

[English]

Live Telecast of Janmastami

2036. DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to telecast of Janmastami Celebration being relayed at Dwarka in Jamnagar district of Gujarat live as " The Lord Krishna Birthday of Mathura in UP & Lord Jagannath Yatra" at Orissa is being telecast live;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether representations from various quarters and Members of Parliament and MLAs have received in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Yes Sir. A few representations, including one from an Hon'ble Member of Parliament, were received.

(e) Due to constraints of infrastructural facilities and non-availability of micro-wave link between Dwarka and Ahmedabad, it is not possible by Doordarshan to provide live telecast of Krishna Janmashtami celebrations from the Dwarikadheesh Temple, Gujarat.

[Translation]

Maintenance of Telephones in N.C.R. Delhi

2037. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :
SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that effective steps have been taken during the last months to bring improvement in the maintenance services of telephones in the National Capital Region of Delhi by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the other facilities likely to be enjoyed by the subscribers as a result thereof;

(c) whether the above steps taken by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam could not be implemented throughout Delhi;

(d) if so, the percentage of telephone subscribers benefited in Delhi as a result thereof; and

(e) the time by which all the subscribers are likely to benefited therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following steps have been taken by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd., Delhi for improvement in the services:-

- i) Fault Repair Services of all major exchanges are computerised.
- ii) Replacement of old and life expired equipments.
- iii) Replacement of old fault prone under ground cables.
- iv) Pole mounted Distribution points being converted into wall type distribution points.
- v) Strict norms laid down for repair of faulty phones.

(c) All the above steps are being implemented throughout Delhi.

(d) All the subscribers of Delhi have been benefitted.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Skilled/Unskilled Workers in BSP

2038. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of skilled and unskilled workers and officers in the Bokaro Steel Plant upto March, 1996 since the commissioning of the said steel plant, category-wise;

(b) the number of contract labourers in the Plant at present;

(c) the task for which these workers have been engaged;

(d) the number of skilled and unskilled apprentices recruited temporarily;

(e) the details of skilled and unskilled workers recruited during each of the last three years category-wise; and

(f) the procedure adopted for the said recruitments?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Category-wise number of employees in Bokaro Steel Plant since its commissioning is as follows:

Manpower position as on	Executive	Non-Executive	Total
31.3.1972	1167	12651	13818
31.3.1973	1548	21390	22938
31.3.1974	2088	28073	30166
31.3.1975	2646	29508	32154
31.3.1976	2925	29390	32315
31.3.1977	2993	30210	33203
31.3.1978	3093	31999	35092
31.3.1979	3363	36156	39519
31.3.1980	3513	38626	42139
31.3.1981	3757	40378	44135
31.3.1982	3842	43177	47019
31.3.1983	4031	45806	49837
31.3.1984	4094	47202	51296
31.3.1985	4112	47466	51578
31.3.1986	4178	48398	52576
31.3.1987	4195	48260	52455

Manpower position as on	Executive	Non-Executive		Total
		Skilled	Unskilled	
31.3.1988	4295	19412	28084	51791
31.3.1989	4480	21596	25268	51344
31.3.1990	4459	22673	24362	51494
31.3.1991	4697	21069	21258	47024
31.3.1992	4715	23900	18690	47305
31.3.1993	5057	24005	19017	48079
31.3.1994	4991	23957	18780	47728
31.3.1995	5381	23529	18626	47536
31.3.1996	5292	23845	18150	47287

(Breakup of skilled/unskilled workers in Non-Executive cadre for the years from 1971-72 to 1986-87 was not being maintained).

(b) The total number of contract labour in Bokaro Steel Plant as on 1.11.1996 was 3809.

(c) Bokaro Steel Plant is engaging contractors for short duration for such works which are non-perennial in nature, like cleaning, repair, maintenance, material handling etc. Contractors in turn deploy labourers for completing the same.

(d) Bokaro Steel Plant does not recruit skilled and unskilled apprentices temporarily.

(e) Appointments made during the last three years are as under:-

Year	Skilled	Unskilled	Total
1993-94	3	489	492
1994-95	32	320	352
1995-96	54	184	238

(f) The said recruitments have been made through notification issued to the local employment exchange and press advertisement issued on all India basis. Further, as per policy, some of the appointments have been given on compassionate grounds to dependents of the deceased employees who died while on duty.

Installation of Metro Channel Gujarat

2039. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations from Government of Gujarat for installation of some Metro Channel Transmitters in the State;