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1.	BPL US West Cellular Telecom Svcs Pvt. Ltd.
2.	Srinivas Cellcom Ltd.
UP (West)	
1.	Escotel Mobile Communication Ltd.
2.	Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
UP (East)	
1.	Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
2.	Aircel Digilink India Ltd.
West Bengal	
1.	Reliance Telecom Ltd.

Note: The Telecom Circles are generally co-terminus with the States barring few exceptions.

Operation Black Board Programme

3005. SHRI BHARTRAHARI MAHTAB: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- the duration of the period of Operation Blackboard Programme and the reasons to discontinue the same;
- whether the target fixed under it has been achieved in Orissa;
- if so, whether this programme was successful in tribal areas of Orissa; and
- if not, the reasons of therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The scheme of Operation Blackboard was launched in 1987-88 and revised in 1993-94. According to present indications the scheme is likely to continue during the Ninth Plan.

(b) According to information furnished by the State Govt., all 34,178 targetted Primary schools have been provided with teaching learning equipment and all 14,112 single teacher primary schools have been provided with two teachers under the scheme of Operation Blackboard in Orissa.

Similarly a third teacher has been provided in all 5,258 Primary schools with enrolment exceeding 100 under expanded operation Blackboard scheme in the State. However, the pace of construction of class rooms has been slow.

(c) and (d) The scheme has been extended to the entire

State, including tribal areas. However, no separate evaluation of the scheme in tribal areas of Orissa has been undertaken.

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Shimla Doordarshan Kendra

3006. SHRI SURESH CHANDEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- the date on which Shimla Doordarshan Kendra was set up and the total amount spent by the Government so far on its building and machinery;
- the number of officers/staff required for the smooth functioning of this Kendra and total strength as well as the break up of posts;
- the total duration of the programmes prepared by this Kendra itself so far and the duration of the telecast time daily; and
- the steps being taken by the Government to ensure the smooth functioning of the said Kendra?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The studio set up at Shimla was commissioned on 7.6.95 and an amount of Rs. 1637.81 lakhs has so far been spent on its building and machinery.

- While the total number of officers/staff proposed in the studio set up was 284,17 posts (one Assistant Station Engineer, three Assistant Engineer, four Senior Engineering Assistant, six Engineering Assistant, one Senior Technician and two Technicians) have been sanctioned for the studio.
- Total duration of telecast of programmes prepared by the Kendra so far is 9178 minutes and the Kendra is putting out 30 minutes transmission of their own programme from 6.30 pm to 7.00 pm for five days in a week.
- Prasar Bharati is now required to take necessary steps for the smooth functioning of the Kendra.

Government Accommodation to P&T Employees

3007. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- whether the Government have not provided accommodation to all the employees of Department of P&T;
- whether the quarters for the senior officers are more than their numbers whereas the quarters for the employees are less in ratio;
- if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government in this regards;
- whether Class-I officers in P&T Department get their accommodation from Directorate of Estates as well as from P&T pool whereas general employees do not get this facility; and