

(ग) क्या पूर्वी क्षेत्र के देहरिया, बलिया झजमगढ़, गोरखपुर तथा बस्ती आदि जन पद में भी इस उपग्रह से दूरदर्शन कार्यक्रम पहुंच सकते हैं और इस कार्य पर कुल कितना खर्च होगा ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण झाड़वाणी) : (क) और (ख). मुजफ्फरपुर में एक स्थलीय दूरदर्शन प्रेषण केन्द्र 14-6-1978 को चालू किया गया था। क्योंकि यह केन्द्र 'साइट' उत्तरवर्ती योजना का अंग है, अतः वहां से टेलीकास्ट होने वाले कार्यक्रम मुख्यतया ग्रामीणमुखी होते हैं। इन कार्यक्रमों को पहले बीडियो टेपों पर रिकार्ड किया जाता है और फिर उनको उक्त केन्द्र से टेलीकास्ट किया जाता है।

(ग) संभवतया यह 'साइट' उत्तरवर्ती कार्यक्रम के संदर्भ में है जिसके अंतर्गत मुजफ्फरपुर दूरदर्शन प्रेषण केन्द्र कार्य कर रहा है। इसके सेवा क्षेत्र का विस्तार उत्तर प्रदेश के पूर्वी जिलों में करना संभव नहीं है।

Restarting of River Services

1462. SHRI GANGADHAR APPA BURANDE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Government to restart the river services which were closed down; and

(b) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The river services on two routes namely; Calcutta-Gauhati and Calcutta-Cachar which were closed down have been restarted with effect

from May, 1978 and June, 1978 respectively by Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited. Calcutta.

Pay and Allowances of J.C.Os. and other Rank Officers

1463. SHRI K. N. DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the differences in pay and allowances between the JCOs and other rank officers are gradually increasing;

(b) whether at present JCOs and Jawans are getting same ration scale and allowances and outfit allowances, but the newly commissioned officers are getting at much higher rates; and

(c) whether JCOs are getting 1st class journey facility but as regards mileage allowances they are getting less than that of other officers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) No, Sir. The disparity in the ratio of pay between JCOs and Commissioned Officers has been substantially reduced over the years.

(b) JCOs and Jawans are entitled to free rations, or ration allowance in lieu thereof when rations are not drawn in kind. Commissioned Officers (including newly Commissioned Officers), are not entitled to free rations, except when posted to field areas. The ration scales of Commissioned Officers, including newly Commissioned Officers, in field areas are different as compared to JCOs/Jawans because of different dietary habits.

So far as outfit allowance is concerned. JCOs and Jawans get free initial issue of clothing, free washing services, and clothing allowance of Rs. 9 p.m. for the purpose of replacement and repair of articles of clothing. In field areas, they get free replacement of clothing in lieu of clothing allowance. On the other hand, a

Commissioned Officer gets initial outfit allowance of Rs. 1400 to provide himself with uniform and accessories; renewal outfit allowance of Rs. 1200 after 7 years' qualifying service; and kit maintenance allowance of Rs. 50 p.m.

(c) Both JCOs and Commissioned Officers are entitled to travel by 1st class during rail journeys. There is also no difference in their entitlements of mileage allowance.

Grant of Pension to Freedom Fighters

1464. SHRI F. H. MOHSIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons have been granted fresh political sufferers pension since April 1977;

(b) in how many cases the pensions have been suspended or cancelled; and

(c) how many applications are still pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL):
(a) 1449.

(b) Pensions have been suspended in 1767 cases and cancelled in 323 cases.

(c) No application is pending initial scrutiny.

Andaman and Nicobar Island Shipping Services

1465 SHRI D. AMAT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a committee to go into the various problems connected with the Andaman and Nicobar Island Shipping Services; and

(b) if so, what are the main features of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee will examine various problems connected with Shipping Services to Andaman and Nicobar Islands, including quotas now being fixed for various categories of users. It will comprise of representatives of the Ministries of Shipping and Transport and Home Affairs, two members of the Home Minister's Advisory Committee for Andaman and Nicobar Islands, a representative of the Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and a representative of Shipping Corporation of India Limited.

Censorship Certificate to 'God Fathers' Kung Fu Family'

1466. DR. RAMJI SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the film 'God Fathers' Kung-fu Family' is certified for exhibition in India;

(b) was it seized by the Police;

(c) has it led to some sensational disclosures; and

(d) if so, what are they and steps Government taken?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

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