

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). No Sir; telephone services in Patna have generally improved. However, telephone services were seriously affected from 15.2.88 due to strike by some sections of the staff.

[English]

Requirement Newsprint

3178. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey/study has been made to determine the actual total requirement of newsprint for newspapers; and

(b) if so, the finding thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L.BHAGAT):(a) and (b). No formal study has been done. However, the requirement of newsprint is assessed every year on the basis of the allocations of the preceding year with due regard for future growth.

Doordarshan Programme Production Kendras

3179. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of studios Doordarshan has and the places where they are located;

(b) the names of cities which have their own programme production Kendras;

(c) whether the programme producing kendras outside Delhi are able to give their viewers full time independent regional programmes;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether there are any proposals to increase the number of studios and Kendras, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L.BHAGAT): (a) and (b). There are, at present, 18 Programme Production Centres in the TV network. Their locations are given in the statement below.

(b) Within the available resources, manpower and programme policy framework, all Doordarshan Kendras, with Programme Production facilities, are producing programmes locally to their maximum capacity, for the benefit of the viewers covered by them.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir. On implementation of the various schemes included in the Seventh Plan of Doordarshan, the number of Programme Production Centres in the country would increase to 48. In addition a scheme for putting Central Production Unit of Doordarshan is also under implementation at Delhi.

STATEMENT

Locations of the existing Programme Production Centres of Doordarshan

1. Delhi
2. Bombay
3. Calcutta