

Misuse of VVIP Squadron

2369. DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appeared in the *Asian Age* dated February 2, 1999 regarding use of VVIP squadron by ex-Prime Ministers;

(b) if so, the amount of outstanding dues towards former/present ministers, including Prime Ministers as on date on account of use of IAF planes; and

(c) the steps taken to realise the outstanding dues?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Except the Prime Minister, no other dignitary is authorised to make use of the IAF aircraft/helicopters for duties other than official.

(b) A Statement indicating details of outstanding amount against former/present Prime Ministers is attached. Accounts at Air Hqrs. are being maintained Deptt./Agency wise and not in the name of individual Ministers.

(c) The recovery of dues is being pursued with the Prime Minister's Office and the respective Deptt.'s in the Central Government.

Statement

Sl.No.	Name of the Prime Minister(s)	Amount Outstanding
	S/Shri	(Rs.)
1.	Late Rajiv Gandhi	1,86,17,280
2.	Chandra Shekhar	5,91,31,476
3.	P.V. Narasimha Rao	5,52,40,647
4.	H.D. Deve Gowda	26,48,164
5.	Atal Bihari Vajpayee	Nil

[Translation]

Earning of Doordarshan/Akashwani

2370. SHRI RAMSHAKAL:
SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN:

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

(a) the amount of revenue earned by Doordarshan/Akashwani separately by way of commercial advertisements from June, 1998 to December, 1998; and

(b) the names of the programmes of Akashwani and Doordarshan which have earned maximum revenue separately during the above mentioned period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) Prasar Bharati have reported that the gross commercial revenue earned by Doordarshan and All India Radio from June, 1998 to December, 1998 is Rs. 190.51 crores and 53.67 crores respectively.

(b) The programmes that earned maximum revenue for Doordarshan and All India Radio are "Friday Feature Films" and "Film Music Programme" respectively.

[English]

Cancellation of Programme Produced by Dr. Sanjay Gosain

2371. SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether programme produced by Dr. Sanjay Gosain scheduled to be telecast on the new year eve was cancelled by Mumbai Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to hold enquiry to ascertain facts regarding cancellation of programme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER