

473 cancelled, during January, 1992, 2485 flights were delayed and 237 cancelled.

cancelled during December, 1991 and January, 1992 due to bad weather, technical snag and pilots reporting sick were as follows:

(b) The number of flights delayed/can-

		<i>December, 91</i>		<i>January, 92</i>	
		<i>Delayed</i>	<i>Cancelled</i>	<i>Delayed</i>	<i>Cancelled</i>
1.	Bad weather	301	85	328	102
2.	Technical snags	181	23	188	15
3.	Pilots reporting sick	—	94	—	—

[*Translation*]

Production cost of Steel in SAIL

3181. SHRI NITISH KUMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production cost of steel by the Steel Authority of India Limited is more in comparison to Spain, Germany and other East European Countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the iron ore necessary for producing steel are extracted in abundance in the Country;

(d) if so, the reasons for increased production cost of steel in the country;

(e) whether the Government propose to reduce the administrative expenditure, maintenance expenditure, transportation expenditure etc. to reduce to production cost; and

(f) the existing expenditure per tonne thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) and (b). As no authentic and comparable information on the cost of production of steel in other countries is available, it is not possible to compare the cost of production.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Iron ore constitute only about 5% of the total cost of saleable steel in SAIL. Higher cost of production of steel in SAIL plants are by and large due to higher input costs, quality of raw materials, higher capital related charges, obsolete technology leading to higher maintenance and operational costs and higher incidence of taxes and levies.

(e) Various cost reduction measure are being taken in steel plants, on a continuous basis, for reducing costs, including those on administration, transportation and maintenance.

(f) The contributions of various cost elements towards total cost of production in SAIL plants is as follows:

<i>Cost element</i>	<i>Percentage of total cost (Approx)</i>
Administrative	3
Transport (Inward only)	9

Maintenance cost is included in various primary heads, such as salaries and wages, stores and spares, repairs and maintenance.

Telecast of Dramas by Madras Doordarshan

3182. SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madras Doordarshan is showing least interest in telecasting Tamil Ancient Cultural dramas; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to telecast Tamil Ancient literature oriented Dramas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pending Applications for P.C.Os. and STD in Trans-Yamuna Area, Delhi

3183. SHRI B.L. SHARMA "PREM":
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
SHRI PHOOLCHAND VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending for PCO's (Local) and STD in Trans-Yamuna

areas, Delhi;

(b) the reason for not disposing of these applications so far and by which time they are likely to be cleared; and

(c) the details of schemes of the Government for releasing local and STD and PCO's during 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Total number of applications pending for local PCOs in Trans-Yamuna is 121. As regards STD PCOs, advertisements have been issued calling for applications for allotment of PCOs. Last date for receipt of applications is 13th March 1992 after which these cases will be decided on their merit.

(b) All the 121 cases of local PCOs are recent (pending since 17.2.92) and will be cleared by 15th May, 1992.

(c) We have liberalised the allotment of Public Call Offices to be allotted to all those who volunteer subject to the guidelines laid by department and feasibility.

[English]

Power Generation through Wind Mills in Karnataka

3184. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state: