

(d) if so, the specific measures proposed to be taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Two public sectors companies, viz. Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), are engaged in production of aluminium metal.

(b) During the Seventh Five Year Plan period the production of BALCO has been more than 90% of installed capacity. NALCO started commercial production during 1987-88 when it produced 25,753 tonnes of aluminium. Its production has progressively increased to 135,018 tonnes in 1989-90, the terminal year of Seventh Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Some of the primary producers of aluminium have plans for modernization and expansion of their existing capacities during Eighth Plan.

Area Covered by Doordarshan, State-wise

10559. SHRI A. VJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the State-wise percentage of area and population covered by T.V. programmes; and

(b) by what time the total area of Kerala will be covered by T.V. programme?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) TV coverage, area-wise and population-wise, in various States/Union Territories as at present is given in the Statement below.

(b) With the commissioning of the high power (10 KW) TV transmitter (in replacement of the existing low power (100 W) transmitter) under implementation at Calicut by 1992-93, about 97% area of Kerala is expected to be brought under TV coverage (inclusive of the areas receiving fringe service, where elevated antennae and boosters etc. are required for obtaining satisfactory reception). Further improvement of TV coverage in Kerala depends upon availability of resources for the purpose.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	State	TV coverage (as on 25th May, 90)	
		% area covered	% Population covered
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	52.7	68.5
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	11.0	44.4
3.	Assam	73.1	80.8
4.	Bihar	74.0	78.2
5.	Goa	100.0	100.0
6.	Gujarat	63.0	76.8
7.	Haryana	96.6	98.5
8.	Himachal Pradesh	37.2	58.7
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	26.2	89.8

Sl. No.	State	TV coverage (as on 25th May, 90)	
		% area covered	% Population covered
1	2	3	4
10.	Karnataka	44.4	57.1
11.	Kerala	84.0	86.3
12.	Madhya Pradesh	43.5	52.1
13.	Maharashtra	50.0	68.0
14.	Manipur	31.3	66.4
15.	Meghalaya	94.6	97.2
16.	Mizoram	42.1	53.1
17.	Nagaland	43.4	47.2
18.	Orissa	50.0	65.5

Sl. No.	State	TV coverage (as on 25th May, 90)	
		% area covered	% Population covered
1	2	3	4
19.	Punjab	100.0	100.00
20.	Rajasthan	29.9	51.8
21.	Tamil Nadu	89.5	89.2
22.	Sikkim	36.6	63.1
23.	Tripura	93.3	93.3
24.	Uttar Pradesh	75.8	87.6
25.	West Bengal	94.3	95.1
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1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	23.0	99.0

Sl. No.	State	TV coverage (as on 25th May, 90)	
		% area covered	% Population covered
1	2	3	4
2.	Chandigarh	100.0	100.0
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	40.0	43.6
4.	Delhi	100.0	100.0
5.	Daman & Diu	100.0	100.0
6.	Pondicherry	100.0	100.0
7	Lakshadweep Islands	99.0	99.0
National Average		55.3	76.7

Note: 1. The above mentioned coverage figures are inclusive of the fringe areas, where elevated antennae and boosters etc. are required for obtaining satisfactory reception.

2. Terrain conditions have not been taken into account while computing the coverage figures.