

(d) Constant efforts continue to be made to bring about a qualitative improvement in the programme format of Door-darshan so as to sustain the interest of its viewers.

Languages and Dialects in India

1625. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether specific direction had been given to the census enumerating officers to record all the language and dialects as spoken by various people;

(b) if so, the total number of persons speaking Maithili language as recorded in the census for 1951, 1961, 1971 and 1981;

(c) whether any secret directive has been issued not to publish the data & enumerated Maithili, Bhojpuri, Rajasthani and some other languages;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to undo the same by publishing the data; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of persons who had returned "Maithili" as their mother-tongue in 1951 and 1961 Censuses in the country was 97,757 and 4,984,811 respectively. In 1971 and 1981 Censuses separate figures for "Maithili" have not been published as persons returning "Maithili" as their mother-tongue have been grouped under "Hindi" language.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to "c" above.

(e) On the basis of the linguistic information readily available or in the light of the studies already made, it was decided to group some mother-tongues under the relevant languages. The grouping so done has been indicated in the fly-leaf to the published Census tables giving mother-tongue data for the 1971 and 1981 Census. This has been done wherever the strength of the identifiable mother-tongue grouped under the relevant language was 10,000 or more at all India level. According to this grouping, Maithili, Bhojpuri, Rajasthani and some other mother-tongues have been grouped under "Hindi" language.

[Translation]

Preposition of Press Release by PIB

1626. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) The languages, besides English in which the press releases and other press material are prepared by the Press Information Bureau;

(b) whether Press material in Hindi is prepared several days late; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The Press Information Bureau headquarters issue Press Releases in English, Hindi and Urdu. The Regional/Branch Offices issue releases in English and the local languages.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. PIB normally issues Press Releases simultaneously, except in

the case of Press releases issued during late evenings and holidays. The Hindi versions of such Press releases are ordinarily issued on the following working days.

[English]

Burning down of Central Government Installations by Naxalites in Andhra Pradesh

1627. SHRIDATTATRAYABANDARU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Central Government Installations like the Telephone Exchanges, post Offices and Railway Stations were burnt down by the Naxalites in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents during the last three years;

(c) the quantum of loss to the public property; and

(d) the action taken by the Union Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) 'Public Order' being a State subject it is for the State Govts. to devise various methods and take concrete steps to improve law and order. However, the Central Government is extending all possible assistance to the State Governments as and when required. Further, in regard to the Naxalite affected contiguous areas of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa & Mathya

Pradesh, the Central Government has taken steps to improve inter-state coordination of the counter Naxalite measures.

Thermal Power Station in Andhra Pradesh

1628. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up coal based Thermal Power Station at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project and the steps taken so far in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) has proposed to set up a coal-based Thermal Power Station (2X500 MW) at Vishakhapatnam at an estimated cost of Rs. 1560.28 Crores. The Project has been techno-economically appraised by the Central Electricity Authority. The APSEB have yet to obtain confirmation of the Central Water Commission in regard to availability of water.

List of Producers Advertised by Doordarshan

1629. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan has advertised a list of producers whose serials/programmes have been accepted and approved by it so that the commercial sponsors could approach these film makers; and