

T.V. Serial 'Shaktiman'

2929. SHRI A.F. GOLAM OSMANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether T.V. Serial 'Shaktiman' is full of entertainment and effectively explains to the children how to keep away from bad habits like chewing pan, tobacco and gutka;

(b) if so, whether the serial is being telecast from all Kendras of Doordarshan in the country;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to give any incentive for telecast of this serial; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The serial 'Shaktiman' is an entertaining serial specially produced for the children. In one of its episodes, the serial educates the children to avoid use of tobacco and chewing pan and gutka.

(c) and (d) The serial has been categorised in the children's category and Doordarshan is charging only 50% telecast fee in this case. Besides this, Doordarshan has extended further concessions to the serial by allotting more Free Commercial Time.

[English]

Grants for Nelamangala and Tumkur Road

2930. SHRI S. MALLIKARJUNIAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grants have been sanctioned for the formation of double roads between Nelamangala and Tumkur in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Rs. 10.70 crores have been sanctioned by National Highway Authority of India for land acquisition.

(c) Does not arise.

Project Tiger

2931. SHRI H.G. RAMULU : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Project Tiger is under implementation in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the amount spent on the said project so far;

(c) whether "Tiger Cell" has been constituted by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF);

(d) if so, the amount to be provided to Karnataka from the above Fund to conserve tiger population; and

(e) the total number of Tigers in Karnataka as per latest census?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI):

(a) Yes, Sir. Project Tiger is being implemented in Bandipur Tiger Reserve in Karnataka since 1973.

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, an amount of Rs. 458.18 lakhs has been spent so far in Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

(c) No, Sir. However, a Unit of Tiger Conservation Programme (TCP) has been established by the WWF.

(d) The WWF Tiger. Conservation Programme has proposed a financial support of Rs. 13.87 lakhs for Biligiri Rangayyan Temple Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka for the conservation of its wildlife including tiger population.

(e) According to All India Tiger Estimation - 1993, the population of tiger in Karnataka is 305.

[Translation]

Achievement of Full Literacy

2932. SHRI VITHAL TUPE:

SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being run to achieve full literacy and the allocation made to the States under these schemes, State-wise;

(b) the amount spent so far on the literacy schemes; and

(c) the time by which full literacy would be achieved in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The National Literacy Mission aims at achieving Total Literacy in the country through various schemes as follow:

(i) Special Projects for Eradication of Illiteracy

(ii) Voluntary Agencies

(iii) Directorate of Adult Education

(iv) Shramik Vidyapeeth

(v) Strengthening of Administrative Structure

(vi) Rural Functional Literacy Project

(vii) Post Literacy & Continuing Education

(viii) National Institute of Adult Education