

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. It is not a fact that a large number of senior Officers, engineers and other employees are being superseded in Bokaro Steel Limited.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Setting up of Regional Kendra of Doordarshan in Haryana

4122. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any regional kendra of th Doordarshan has been set up in Haryana; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether sufficient opportunities are being made available to the local cultural talents for participating in the Doordarshan programmes being telecast from the other nearby kendra; and

(c) if not, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The artists residing in the areas of Haryana nearby to Jalandhar and Delhi are occasionally invited to these Kendras but artists residing in the interior areas of Haryana are generally not invited at either of these Kendras.

(c) The fullfledged TV studio Centre envisaged to be set up at Hissar, when commissioned into service, is expected to

provide opportunities to the local talent of Haryana.

Consumption of Aviation Fuel of Air India and Indian Airlines

4123. SHRI BJOY KRISHNA HAN-DIQUE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of expenditure on aviation fuel counts in the total operation expenditure of the Air India and the Indian Airlines; and

(b) whether the fuel cost of these airlines continues to be high as compared to foreign airlines, the cost of which has dropped after the Gulf War?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) During the year 1990-91, the percentage of expenditure on fuel to total operating expenses worked out to 22.4% in Air India and 36.3% in Indian Airlines.

(b) Yes, Sir. The ATF prices in India continue to be high as compared to international prices.

Policy on extra Department Postal System

4124. SHRI E. AHAMED: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed to formulate new policy guidelines on Extra Department (ED) Postal System; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.