

coal, which depend upon the grade of coal, distance of the consuming centre from the coalfield, mode of transport, wholesalers and retailers margin, local taxes and other levies, is done by the State Governments under the Essential Commodities Act. It is however possible that some unscrupulous elements might have taken advantage of temporary shortages at certain places and raised the retail prices. These are dealt with according to law by the State Governments.

Implementation of S.I.U Report regarding Doordarshan Staff Artists

7211 SHRI SACHINDRA LAL SINGHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan authorities have implemented the SIU Report on staff artists to remove irregularities;

(b) why not the implementation of SIU Report is stopped which is not suitable for a specialised Department like Doordarshan;

(c) whether there is timely promotion channel in Cameraman category; if not, reasons therefor,

(d) why Verghese Report has not implemented yet; and

(e) whether S.I.U. Report and Verghese Report will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) The S.I.U. Report which deals with the staffing pattern in Doordarshan Kendras is yet to be implemented in respect of staff artists. In the report of S.I.U. no irregularities in respect of staff artists have been pointed out

(b) The SIU examined the staff requirements of D.D.Ks. following the recommendation made by the Estimates Committee (64th report, 1973-74)

that the entire staffing pattern and staff position of Doordarshan should be examined by the S.I.U, with which the experts in the field of T.V. may be associated. The S.I.U. conducted the study in consultation with experts. Its report has been accepted by Government. The question of not implementing the report does not arise.

(c) There are two grades of Cameraman in Doordarshan—Cameraman Gr II in the fee scale of Rs. 550—900 and Cameraman Gr. I in the scale of Rs 840—1200. Cameramen Gr II are appointed by direct recruitment and Cameramen Grade I are appointed by 100 per cent promotion of Cameramen Gr II. Promotions are made on the availability of vacancies in the category of Cameramen Grade I

(d) and (e) Examination of the recommendations of the Verghese Committee is in hand, and a Bill on the future set up of Akashvani and Doordarshan is expected to be introduced during the current session of Parliament. SIU Report in respect of Staff Artists will be implemented shortly.

Discovery of New Oilfield in Assam

7212 SHRI AHMED HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new oil-field has been discovered in Assam recently; and

(b) if so, the details of places and quantum of oil likely to be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.