

(e) Work is going on in the following allotted field:

Name of the field Allottees of Pvt. Sector.

1. Mid and South Tapti - Enron USA, RIL India.

Chinese Seismic Survey

2558. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to news-item captioned "Seismic Survey by Chinese Vessel in sensitive areas" as reported in "Business Standard" dated September 17, 1996;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that they do not survey militarily sensitive area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The vessel being used by DGH is US owned and flagged. The crew also do not contain any Chinese personnel. The vessel being used by ONGC in Panama flagged and the vessel is owned by offshore geo-physical joint company GNPC and COOC.

(c) All requisite precautions are taken involving Naval Security Inspection by Indian Navy prior to deployment of vessel. The master of the vessel signs an undertaking with the Naval Inspection Authority for bonafide seismic study only and clearance for all personnel on board the vessel have been duly taken from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and Immigration Authority.

Indian Space Research Organisation

2859. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation has carried out several pilot Programmes to demonstrate the use at Satellite Communications for education and training; and

(b) if so, the details of these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in cooperation with many other educational and developmental agencies, has organised a Training and Developmental Communication Channel using one transponder on the INSAT System. This activity was

started in a small way in 1992 to explore the possible utilisation of one way video two way audio teleconferencing networks for training and development. A number of demonstrations were organised to familiarise the users with the network. Finding the network useful several users have set up exclusive received networks.

The utilisation of the network has been continually increasing and presently the channel is utilised on an average for 20 days every month.

Some of the important users of the network have been as follows :

- Gujarat Government: Panchayati Raj, DAWCRA, Khat Talwadi, Watershed, Jalsewa.
- M.P. Government : Panchayati Raj (Women), Health and Family Welfare (Auxiliary Nursing Midwife's, (ANM's) and Watershed.
- Karnataka Government : Panchayati Raj (Women), Health and Family Welfare (Auxiliary Nursing Midwife's, (ANM's) and Watershed.
- National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) : Primary teachers training, (Special Orientation for Primary Teacher, (SOPT) in Karnataka and M.P. States.
- Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU): Orientation programmes for academic councillors. Educational programmes for registered students in various disciplines like management, health and nutrition, distance education, etc.
- All India Management Association (AIMA) : Management education programmes and update seminars for students and working managers.
- Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE) : Distance education programmes in various technology and science subjects for award of professional degrees.
- Department of Women and Child Development : Training programmes for Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) (Anganwadi) functionaries. Teleconferencing between policy planners and field level implementing officials to discuss the frame-work strategies and difficulties of Indian Mahila Yojana (IMY) programmes.
- Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA): Programmes for women organisation.
- Safai Vidyalaya : Programme for safai karmacharis of various municipalities.
- National Open School (NOS) : Orientation programme for traditional teachers (tutors) to