

[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: