

*[English]***IIS in Doordarshan/AIR**

3314. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the cadre strength of Indian Information Service Group 'A';

(b) the role of Indian Information Service Officers in Doordarshan and AIR;

(c) the manner in which they are appointed;

(d) whether the Government propose to improve their service conditions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) The total sanctioned strength in various grades of Indian Information Service, Group, 'A' is 493.

(b) and (c). The recruitment to various posts is made in accordance with the provisions of notified IIS, Group 'A' Recruitment Rules. The Indian Information Service Officers in All India Radio and Doordarshan function in identified cadre posts which include Director General (News)/Addl. Director General (News)/Joint Director/Sr. Correspondent/News Editor/Talk Officer/Copy Tester and Asstt. News Editors in the News Services Division of the All Radio and Head News/Joint Director/News Editor and Asstt. News Editors in the News Service of Doordarshan. They are responsible for collection, processing and dissemination of national and international news.

(d) and (e). The service conditions of IIS, Group 'A' are at par with other Central Government employees and are reviewed from time to time by expert bodies like Central Pay Commission Cadre Review Committee etc.

Exploration of Tungston

3315. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the sites where the exploration of Tungston is being done in Nagpur district of Maharashtra;

(b) the details of the exploration of Tungston made during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to assign the task of exploration of Tungston to multinationals;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government also propose to set up mills for purification of Tungston; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Geological Survey of India (GSI) carried out exploration for tungston in the following areas in Nagpur district:

(i) Kuhi-Khobna with 2.3 m. tonnes equivalent to 7373 tonnes of 65% WO₃;

(ii) Kolari-Bhaori areas with 8.68 million tonnes equivalent to 25220 tonnes of 65% WO₃;

(iii) In Khobna area 2.46 million tonnes equivalent to 12,600 tonnes of 65% WO₃;

(b) Investigation for tungston were undertaken in the following areas during the last 3 years:

1993-94

(i) In Dumaria-Junwan-Sajbahar-Somdema area in Raigarh district of Madhya Pradesh;

(ii) In Pardi-Dahegaon-Pipdagaon area in Bhandara district, Maharashtra;

(iii) In Mandi, Chamba and Kinnam districts of Himachal Pradesh;

(iv) In Jamotra and Bikinda areas, Kathua district, Jammu and Kashmir;

(v) In Tosham Hills, Bhiwani District, Haryana.

1994-95

(i) In Nigma, Khanak, Kharkhari and Devrola areas in Bhiwani district, Haryana;

(ii) Mandi, Chamba and Kinnam districts of Himachal Pradesh;

(iii) In Ramgiri in Anantpur district of Andhra Pradesh.

1995-96

(i) In Skarns of Chor granite in Sirmur and Simla districts and in eastern part of Jeori-Wangtn granitoids in Kinnam district;

(ii) In Kharpatiya Khal Granite, Chamoli district.

(c) and (d). Under the liberalised mineral policy, tungston has been removed from the list of minerals reserved for exploitation in the public sector.

(e) and (f). Chemical investigations for tungston are being undertaken in various laboratories for determining future exploitation.

Non-functioning of Gram Panchayat Telephones in Gujarat

3316. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints of non-functioning of telephones provided to Gram Panchayats in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the district-wise number of Gram Panchayats provided with telephones and the number out of these are in order/out of order;

(d) the time by which these telephones are likely to be made functional and whether any specific instructions have

been issued or proposed to be issued to the Department for improvement in telephone services to the Gram Panchayats in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). As per Statement attached.

(d) and (e). Efforts are being made to make faulty telephones functional at the earliest. Instructions have been issued to the field Units for taking the following remedial measures:

- (i) to enter into Annual maintenance contract with the manufacturers of the equipments.
- (ii) to train their staff.
- (iii) to periodically check system parameters and to follow prescribed fault reporting procedures.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of G.Ps. with PTs as on 30.6.96	No. of working VPTs in order as on 30.6.96	Total No. of faulty PTs as on 30.6.96
1.	Ahmedabad	614	652	32
2.	Gandhi Nagar	70		
3.	Amreli	519	374	145
4.	Banaskantha	741	731	10
5.	Bharuch	668	601	67
6.	Bhavnagar	717	596	121
7.	Jamnagar	588	504	84
8.	Junagadh	781	637	144
9.	Kheda	899	839	60
10.	Kutch (Bhuj)	519	498	21
11.	Mehsana	994	994	00
12.	Panchmahal	773	663	110
13.	Rajkot	771	643	128
14.	Sabarkantha	670	650	20