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10.	Karnataka	145
11.	Kerala	136
12.	Madhya Pradesh	64
13.	Maharashtra	78
14.	Meghalaya	01
15.	Orissa	53
16.	Pondicherry	13
17.	Punjab	70
18.	Rajasthan	65
19.	Tamil Nadu	160
20.	Uttar Pradesh	145
21.	West Bengal	36
22.	Jammu and Kashmir	08
Total :		1442

[English]

Programmes on Satellite Channels

4079. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI :
SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :
SHRI ANANTH KUMAR :

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

(a) the number of satellite channels on the TV network operating in the country at present;

(b) whether the Government propose to launch some new channels;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any programme is being exhibited continuously contrary to the interest and moral values of the children and teenage group;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether in the name of advertising the product, obscene and vulgar approach are being encouraged every day; and

(g) if so, the steps the Government propose to prevent the above?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Doordarshan has 19 satellite channels in its network.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Doordarshan telecasts commercial advertisements as per the guidelines prescribed in the Code for Commercial Advertising. The Code inter-alia does not permit indecent and obscene advertisements.

(g) Does not arise.

Punctuality of IA Flights

4080. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH
GAEKWAD:

SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether punctuality record of Indian Airlines flights continues to be dismal;

(b) if so, the number of air-flights delayed, disrupted or cancelled during 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997 so far; and

(c) the number out of them attributed to strikes and agitations by pilots and other staff?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The number of flights delayed/disrupted or cancelled during the year 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 is given below :

Year	Take off	Delays	Cancelled
1994-95	77205	22911	3396
1995-96	76444	24364	2538
1996-97 (upto 31.1.97)	68373	21351	1246

(c) The number of flights delayed or cancelled during the year 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 due to industrial unrest is given below :

Year	Delays	Cancelled
1994-95	59	289
1995-96	33	42
1996-97 (upto 31.1.97)	8	83

[Translation]

GPO in Gadchiroli, Maharashtra

4081. SHRI HANSRAJ AHIR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for not setting up a General Post Office (G.P.O.) at Gadchiroli even after the formation of the district Gadchiroli (Maharashtra) in 1982;

(b) the number of the districts in the country where there are no G.P.Os;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the policy of the Government in this regard; and

(e) by when the G.P.Os are likely to be set up in all the districts of the country, including Gadhchiroli?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (e) As per departmental rules, the first class Head Post Office situated at the Headquarters of a Postal Circle viz., Chief Postmaster General or, where there are more than one such Head Post Office at that place, the one attached to the circle headquarters is termed as General Post Office. Normally the headquarters of the CPMG of a Postal Circle is the State capital. Therefore, the question of opening of a G.P.O. in every district of the country, including Gadhchiroli, does not arise.

[English]

Full Time Programme on LPT, Tamil Nadu

4082. SHRI N. DENNIS :

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :

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

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce Doordarshan service for 24 hours, particularly on Low Power Transmitter Centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Bauxite Reserves in Gujarat

4083. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :

DR. A.K. PATEL :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is abundant reserve of bauxite in Kutch region and other districts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is no bauxite based Aluminium industry in the State;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to set up Aluminium based industry in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b) The reserves of bauxite in the State of Gujarat, as on 1.4.90 are as follows :

(Unit in thousand tonnes)

District	Proved	Probable	Possible	Total
Gujarat Total	36,423	18,967	52,354	107,744
1. Amreli	7	1	-	8
2. Bhavnagar	100	-	410	510
3. Jamnagar	13,964	2,774	23,262	40,000
4. Junagarh	4	-	15,662	15,666
5. Kheda	469	-	614	1,083
6. Kutch	21,834	66	11,760	33,660
7. Sabarkantha	-	15,864	647	16,511
8. Valsad	45	262	-	307

(c) and (d) There is no bauxite based Aluminium industry in Gujarat. Bauxite is utilised mainly in refractory and abrasive industries in Gujarat.

(e) To encourage private sector investment in the aluminium sector, aluminium metal and its downstream products have been exempted from the provision of compulsory licensing. However, Government had approved the Foreign collaboration proposal of M/s. Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Ltd. with M/s. Raytheon Engineers and Constructors Inc. USA for setting up of 5 lacs tonnes per annum (TPA) Alumina Plant in District Kutch, Gujarat.

Length of Rail Lines

4084. SHRI NURUL ISLAM :

DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of Railway track abandoned in the country because of various reasons like gauge conversion, change of route etc.;

(b) the length of Railway track to Assam vis-a-vis in the country in 1947 and 1996;