

(e) and (f). Gross revenue received by the Government from advertisements and sponsorship fee in connection with telecast of the serial 'Ramayana' upto October 31, 1987 comes to Rs. 9.33 crores.

The revenue from advertisements depends upon the number of bookings received for telecast before each episode. Therefore, the total revenue from telecast of the entire serial 'Ramayana' cannot be calculated now.

### Explosions in coal mines

2501. SHRI G. BHOOPATHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new method has been introduced in the country to avert explosions in coal mines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b). Certain new methods such as use of 'raise borers' for improving ventilation to effectively dilute inflammable gas, injecting inert gas i.e. Nitrogen to dilute inflammable gas below explosive limits, installation of environmental telemonitoring system to get early and quick warning of the presence of inflammable gas, injecting in coal seams a special bacteria which can digest inflammable methane gas etc. have been tried by the Coal India Ltd. on an experimental basis. It has been reported that these methods may not be suitable and technically applicable in all mines.

STATEMENT CORRECTING REPLY TO USQ NO. 218, DT. 9.11.87, PAYMENT OF WAGES TO FEMALE WORKERS BY DDA/HUDCO

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): In reply to parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 218 dated the 9th November, 1987, in the English Version, due to a typographical error, instead of the words "NO COMPLAINT" occurring after

the words "Delhi Administration", the words "ON COMPLAINT" have mistakenly appeared. As a result of this there was an error in the Hindi translation as well.

2. The correct version of parts (a) & (b) of the reply will read as under:-

"(a) and (b). As reported by Delhi Administration, *no complaint* regarding female workers engaged in the construction of houses of DDA and HUDCO being paid lower wages than male workers is pending at present in that Office. Statistics relating to other metropolitan cities are not available since such information is only collected for the State as a whole."

The error is regretted.

12.00 hrs.

[English]

SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU (Gobichettipalayam): Government of India announced a unilateral ceasefire from Saturday morning 7 AM up to Monday 7 AM. I want to know whether the same is being extended for another 72 hours or not.

MR. SPEAKER: I do not know. You can give me.

SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU: I want to know the response from the LTTE whether they are surrendering the arms or not. I want to know from you, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: If I could, I could tell you. But I do not know.

SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU: I want to know whether the Government is coming forward with a statement.

MR. SPEAKER: You can give me something so that I can ask the Government.

SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS (Mavelikara): In Sasaram, 8 persons were shot dead by the landlord...

(Interruptions)\*