

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) :** (a) to (c). FM band 87-103 MHz is already allocated for broadcasting in the country in addition to the existing AM bands. FM service has been functioning at Madras since July, 1977 and is expected to start functioning at Bombay and Calcutta during the current year. FM Service is also likely to start in Delhi in the next two years or so.

(d) The Working Group on Autonomy for Akashvani and Doordarshan has stated that "the price difference between standard AM receivers and AM-FM receivers is likely to be of the order of 20 to 30 per cent and low cost AM-FM sets may become available at about Rs. 165."

**Setting up of Fertilizer Plants in Gujarat by IFFCO and National Fertilizer Company**

4974. **SHRI D. D. DESAI:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to State:

(a) whether IFFCO and National Fertilizer Co. are setting up fertilizer plants in Gujarat with the Bombay High Gas as feedstock;

(b) if so, the gas requirements of these fertilizer factories; and

(c) whether Government have guaranteed the supply of this quantity of Gas to these factories?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI NARSINGH YADAV) :**

(a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to set up two large sized gas based fertilizer plants in Gujarat. Of these, two plants, one will be implemented by Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd. and the other by National Fertilizers Ltd.

(b) The requirement of gas for the two plants together has been estimated at 2.8 million Nm<sup>3</sup> per day.

(c) No difficulty is anticipated in making available the required quantity of gas for these plants.

**Shift of proposed Steel Plant from Hospet to Mangalore**

4975. **SHRI D. D. DESAI:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has finally agreed to the Central Government's proposal to shift the proposed steel plant at Hospet to Mangalore;

(b) if not, whether Government will go ahead with its proposal; and

(c) whether site has been acquired for this purpose in Mangalore?

**THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK) :**

(a) and (b). Since there is no proposal to shift Hospet Steel Plant, the question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

**Discovery of Huge Reserve of Coking Coal in Asansol**

4976. **SHRI D. D. DESAI.** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge reserve of 10 million tonnes of coking coal has been found recently in Asansol; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) :** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. An additional resource of medium coking coal has been proved in Chanch-Begunia area west of Asansol. A gross indicated reserve of 20 million tonnes from Begunia and Ramnagar seams has been assessed by Geological Survey of India in southern part of Ramnagar lease hold and Begunia area.

**Books and Pamphlets issued by Publications Division**

4977. **SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of (i) books and (ii) pamphlets issued by the Publications Division during the years 1975-76 1976-77 and 1977-78 and the annual expenditure thereon;

(b) what was the total number of (i) books and (ii) pamphlets in Urdu language issued by the Publications Division during the aforesaid years and the annual expenditure thereon; and

(c) what steps, if any, are proposed to be taken for an adequate increase in Urdu publications?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) :** (a) and (b). A statement is attached.

(c) The Publications Division is endeavouring to produce more books in Urdu as well as in other regional languages. Ten (10) Urdu titles are at present under consideration in the Publications Division. These include a special title "Paheliyan" which is being brought out in the context of the International Year of the Child.

## Statements

S. No.	Year	Total No. of books/booklets (including Urdu publications) released	Total expenditure incurred (in rupees)	Total No. of books/booklets released in Urdu	Expenditure of incurred in (in rupees)
1	1975-76	90	15,12,800.00	3	17,600.00
2.	1976-77	80	17,79,220.00	1	26,000.00
3	1977-78	55	7,87,200.00	1	10,000.00

\*After December, 1974 the Publications Division has not been bringing out any pamphlet and this work was undertaken by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity. However during the period April, 75—December, 75, the Publications Division brought out 15 pamphlets none of which was in Urdu, at a cost of Rs. 57,950/-.

#### Singrauli Thermal Project at Mirzapur U.P.

4978. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA:  
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH  
MALIK :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the Singrauli Thermal Project which is under construction in Mirzapur District of U.P. has been going on according to the schedule;

(b) if not, the reasons thereof;

(c) the total amount so far spent on the project since the work started; and

(d) what is the total expenditure likely to be incurred on this project?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) An expenditure of Rs. 42.51 crores has been incurred on the power project up to February, 1979.

(d) The first phase of the power project involving installation of three generating units of 200 MW each at an estimated cost of Rs. 255.66 crores is under implementation. A complementary transmission programme of construction of 400 KV Transmission lines for evacuation of power at an estimated cost of Rs. 31.64 crores is also in progress. While the Singrauli Central Thermal Power Station has been envisaged for an ultimate capacity of 2000 MW, investment for the first phase of 600 MW, has so far been approved.

#### Screening of 'Kissa Kursi Ka' Film on Television.

4979. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA :  
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH  
MALIK :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Producer of the film 'Kissa Kursi Ka' offered without any charge to screen that film on the Television;

(b) whether Government have refused to screen that film; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c). The film 'Kissa Kursi Ka' was offered by a film distributor of Bombay for previewing by the Screening Committee attached to Bombay Doordarshan Kendra. The Screening Committee after preview did not find the film suitable for telecast. However the matter is being reviewed.

#### Departmental Examination of ACSO in AFHQ

4980. SHRI SUBHASH AHUJA:  
Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) why no Limited Departmental Competitive Examination for the posts of ACSO is held for Assistants and Stenographers 'B' and 'C' Grade in AFHQ on similar lines as in Central Secretariat for Section Officers;

(b) if there is any discrimination in the matter of promotional avenues of Stenographers in AFHQ service *vis-a-vis* stenographers of Central Secretariat; and

(c) how many stenographers Grade 'C' with 14 or more years of service in AFHQ in the same grade are there without any promotion and what action Government propose to take to remove their stagnation?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) It was decided not to introduce limited departmental examination for promotion to the post of ACSO because it was found that a very small percentage of Assistants will be eligible to compete in such an examination.

(b) No, Sir.