

(b) The minimum release price for coffee was last revised in October, 1988. Any further revision would depend on the justification as well as the recommendation of the Coffee Board and the Cost Accounts Branch of the Ministry of Finance.

[*Translation*]

### **Modernisation of Doordarshan and All India Radio**

32. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise Doordarshan and All India Radio during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Details in this regard can be known only after the 8th Five Year Plan Schemes of Doordarshan and All India Radio are approved.

### **Setting up of Steel Plant in Bihar**

33. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government propose to set up another steel plant like Bokaro in Bihar during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

### **Setting up of Currency Note Printing Presses by RBI**

34. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the Reserve Bank of India to undertake the responsibility of setting up two new currency note printing presses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is departure from the existing practice of running the presses by his Ministry itself; and

(d) if so, the advantages and reasons for changing the practice?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (d). Setting up of the two new currency note printing presses involves a large financial outlay of Rs. 844 crores. In course of exploration of various alternative sources of funding Govt. found that the Reserve Bank of India was willing to set up the two presses. In view of this, RBI has been entrusted with the execution of these projects.

### **Improvement in Programmes of T.V. Station at Nagercoil**

35. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the area of coverage and make improvements in the programmes of the T.V. station at Nagercoil; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). The low power (100 W) TV transmitter at Nagercoil Provides satisfactory coverage within its normal service range and covers about 55% of Kanyakumari district, areawise. The Seventh Plan of Doordarshan does not include any scheme for augmenting the power of the transmitter at Nagercoil. This would depend upon availability of resources for the future plans of TV expansion.

The TV relay centre at Nagercoil is not equipped with any Programme Generating Facility. It only relays programmes originating from Doordarshan Kendra, Madras, for a limited duration and those originating from Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi for the rest of the transmission hours. It is, however, the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to improve the quality of the quality of the programmes telecast from all the centres in its network.

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat. I am taking up next item of the agenda. What have you to say?

[*English*]

Yes. Mr. Chidambaram.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM (Sivaganga): May I seek your permission, Sir? There is a very serious situation.

MR. SPEAKER: What situation?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: The KCF

has asked Hindu students to leave all medical and engineering institutions in Punjab...

MR. SPEAKER: You please give a notice.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM: I met you in your chamber and I sought your permission. Three days are holidays. Saturday, Sunday and Monday are holidays. This can't wait for three days till Tuesday. Here is a written notice saying: "We inform the management committee and principals of all medical colleges through a notification that they should not give admissions to any Hindu students in these colleges in Punjab and Chandigarh. (*Interruptions*) Students from Punjab, especially Sikhs, are not given admissions...."

MR. SPEAKER: All right, you have made your point.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM: Three days are holidays. (*Interruptions*) It cannot wait till Tuesday. Government must do something. The External Affairs Minister must be aware of this secret meeting there. And this is the result of that. It cannot wait for three days. Three days are holidays. Saturday, Sunday and Monday are holidays. We want a discussion on this.

MR. SPEAKER: It is all right. You have done your duty.

[*Translation*]

What have you to say? The senior member of your party is on his legs.

SHRI LALOO PRASAD (Chapra): First you should get it verified as to whether this letter is genius or not?

[*English*]

SHRIDINESH SINGH (Pratapgarh): Sir,