

[Translation]

Relay Centre at Dungarpur, Rajasthan

1415. SHRI GULAB CHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the TV programmes relayed from Doordarshan relay centre set up at Dungarpur (Rajasthan) do not reach in most parts of the city; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to shift the relay centre to some higher place so that a large number of people of this tribal area are covered by its transmission?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) The low power (100W) TV transmitter at Dungarpur is not able to provide service to certain parts of the city falling within its service range, because of the shadow areas formed by the terrain conditions. Shifting of this transmitter to an alternate site depends upon the availability of a suitable site with requisite infrastructural facilities to be made available by the State Government.

[English]

Promotion of Tourism in Andaman & Nicobar Islands

1416. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKATA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government sought financial assistance from any foreign country to promote tourism in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much aid has already been given by Union Government in Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the year 1989-90 upto date for the development of tourism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During year 1989-90 upto date an amount of Rs. 110.87 lacs has been released to the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

[Translation]

Export of Flowers

1417. SHRI M. S. PAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established agency for export of flowers purchased directly from the growers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Setting up of Sponge Iron Units by Sponge Iron India Limited

1419. SHRI BALVANT MANVAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sponge Iron India Limited (SIIL) proposes to set up sponge iron units in four States;

(b) if so, the names of the States and reasons for opening them in these States;

(c) whether these units are being set up in industrially backward States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL & MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Opening of T.V. Relay Centres during Current Financial Year in Gujarat

1420. SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAM DAS PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of T.V. relay stations likely to be set up in Gujarat during the current financial year and

(b) the location of these centres district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Doordarshan's Annual Plan for 1990-91, *inter alia*, provides for establishment of a number of TV transmitters but their locations shall depend upon inter-se priority, for extension of TV service to different uncovered parts of the country.

[*Translation*]

Minerals survey in Narshinghpur, Madhya Pradesh

1421. SHRI S.C. VARMA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in Narshinghpur district in regard to exploration of minerals during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the exploitation of limestone and iron-ore available in Narshinghpur district; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

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THE MINISTER OF STEEL & MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Surveys conducted by GSI have indicated occurrences of Coal, Dolomite/Limestone and Iron Ore. A total of 7.83 million tonnes of non-coking coal reserve has been estimated in Mohpani Coal field upto a depth of 300 m by Coal India Ltd. A possible reserve of 3.004 million tonnes of limestone of BF grade is also estimated in the district. The iron ore occurrences have not been found promising.

(c) and (d) Preliminary investigations have indicated that the Iron Ore and Limestone occurrences are not of economic significance which would warrant any large scale exploitation.

Licensed Guides in Rajasthan

1423. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourist guides in Rajasthan who have been licensed by Union Government and Rajasthan Government, separately;

(b) the necessity of such guides in Rajasthan to whom licences have been issued by Union Government;

(c) the reasons for such duplication in this regard;

(d) whether unlicensed guides are prohibited from showing historical places; and

(e) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) The Department of Tourism, Government of India have issued licences to 56 tourist guides who are based at Jaipur, whose area of operation is the entire Northern Region of India. The Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan have been issued tourist guide licences.