

Broad activities in Orissa include a 50 bedded Hospital with medical/surgical facilities at Joda and 9 dispensaries at Birmitrapahar, Barbil, Badampur, Gurada, Jaruri, Nuagaon, Nishakhal, Tonka, and Siljora. In addition there are schemes for reservation of beds in T.B. Hospitals, etc.

Scholarships are being distributed to wards of miners. The number of beneficiaries in the Bhubaneswar region were 619 in 1983-84, 636 in 1984-85, and 484 in 1985-86.

Information about nature of diseases of mine workers and mortality rate is not maintained in the Ministry.

**Recording of Mahatma Gandhi's
Prarthana Sabha**

2368. SHRI ZULFIQUAR ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether All India Radio or its Archives have a recording of Mahatma Gandhi Prarthana Sabha held in Delhi on 29 October, 1947;

(b) if so, whether this particular recording is available to the public; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The regardings available in the Archives are primarily meant for broadcast purposes. However, they could be made available to interested scholars subject to the prescribed procedure being followed.

**Excavation of Gold from Chigargunta
Gold Mines**

2369. SHRIMATI N.P. JHANSI LAKSHMI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of excavation of Gold from Chigargunta gold mines in Kuppam, Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether preference is given to local people in recruitments made for the clerical and higher posts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA) : (a) Exploratory mining is being done by Mineral Exploration Corporation at Chigargunta, Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh, primarily to establish gold deposits in that area. Some production of gold ore which is incidental to such exploratory mining is processed by Bharat Gold Mines at Kolar Gold Fields. During 1985-86, 24.34 Kgs. of gold was recovered from such processing.

(b) For clerical and higher posts, recruitments is done by Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. centrally and not at the site where exploration work is carried out.

(c) Does not arise.

Programmes Telecast on Sunday

2370. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of programmes for children telecast on Sundays; and

(b) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b). Doordarshan is telecasting three serial programmes of Children's interest. The details are given below :—

(i) Famous Five : Serial in English based on Enit Blyton's works of the same title.

(ii) Vikram Aur Baital/Dada Dadi Ki Kahani : Serial in Hindi.

(iii) Kachi Dhoop : Serial in Hindi.

Drought in Tamil Nadu

2371. SHRI S. SINGARAVADIVEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :