

However, incidence of gold is reported from the Siwalik belt along the foothills of Himalaya in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh, Jammu and Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh:

(c) and (d). Such uneconomic and low grade dispersed occurrences of gold do not justify any exploitation activity and hence, question does not arise.

Running of Trains with Adequate Brake Powers

948. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether adequate brake power is not being provided for running of trains;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to run trains with adequate brake powers to prevent accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

STD Facility to Members of TAC

949. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether members of the Telecom Advisory Committees of the States are provided with STD facility, and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Members of TAC at State level are provided with STD facility on functional requirements of the TAC concerned.

(b) Does not arise

[Translation]

Supply of Steel by SAIL to Madhya Pradesh

950. DR. RAM LAKHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of steel supplied to Madhya Pradesh by the Steel Authority of India during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) the quantity of the steel supplied to the rural areas of Bhind, Datia and Morena in the State during the above period,

(c) whether the steel sheets supplied for rural areas was sold in black marketing for use in urban areas; and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (d). Details of saleable steel sold in Madhya Pradesh by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (upto October, 1996) are given below :

Year	Quantity ('000 T)
1994-95	593.1
1995-96	711.2
1996-97 (upto October, 1996)	309.6

SAIL does not sell its steel on the basis of rural/urban areas. However, sales of SAIL steel through its Branch Sales Office at Gwalior which caters to six districts of Madhya Pradesh including Bhind, Datia and Morena Districts, have been as follows during the above period :

Year	Quantity
1994-95	37.250 M/T
1995-96	42.292 M/T
1996-97 (upto October, 1996)	15.625 M/T

[English]

Repair of Godowns

951. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of complaints received by the Government from District Manager, Food Corporation of India, Coochbehar, West Bengal regarding repair of Godowns and provision of sheds during the year 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (till 31.10.96); and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Expansion of Sahibganj Exchange Bihar

952. SHRI THOMAS HANSDA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ten Telephone Exchanges around Sahibganj in Bihar are functioning on old telegraph system;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provide U.H.F. system or link with Optical Fibre System for the said tribal dominated area of the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether ten exchanges are connected with Sahibganj Main Exchange having about 1700 connections and 8+8 STD channel facility only;

(f) if so, whether the Government propose to increase the number of STD channel facility from 8+8 to 30+30.

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the time by which the facility is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir. Eight Exchanges are working on over head carrier system and two exchanges on over head lines.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Bankudih, Barharwa, Bhagaiya, Gangati Taljhari, Tinpuhar, Udhwa, Barahait on UHF System.

Rajmahal, Murza Chowki on Optical Fibre Systems to be commissioned progressively during 1997-98 and 1998-99.

(d) In view of reply to (c) above, question does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) and (h). 15+15 Circuits by March, 1997
30+30 Circuits by March, 1999.

New Railway Zones

953. SHRI P.C. THOMAS :
SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request from the Government of Kerala for setting up new proposed South-West Railway Zone Headquarter in Kerala.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the development of Railway in Kerala;

(d) whether office of the Chief Engineer (construction) has been sanctioned for Kerala in 1991;

(e) if so, whether such office has started functioning; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A few representations have been received regarding setting up of Zonal headquarters of South-West zone in Kerala.

(c) The following works have been taken up for development of Railway in Kerala :

(i) Doubling of Kayankulam-Quilon has been completed.

(ii) Doubling of Quilon-Trivandrum is being progressed.

(iii) Doubling of Shoranpur-Mangalore has been taken up

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Hindi Consultative Committee

954. SHRI JAGADAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Hindi Salahkar Samiti has been constituted in the Ministry;

(b) if so, the number of sittings held so far;

(c) the number of Official Language Implementation Committees at various level in the Ministry and whether their sittings are held regularly.

(d) whether Members and Chairman of these Committees, who are responsible to encourage maximum use of Hindi are doing their own work in official language.

(e) the number of modern equipments converted into bi-lingual and the persons, places where this equipment, having Devnagari script would be used as all the records are kept in English.

(f) the reasons for non-completion of the programme in 23-24 years which can be completed in one year, and

(g) whether it is likely to be completed this year?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. After having reconstituted the Committee on 9th March, 1995, its meeting was held on 15.11.1995.

(c) Official Language Implementation Committees have been constructed in the Ministry as well as in most of the Offices under it and efforts are made to convene their meetings in each quarter.

(d) Yes, Sir. Do their work in Hindi according to their convenience.

(e) Most of the modern equipment being used in the Ministry as well as various offices/undertakings etc. under its control have bilingual facility and instructions have been given to do maximum work in Hindi on them.

(f) and (g). Prescribed targets for some of the items in the Annual Programme have been achieved fully.