

	Pak	Indian			
		Army		Air Force	
		K	W	K	W
1996	125-133	2	15	4	—
1997	103	2	30	2	—
1998	277	24	45	—	—

K - Killed
W - Wounded

(b) The expenditure incurred on Siachen Glacier is approximately Rs. 3 crore a day.

Air Traffic Control System at IGIA

1460. SHRI K.S. RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the modern Air Traffic Services System installed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) recently is useless in helping aircraft to land in poor visibility conditions;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the agency from which this system has been procured and the terms and conditions thereof alongwith the cost of the system?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The system was awarded to M/s. Raytheon Company of USA on turn key basis. The supply, installation, testing and commissioning of the equipment is, therefore, the responsibility of this company. The equipments have undergone Factory Acceptance Test, Site Acceptance Test and the integrated system has undergone System Site Acceptance Test before Airports Authority of India (AAI) accepted the system. The system has been commissioned in January, 1999. The cost of the Project of modernisation of Air Traffic Services at Indira Gandhi International Airport is Rs. 212 crores approximately.

Fall in Viewership of Doordarshan

1461. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'BBC, DD face similar problems' appearing in *Business Standard* dated February 8, 1999;

(b) if so, whether the viewership of Doordarshan is getting eroded alongwith its revenue;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any study has been conducted in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps, the Government propose to take to ensure that Doordarshan remains the custodian of local culture and also earns revenue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There has been some reduction in the viewership of Doordarshan since it has moved from a monopoly situation to competition from different channels. However, because of its wide reach, Doordarshan continues to have the largest share of viewership in the country. The revenue earned by Doordarshan has also come down to some extent due to fragmentation of viewership and increased competition from satellite channels.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) All programme matters of Doordarshan fall within the purview of Prasar Bharati and the Government do not interfere in such matters. Doordarshan in its capacity as the National Broadcaster, telecasts various programmes through its network to promote Indian culture and values. Constant efforts are being made by Doordarshan to boost its commercial revenue earnings. In order to achieve this objective, Doordarshan has taken steps to telecast quality programmes, opening up of more commercial Kendras, to rationalise the commercial advertisements charges, to give incentives to advertisers to make Doordarshan more attractive etc.