

Municipal By-laws relating to the construction of high-rise buildings in Central District of New Delhi Municipal Committee (NDMC) area.

(ii) Expansion of TV Centre, Mumbai:-

Slow progress of civil works by the contractor who was initially assigned the civil works of the project which eventually had to be rescinded and the balance work is now being executed by the second contractor; non-availability of construction material for some time; problems of water logging/regular seepage in the basement; change in scope of the project etc.

(c) While the cost escalation due to delay in implementation of Doordarshan Bhawan (Studio-cum-Office Complex) project at Delhi is Rs. 4745.29 lakhs, in the case of Expansion of TV Centre Project at Mumbai, it is Rs. 1917.89 lakhs.

(d) The civil works in respect of Doordarshan Bhawan (Studio-cum-Office Complex) at Delhi as well as Expansion of TV Centre at Mumbai are in progress. As per the present indications, while the Doordarshan Bhawan (Studio-cum-Office Complex) at Delhi is expected to be made ready by the end of the financial year 1998-99, the project for Expansion of TV Centre at Mumbai is expected to be made ready by the end of the financial year 1997-98.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) to (h). There are at present 20 Radio Stations in operation in the State of Maharashtra providing service to estimated 98% area and 99% population of the State. Some small pockets in Sindhudurg and Osmanabad districts were reportedly not covered by any of the AIR's MW/FM Transmitters. However, the uncovered pockets in Osmanabad district are expected to receive AIR coverage from the FM transmitter at Osmanabad which has since been commissioned on 9.12.1996. In addition, a new Radio Station is being established at Malwan in Sindhudurg district which is expected to be completed during 9th Plan.

[Translation]

Re-Construction of Hotels

*313. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN :
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount proposed to be spent by India Tourism Development Corporation on the reconstruction of hotels;

(b) whether the modernisation drive is proposed to be funded entirely by the internal resources;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal to demolish some hotels;

(e) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(f) whether the life of the hotels which are likely to be demolished was evaluated at the time of construction, and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA):

(a) It is estimated to incur Rs. 98.11 crores on reconstruction of Lodhi Hotel, New Delhi in the first phase, followed by reconstruction of Janpath and Ranjit Hotels for which schemes would be finalised in second and third phases respectively.

(b) and (c). Yes Sir, current year's (1996-97) plan outlay of Rs. 40 crores which includes a provision of Rs. 17.74 crores for renovation/improvements in hotels would be met out of internal resources.

(d) and (e). The proposal is to demolish the old structures of Lodhi, Janpath and Ranjit hotels which are considered not conducive for the efficient operation of hotels. They will be replaced with new structures with modern facilities and utilisation of space.

(f) and (g). The buildings of these hotels were constructed in 1955-56 to be used as hotels by the Central Govt. No records are available with ITDC about the evaluation of the life span of these buildings.

Shifting of Beedi Industries to Southern States

*314. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether beedi industries are being shifted from Madhya Pradesh to the Southern States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government for the economic development of the beedi labourers affected thereby?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) As per information furnished by the State Government, no such case has so far been reported to the State Labour Department.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Expenditure on Publicity

*315. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIUSHNH
GAEKWAD :
DR. BALIRAM :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Public Sector Undertakings under his Ministry have been incurring huge expenditure on publicity arbitrarily;

(b) if so, whether he has expressed resentment in this regard;