

also decided that the training material should be available in bilingual form. It was also decided in the said meeting that the question papers should be bilingual and there should be option for the trainees to answer them in Hindi or English. The Indian Institute of Mass Communication have implemented the above decision of the said Committee in as much as that the medium of instruction for their Post-graduate Diploma course in Journalism (Hindi) is exclusively Hindi, for other courses wherever it is not possible to impart training exclusively in Hindi, the IIMC have made arrangements for imparting training in English and alternative medium has been kept as Hindi.

[English]

Trade Deficit

1532. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:
SHRI MANDHATA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in the trade deficit during 1989-90:

(b) if so, to what extent the same has been reduced and the factors responsible therefor;

(c) the position of balance of trade at present; and

(d) the efforts made to reduce the trade deficit?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) According to current estimates, India's trade deficit during 1989-90 at Rs. 7731 crores is less by Rs. 161 crores as compared to Rs. 7892 crores in 1987-88. The main factor responsible is a higher growth of 36.5% achieved in India's exports while imports registered an increase of 27.9%.

(c) According to the provisional figures, India's trade deficit during the first Quarter (April-June) of the

current financial year 1990-91 amounted to Rs. 1877 crores as compared to Rs. 1734 crores during April-June, 1989.

(d) The Government has taken a series of initiatives to increase exports by making exports commercially viable, through upgrading industrial efficiency, ensuring supply of raw materials at competitive prices, strengthening the infrastructure and simplifying procedures. At the same time, steps have been taken to promote efficient import substitution and to reduce non-essential imports.

[Translation]

Setting up of Doordarshan Kendra in Banka, Bihar

1533. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Doordarshan Kendra in Banka (Bihar); and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) There is no approved scheme at present to set up a TV transmitter at Banka in Bihar. It is, however, the endeavour of the Government to strengthen TV service in the area, as expeditiously as possible, depending upon the availability of adequate resources for this purpose.

[English]

Mineral Deposits in Orissa

1534. SHRI NAKUL NAYAK: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of different kinds of minerals available in Phulbani, Kalahandi and Koraput districts of Orissa;