

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

State-wise allocations made during the Eighth Plan are given the attached statement.

(c) The National Agenda for Governance does not lay down any specific time-frame.

(b)	(Rs. in crores)		
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
	143.936	103.12	79.74

Statement

Funds released to states for adult education during 8th plan period

(Rs. in lakhs)

State/UT	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	Grand Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh	839.64	1846.70	1370.68	884.21	1081.06	6022.29
Arunachal Pradesh	8.59	28.73	71.56	25.63	20.72	155.23
Assam	111.50	125.21	1159.04	361.09	194.29	1951.13
Bihar	299.67	1109.93	1628.87	1977.84	1062.52	6078.83
Goa	5.29	15.37	11.59	5.95	3.32	41.52
Gujarat	659.44	1079.70	884.50	262.98	458.78	3345.40
Haryana	426.79	181.05	243.01	175.31	57.12	1083.28
Himachal Pradesh	214.69	80.07	109.15	26.43	49.18	479.52
Jammu & Kashmir	—	84.47	190.40	132.70	50.47	458.04
Karnataka	698.32	1683.64	1041.84	319.58	350.16	4093.54
Kerala	21.46	122.71	57.32	7.00	537.97	746.46
Madhya Pradesh	289.45	1455.12	2821.52	977.67	548.58	6092.34
Maharashtra	838.71	1453.16	1024.55	1153.63	432.83	4902.88
Manipur	7.55	28.18	72.67	17.62	20.63	146.65
Meghalaya	14.16	19.47	29.08	127.74	112.45	302.90
Mizoram	1.66	2.66	16.42	2.29	0.57	23.60
Nagaland	16.37	26.31	39.73	47.81	56.90	187.12
Orissa	589.51	614.12	606.36	801.36	310.13	2921.48
Punjab	5.29	25.00	277.61	370.34	135.00	813.24
Rajasthan	501.90	784.58	1745.00	1681.76	1304.62	6017.86
Sikkim	—	5.25	11.22	—	11.22	27.69
Tamil Nadu	1232.01	1200.00	1594.58	1212.48	261.21	5500.28
Tripura	—	224.18	6.77	0.10	4.73	235.78
Uttar Pradesh	897.09	2555.48	2805.58	1888.01	943.27	9089.43
West Bengal	1094.58	719.86	1583.69	308.40	728.11	4434.64

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chandigarh	28.11	28.66	25.62	20.12	41.37	143.88
Delhi	50.42	117.17	120.77	322.58	158.57	769.51
Pondicherry	—	—	—	—	—	—
Daman & Diu	—	1.96	0.56	0.50	—	3.02
Andaman & Nicobar	5.82	9.81	12.15	8.12	12.56	48.46
Dadra & Nagar Havell	0.58	0.84	0.83	—	—	2.25
Lakshadweep	2.57	1.57	7.41	1.62	4.32	17.49
Total	8861.17	15630.96	19570.08	13120.87	8952.66	66135.74

[English]

Construction of TV Studio at Vijayawada

2933. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a TV studio is under construction at Vijayawada; and

(b) if so, the time by which construction work is likely to be completed and TV studio starts functioning?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The installation work of the TV Studio at Vijayawada is likely to be completed during this year. However, commissioning of the project would depend upon deployment of administrative staff for its operation and maintenance which is promised to be put in position by the end of September by Prasar Bharati.

[Translation]

Bareilly Bypass

2934. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bareilly bypass (Uttar Pradesh) was sanctioned in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The feasibility study for the bypass has been completed. However, due to paucity of funds it has not been possible to take up the work.

Achievements in the Field of Science & Technology

2935. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state the details of the achievements made so far in the field of Science & Technology during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): In the field of Science & Technology, India has made considerable achievements during the last three years. These achievements relate to various disciplines of Science & Technology like Atomic Energy, Space, Bio-technology, Ocean Science, Industrial Research and other areas like Biomedical Research, Agriculture, Computer Science etc. Some of the salient achievements in the field of Science & Technology are the following:

- There has been a significant increase in food grains production.
- Launch of Indian National Satellite - 2C (INSAT-2C) and INSAT-2D satellites which have increased the outreach of Indian television and Indian Communications beyond the National boundaries from middle-east to south-east Asia and also Indian Remote Sensing Satellite - 1C (IRS-1C) and IRS -1D. The other major milestone is the operationalisation of the Polar satellite launch vehicle that launched IRS-1D.
- Parallel computing system (Pace plus), and pilot plant facility to process GaAs wafers and 1-12 GHz MMIC utilizing 0.7 micrometer optical lithography technology.
- Besides the testing of nuclear devices and delivery systems, peaceful application of nuclear energy including establishment of pressurized heavy water technology, demonstration of fast breeder technology and utilization of thorium, indigenously designed mini reactor (Kamini) utilizing uranium-233 and establishment of Giant Meter-wave Radio Telescope (GMRT).
- Plant tissue culture industries, aquaculture, drugs and Pharmaceuticals and immunodiagnostics industries have come up and also new Centre for DNA finger printing has been established.
- Annual Scientific expeditions to Antarctica covering new areas of research continued and National Institute of Ocean Technology has been established.