

### Raising Capacity of Darbhanga Air Station

733. SHRIBHOGENDRAJHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a demand for raising the capacity of Darbhanga AIR Station so as to cover the Maithili Speaking Population of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the Government's response thereto and the steps contemplated to fulfil this long standing demand?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to continued constraints of financial resources and relative priorities, it has not been possible to consider the upgradation of power of Darbhanga transmitter so far. However, this will be kept in view while formulating the future expansion plans of All India Radio.

### Import of High Grade Limestone

734. SHRI Y.S. RAJA SEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are importing high grade limestone on a large scale;

(b) if so, the quantity of high grade limestones imported during the last three years and the foreign exchange incurred thereon; and

(c) the measures being taken to maximise indigenous production of limestone so as to cut its import?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Union Government is not importing any limestone but Steel Authority of India Ltd., Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd. and Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. Ltd. import some quantities of low silica high grade lime-stone.

(b) The quantities imported and the foreign exchange spent thereon by the above undertakings are as under:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Quantity (in lakh tonnes)</i>	<i>Value (million US \$)</i>
1987-88	1.77	3.15
1988-89	3.83	5.64
1989-90	4.04	3.38*

(\* does not include value of imports of TISCO whose figures are not available)

(c) Efforts are no to develop indentified indigenous deposits in Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh. Besides Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited has also initiated steps to modify their plant so as to switch over from limestone to Bentontis as a binder available indigenously.

### Complaints Against MMTC, Cuttack

735. SHRI ANADI CHARANDAS: SHRI BHAJAMAN BEHERA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints about the functioning of MMTC, Cuttack; and

(b) if so, the nature of complaints received and action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Complaints were received regarding alleged irregularities in Regional Office at Cuttack, Particularly relating to transfer of an official, things moving in reverse gear large scale retrenchment of mine workers, etc. since the joining of the present General Manager of that Office. While the complaints regarding irregular transfer of an official, neglect of trading activities by MMTC's Regional Office and retrenchment of mine workers have been looked into and found to be without any basis, allegations against some office bearers of the Local Employees' Union and irregular expenditure by MMTC's Regional Officer at Cuttack are being enquired into by MMTC for further necessary action.

[*Translation*]

**Broadcast of Glimpses of world History on Akashvani**

736. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) since when and the number of times the serials 'Glimpses of World History', 'My Story' and 'Father's letters to Daughter' were broadcast on Akashvani; and

(b) whether Government also propose to broadcast series from books of other great writers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) The serial 'Glimpses of World History' is being broadcast from All India Radio, Delhi daily for 5 minutes except on Sundays since 11.4.89. The serials on 'My Story' and 'Father's letter to Daughter' were broadcast from All India Radio, Delhi 6 days a week during 14.11.88 to 10.4.89 and 18.9.89 to 25.12.89 respectively.

(b) and (c). The broadcast of serial readings from the books of other great authors is subject to permission from their heirs. For the present, All India Radio, Delhi is broadcasting serial reading on Anand Math, a novel by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, since 1.1.90, once a week for 10 minutes.

**Foreign Debt**

737. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:  
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:  
SHRI RAMSAGAR (Saidpur):  
SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA:  
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:  
SHRI R. PRABHU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the balance of payment position of India and the total amount of foreign debt outstanding against India at present, institution and country-wise;

(b) the amount of interest paid thereon during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the amount of additional foreign loan