some Programmes in English, Urdu, Sanskrit and feature films in all Indian languages.
*Delhi Regional (including ETV)	32-00	Mainly in Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi and feature films in all dialects.
*Metro Network	82-00	Mainly in Hindi, and English, News Bulletin in Urdu.
*Single Metro	13-30	Mainly in Hindi and some programmes in Punjabi and English.
*DD-3	91-00	English and Hindi, Feature films in all Indian languages in Movie-Club.