

1	2	3	4
Western	14	2	8.63
Metro	1	-	2.00
KRC	2	-	12.34
Total	220	100	1772.78

(c) Statistics of train accidents and related information are maintained Railway zone-wise and not State-wise.

Telecommunication System in Hilly Areas

1456. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether telecommunication system is paralysed in Hilly areas due to collapse of poles and breaking of cables during heavy rain/storm;

(b) if so, whether the Government have formulated any emergency scheme to combat such situation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir. However, occasional interruptions in over head alignment do occur which are attended to promptly.

(b) and (c) To minimise the interruptions and provide more reliable services following steps are being taken.

(i) Rescue teams are formed for such situations.

(ii) Spare stores kept for emergency situations.

(iii) Wherever feasible the services to be provided through satellite/wireless media/underground cable/optical fibre cable system.

[English]

T.V. Serials

1457. DR. Y.S. RAJA SEKHARA REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the maximum number of episodes allowed to a serial on the Doordarshan;

(b) the names of series which have been allowed more than 300 episodes and the reasons therefor;

(c) revenue earned, through advertisements during the year 1996-97 serial-wise; and

(d) the number of episodes allowed to Mahabharata and Ramayana?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) In respect of a weekly serial the number of episodes

allowed normally is a maximum of 156. In respect of daily soaps the maximum number of episodes allowed normally is 520.

(b) The weekly serial 'Junoon' and the cultural magazine 'Surabhi' have been allowed more than 300 episodes. The daily serials like 'Shanti', 'Swabhiman' and 'Bhakti Sagar' are telecast 5 days a week and, therefore, have been allowed more than 300 episodes due to high viewership, TRP Rating and revenue potential.

(c) The details are given in the Statement enclosed.

(d) 93 episodes of Mahabharata and 104 episodes of Ramayana were telecast on DD-1. Mahabharata was also repeated on DD-2.

Statement

The Names of the Serials Telecast on Doordarshan during 1996-97 as well as the Revenue Earned

DD-1

S.No.	Serial	Revenue (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3
1.	Chandrakanta	165.76
2.	Swabhiman	690.51
3.	Shanti	536.52
4.	Reporter	59.76
5.	Imtihan	59.95
6.	Junoon	561.22
7.	Kanoon	79.74
8.	Ajnabi	249.16
9.	Alif Laila	1049.05
10.	Sind Bad	9.09
11.	Sansar	76.77
12.	Bap Se Bada Rupaih	2.50
13.	Akbar The Great	190.87
14.	Dastan-e-Hatimtai	20.69
15.	Ghutan	131.86
16.	Hamari Duniya	11.50
17.	Jhansi Ki Rani	96.48
18.	Diney Aladin	12.87
19.	Ek Tha Rasty	51.85
20.	Shri Krishna	2794.80
21.	Sansmaran	24.75
22.	Sukh Dukh	6.50
23.	Aparajitha	4.97