

was constituted on 20.11.95 by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs to study the status of safety in Mines and to suggest suitable remedial measures for ensuring better safety standards has submitted its report to the Government on 18.04.96. The major recommendations of the said committee are as under :

- (i) Amendments to the Mines act, 1952 and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder for effective enforcement.
- (ii) Training to the officers of the Directorate General of Mine Safety and the Workmens' Inspectors.
- (iii) Strengthening of the Directorate General of Mines Safety by providing adequate and requisite manpower.
- (iv) Holding of conference on safety in Mines.

(c) and (d) During the deliberations of the 27th International Conference on safety in mines research institutes, held from 20th to 22nd February, 1997, stress was laid on holding the conference after every two years to provide a forum for individuals and organisations to discuss problems of mining safety and health. It has been recommended that a stable source of fund is necessary for safety research and monitoring. Areas have also been identified where technology transfer and research is to be done in priority. Recommendations received need to be balanced with the compulsions of resources for being given effect to.

12.00 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Annual Report and Review of the working of the HTL Ltd. Chennai, for the year 1995-96.

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay on the Table the following papers :

- (1) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (l) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956 :
 - (i) Review by the Government of the working of the HTL Limited, Chennai, for the year 1995-96.
 - (ii) Annual Report of the HTL Limited, Chennai, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
- (2) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-1720/97]

- (3) A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (Hindi and English versions) between the HTL Limited and the Department of Telecommunications for the year 1996-97.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-1721/97]

- (4) A copy of the Detailed Demands for Grants (Hindi and English versions) of the Department of Telecommunications for the year 1997-98.

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Detailed Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Mines for the year 1997-98.

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Detailed Demands for Grants (Hindi and English versions) of the Ministry of Mines, for the year 1997-98.

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Annual Report of the Indian Institute of the Mass Communication, New Delhi for the year 1995-96.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table -

- (1) (i) A copy of the Annual Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts.
- (ii) A copy of the Review (Hindi and English versions) by the Government of the working of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96.
- (2) Statement (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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Detailed Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Food for the year 1997-98

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table the following papers :

- (1) A copy of the Detailed Demands for Grants (Hindi and English versions) of the Ministry of Food for the year 1997-98.

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