

Computer Readable Text of Sanskrit Classics

2014. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any computer readable texts of Sanskrit classics like Mahabharata, Kumar Sambhava, etc. for further study and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the plan to produce such computer readable Sanskrit texts; and

(c) the names of the institutions likely to be involved for the purpose and how much funding is envisaged to produce such texts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) There are no computer readable texts of Sanskrit classics like Mahabharata, Kumar Sambhava, etc.

(b) There is no proposal at present to produce such computer readable Sanskrit texts.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

T.V. Relay Station at Songhad-Doswada, Surat

2015. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether T.V. relay station at Songhad-Doswada in District Surat has not been functioning properly;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to make the T.V. relay station function properly?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) The low power (100 W) TV transmitter of Songhad is reported to be functioning normally. However, there have been instances of interruption in the transmission from this transmitter due to failure of power supply. In order to minimise such interruptions a diesel generator has been procured for installation at the Centre.

[*English*]

Coverage of TV and AIR in the Country

2016. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan to cover the entire country with Radio and T.V. Net Work is going on smoothly according to schedule; if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the areas yet to be covered under this plan and when they are likely to be provided with TV/ Radio facility; and

(c) whether the Government propose to start universal cable TV programme and if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) The plans formulated over the years for expansion of Radio and TV coverage in the country in a phased manner have been, by and large, carried out as per schedule except in some cases where slippage occurred because of financial constraints and other factors. The Radio and TV services are at present available to 85% and 57.7% by area and to 95.7% and 78.7% by population respectively. With the completion of the on going schemes, the Radio and

TV coverage shall stand increased to 91% and 69.6% by area and 97.5% and 84% by population respectively. This coverage data in respect of TV service, however, includes the areas falling in the fringe of the service range of the TV Transmitters where viewers can receive TV programmes only by use of elevated antennae and boosters.

The extension of Radio and TV service to uncovered and weakly covered areas can be undertaken only in a phased manner depending upon availability of resources for the purpose.

(c) No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

Sale of Wheat in Open Market

2017. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allow more wheat to be sold in the open market to bring down the prices of wheat which have gone up in the last one or two months; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) and (b) Open market operations are undertaken by FCI at the appropriate time and the selected locations as and when necessary to improve open market availability provided it has stocks over and above the requirement for the Public Distribution System and without jeopardising the country's food security. The latest open sale was completed in April 1991 and a quantity of 13.81 lakh M Ts of wheat was sold.

[Translation]

No Industry Districts

2018. SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'no-industry district' State-wise;

(b) the details of the industrial units set up for the development of Balaghat district in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up any industrial unit for the development of Balaghat district; and

(d) if so, by what time and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN) : (a) The State-wise number of No-Industry districts is given below:

S.No.	State	Number
1	Assam	2
2	Bihar	6
3	Gujarat	1
4	Himachal Pradesh	5
5	Jammu & Kashmir	7
6	Karnataka	1
7	Kerala	2
8	Maharashtra	1
9	Madhya Pradesh	18
10	Manipur	6
11	Meghalaya	4
12	Nagaland	1
13	Orissa	3
14	Rajasthan	4
15	Sikkim	4
16	Tripura	3
17	Uttar Pradesh	11
18	West Bengal	5
19	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1
20	Arunachal Pradesh	4
21	Lakshadweep	1
22	Mizoram	2
23	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
Total		93