

# RAJYA SABHA

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*Tuesday, the 12th December, 2000/21 Agrahayana, 1922 (Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the clock, MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair*.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Question No. 321, Prof. Ram Deo Bhandary ...*(Interruptions)*... Question No. 322, Shri Ram Jethmalani ... *(Interruptions)*... Questions No. 323 ...*(Interruptions)*...

### **Scam in the purchase of wireless sets for warning of floods**

†\*321. PROF. RAMDEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of actual requirement of wireless sets for forecasting and warning of floods in rivers flowing through India and Nepal alongwith the number of wireless sets purchased and the amount spent on each such set including the year of purchase and other information;

(b) the names of places where these sets have been installed and the condition of these sets at present;

(c) whether these sets have been utilised, if so, the details thereof during last three years;

(d) the action taken so far on the written complaints by a Member of Parliament to investigate the scam regarding purchase of these sets; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN SETHI):

(a) to (e) The details of actual requirement of wireless sets are as under:

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Particulars	Wireless Stations	Stand by sets (About 25%)	Total No. required
Nepalese sites	42	10	52
Indian sites	18	04	22
Nepalese Control Stations	03	01	04
Indian Control Stations	06	02	08
		TOTAL:	86

Against the requirement of 86 wireless sets a total of 51 wireless sets were purchased during March 1989 to March 1991. Out of these sets, 48 sets have become unserviceable due to non availability of spares as the PSU which supplied these sets had closed down. Subsequently 45 more wireless sets were purchased during the period June 1995 to December 1997.

The details of cost along with year of purchase, type/make of equipment have been given in the Statement- I. (See below)

The names of places where the wireless sets have been installed along with their condition are given in Statement-II. (See below)

The wireless sets have been utilized for receiving the rainfall data and river gauge data from Nepal during the monsoon period. The number of stations from which rainfall data and river gauge data have been received during past three years is as under:

Year	No. of Stations from which rainfall data received	No. of Stations from which river gauge data received
1997	12	6
1998	13	8
1999	16	11

The written complaint made by the Member of Parliament and other similar complaints were investigated in detail by Chairman, Ganga Flood Control Commission, Patna. No irregularities have been observed in the preliminary investigation concerning purchase of wireless sets.

**Statement-I**

*Details of wireless sets purchased for forecasting and warning of floods in river flowing through India and Nepal*

S.No.	Type/Make of equipments purchased	Date of supply order	No. of W/L sets	Cost of equipments as per supply order in Rs.
1.	(i) MAT-20 of M/s MACE, (20 Watt.) Vishakhapatnam	09.03.1989	20	16,11,200/- excluding taxes
	(ii) MAT-100 of M/s MACE (100 Watt.) Vishakhapatnam		04	
2.	MAT-20 of M/s MACE, (20 Watt.) Vishakhapatnam	27.03.1991	26	15,73,000/- excluding taxes
3.	JSB-161, of M/s PUNWIRE, (150 Watt.) Chandigarh	27.03.1991	01	1,33,950/- excluding taxes
4.	TRC-70 of M/s PUNWIRE, (100 Watt.) Chandigarh	09.06.1995	08	7,06,784/-
5.	(i) TRC-70 of PUNWIRE, (100 Watt.) Chandigarh	14.04.1996	08	18,08,175/-
	(ii) JSB-161 (150 Watt.) M/s. PUNWIRE, Chandigarh		07	
6.	TRC-80 of M/s PUNWIRE, (100 Watt.) Chandigarh	20.12.1997	22	15,60,121/-
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>96</b>	

**Statement-II**

*Names of places where the wireless sets have been installed  
and their conditions*

**In Nepal**

Sl.No.	Name of Site/Place	No. of wireless sets installed	Condition
1.	BAGMATI P.D.	1	Working
2.	BEHERI JAMMU	1	-do-
3.	MAINACHULI	1	-do-
4.	PATHARKOT	1	-do-
5.	DEOGHAT	1	-do-
6.	JALKUNDI	1	-do-
7.	BHALUWANG	1	-do-
8.	CHATARA	1	-do-
9.	ARUGHAT	1	-do-
10.	BELUWA GIRI	1	-do-
11.	MYAGDIBENI	1	-do-
12.	HARAINCHA	1	-do-
13.	JIRI	1	-do-
14.	ILAM	1	-do-
15.	NIJAGARDH	1	-do-
16.	GORKHA	1	-do-
17.	NEPALTAR	1	-do-
18.	MAJHITAR	1	-do-
19.	PACHUWAR GHAT	1	-do-
20.	BETRAWATI	1	-do-
21.	RAMAULI BAIRIYA	1	-do-
22.	SINDHULI	1	-do-
23.	KATHMANDU	1	-do-
24.	ANGSHING	1	-do-
25.	TURKE GHAT	1	-do-
26.	KUSUM	1	-do-
27.	TOKSHEL GHAT	1	-do-
28.	LUNG THUNG	1	-do-

Sl.No.	Name of Site/Place	No. of wireless sets installed	Condition
29.	CHAURI KHARKA	1	-do-
30.	KAMALA	1	-do-
31.	NUM	1	-do-
32.	DHARAN	1	-do-
33.	RABUWA	1	-do-

**In India**

1.	Office of Chief Engineer, L.G. Basin, CWC, Patna	1	Working
2.	Office of MGD-I, CWC, Lucknow	1	-do-
3.	Office of MGD-IV, CWC, Patna	1	-do-
4.	Sub-Divisional offices of MGD-IV, CWC, Patna	2	-do-
5.	Sub-division office/site offices of MGD-IV, CWC, Patna	7	-do-
6.	Office of MGD-V, CWC, Patna	1	-do-

**Winding up of BIFR**

†\*322. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to form a new body by winding up the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR);

(b) if so, whether Government have taken action to implement the recommendations of Eradi Commission;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what structure has been prepared for this new body?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
(SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

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