

Viewers reaction to morning news telecast on TV

*811. SHRI D. P. JADEJA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the viewers reaction to the news telecast during the morning Television programme;

(b) whether the format of the morning news telecast requires changes to make it innovative and interesting; and

(c) if so, the steps envisaged in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A. K. PANJA) :

(a) to (c). The Morning Transmission has been introduced on Doordarshan National Network with effect from 23.2.1987. Two news bulletins of 10 minutes' duration each are telecast at 7.35 a.m. and 8.05 a.m. in Hindi and English respectively. These news bulletins originate from Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi. Doordarshan subscribes to the Pacific services of M/s. Visnews, London for the satellite news-feed, which is received at 3.00 a.m. daily enabling Doordarshan to give the latest foreign news in its morning news bulletins. According to a survey conducted by Audience Research Unit of Doordarshan the morning news bulletins are gaining popularity with the viewers. However, it is the endeavour of Doordarshan to make the news more informative and interesting.

Chromium Mines

*812. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Chromium mines in the country with details of chrome deposits, mine-wise; and

(b) the steps proposed to exploit chrome deposits ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES

(SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) The total number of Chromite mines in the country is 23. Information in regard to Chromite reserves is available in respect of 20 of these mines which is furnished below :

Name of mine	Recoverable Reserver (in thousand tonnes)
1. Loya	0.4
2. Byrapura	83
3. Thagadur	72
4. Jambur	12.5
5. Bhakth Rakalli	81
6. Sirohi	1.1
7. Morsh	1.8
8. Kamarda	296
9. Sarubil	6137
10. Bhimtanagar	62947
11. Kaliapani	12641
12. Kalarangi	456
13. South Kaliapani	11064
14. Suk rangi	5071
15. Kathpal	71
16. Birasal	58
17. Baula	36
18. Bangar	645
19. Kathpal	19
20. Boula W. P.	1593

(b) The exploitation of Chrome Ore deposit has to be determined with reference to domestic demand and demand for export from time to time. The present production is adequate to meet such demand.

Aluminium smelter in Orissa

*817. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PAT-NAIK : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :