

**Doordarshan Programmes**

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MANDAL :

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

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "DD unfazed by invasion from skies" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated July 25, 1994;

(b) if so, the manner in which Doordarshan proposes to counter effectively the continued invasion from the skies and high competition in this age of satellite communication by some Indian and Asian networks and to maintain its larger viewership by offering a diverse range of programmes;

(c) the revenue earned by Doordarshan from Metro Channel during this year; and

(d) the manner in which this amount is proposed to be utilised to improve and expand its programmes and transmission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This task is being accomplished by Doordarshan through the telecast of better quality programmes, expansion of its terrestrial network and introduction of additional satellite regional language channels.

(c) Rs. 14.47 crores (gross) during April, 1994 to June, 1994.

(d) The software and hardware requirements of Doordarshan would continue to be met from within the budget approved for this purpose by Parliament.

**Arrangements for Amarnath Yatra**

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Operation Amarnath Trek' appearing in the 'Hindu' (Delhi Edition) dated July 30, 1994;

(b) if so, whether in the wake of threat given by militants to disrupt and attack pilgrims coming from all over the country for the annual Amarnath Yatra in Kashmir, the district and police employees of Anantnag have dissociated themselves from making arrangements for the pilgrims;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against them;

(d) whether the migration of the local population of Pahalgam and nearby villages which provide ration, ponies, tents and other services to the pilgrims has also jeopardised the arrangements for the Yatra;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government have held any meetings to discuss the issue in the recent past; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (g) Government is aware of the Press Report referred to in the Question. It is true that a threat was issued by the terrorist outfit Harkat-ul-Ansar, which was endorsed by certain other terrorist/secessionist groups, against the Amarnath Yatra and the employees and private persons/groups who traditionally provide services and are involved in the Yatra arrangements. However, it is incorrect that the Deputy Commissioner and Senior Superintendent of Police, Anantnag, and other police personnel have dissociated themselves from the yatra arrangements.

After detailed reviews and discussions at the State and Central Government levels, the State Government have made elaborate arrangements to provide security for the Yatra and for other services and logistics like porters, ponies, camps, langars, etc. to avoid any difficulties and hardships to the pilgrims and the yatra has already commenced on 10.8.94. It would not be in public interest to disclose the details of the arrangements which have been made by pooling in the resources and manpower from within the State with the assistance of the Army and the Para Military Forces already deployed in the State.

#### **Revenue Earnings by Doordarshan**

3338. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Doordarshan has made

any plan to increase its revenue earnings in the next two years;

(b) if so, the projected revenue earnings for 1995-96 and 1996-97; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to use the revenue earnings to bring improvements in the quality of programmes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Doordarshan's commercial revenue earnings which have been rising over the years were Rs. 372.98 crores during 1993-94. This figure is expected to increase during the next two financial years.

(c) It is Doordarshan's constant endeavour to optimally utilise the budget approved by Parliament, *inter-alia*, for meeting its software requirement.

#### **Developmental Schemes in J & K**

3339. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether with a view to accelerating the process of economic development in J & K, the Union Government have decided to resume the work of stalled projects as well as start new developmental projects in all regions of the State;

(b) if so, the details of the old and the new developmental projects envisaged:

(c) the amount of expenditure involved in each such project;

(d) whether there is any administrative