

Urdu

1. Ganjine-e-Ghalib.
2. Hindustan Mein Islamic Uloom Ke Markez.
3. Hindustan Ke Azeem Mosikar.

Others Indian Languages

1. MR. Jayakar.
2. Freedom Movement in A.P.
3. Glory of Vijayanagram.
4. Fidele Nayudu Gasu.
5. Glory of Kakatiyas.
6. Our National Song.
7. C.F. Andrews.
8. Valmiki & Vyas.
9. Vaigyaniko.
10. Rabindra Nath Tagore.
11. Vishwa Ki Shresth Lok Kathain.
12. Bapu Ke Saath.
13. A.P. Geography and Resources.
14. Acharya Vinoba Bhave.
15. Ghalib And Hundred Moods.
16. Keshub Chander Sen.

Expenditure

Total English Publications	20 Nos.	Rs. 16,39,219.00
Total Hindi Publications	57 Nos.	Rs. 31,64,888.00
Total Urdu Publications	3 Nos.	Rs. 79,700.00
Total Others Indian Languages publications.	16 Nos.	Rs. 3,14,660.00
Total Publications	96	Rs. 51,98,467.00

[English]

Satellite Communication Facility in Hilly Remote Areas

5271. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to provide a network of communication facilities/telephone through satellite in the hilly and remote areas;
- (b) if so, the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard;
- (c) the areas likely to be covered in this regard on

priority basis; and

(d) the total amount likely to be spent on providing telephone facility through satellite?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) Government is already providing communication facilities to remote and hilly areas through Satellite Communication where conventional medium is not possible. A number of MCPC VSAT (Multi Channel Per Carrier, Very Small Aperture Satellite Terminal) have been deployed in the Country. Govt. is also considering to deploy VPTs on Satellite based technology for such remote and inaccessible hilly areas.

(c) Remote and hilly areas of J&K, H.P. U.P. (W), M.P., N.E. States, A&N Islands, etc. being covered under Satellite communication.

(d) One MCPC VSAT terminal costs about Rs. 15 lacs and it is possible to give seven Voice Channels per MCPC. About Rs. 20 crores have been set aside for this purpose during this financial year.

BALCO

5272. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide adequate funds to Bidhanbag unit of BALCO for production of marketable Properzi Rods at Properzi Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) to (c) Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) had commissioned a small Properzi unit at the Bidhanbag Unit (BBU) but found it to be technically and economically unviable to operate. The Company has, therefore, stopped producing properzi rods at BBU. The Government have no proposal to provide any funds to BALCO for this purpose.

Air India Plans Route Sharing with Major Airlines

5273. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Air India Plans route sharing with major airlines" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated April 24, 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the gains likely to be accrued to Air India by