

respectively during the last three years; and

(b) the duration of programmes broadcast and telecast in Hindi and English from classics like the Vedas, Upanishads, Gita, Ramayana and Mahabharata?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) 49 stations of All India Radio broadcast Sanskrit programmes for duration of over 500 hours each year during the last 3 years. Sanskrit programmes in various formats are mainly telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi on Channels I&II. There is a regular 15 mts. slot of Sanskrit programme in the morning transmission on Fridays. Besides, other Kendras also originate a few Sanskrit programmes occasionally.

The details of Sanskrit programmes broadcast/telecast during the last 3 years have not been kept centrally in a compiled form; and

(b) Doordarshan has telecast sponsored TV serials in Hindi on Ramayana (including Uttar Ramayana) and Mahabharata for a total duration of 9957 mts. (approximately).

As there are a large number of All India Radio stations, this information has not been kept centrally in a compiled form.

JKLF Training Centres in Kashmir

1818. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the training centres being run by J.K.L.F. in Kashmir Valley and Video Cassettes depicting their activities are also easily available in the market; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The State Government have advised that there are no confirmed reports about the existence of such training centres. They have further advised that some video cassettes have surfaced referring to the militant activities.

(b) Stringent action against secessionist activities in the State are continuing.

[English]

Programme for the Welfare of Women and Children

1819. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN:
SHRI RAJAMOHAN REDDY:
SHRI BANWARI LAL
PUROHIT:
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA
RAJE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have drawn up any ambitious programme for the development of women and children during the Eighth Five Year Plan with special emphasis on employment opportunities for women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) the extent to which the development of women and children is likely to take place thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) to (d). The Department of Women and Child Development has prepared the Eighth Plan proposal for the programmes for the women and child development, but its scope content and outlay will depend on the finalisation of VIIIth Five Year Plan.

Export Concessions to TV Industry

1820. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give certain export concessions to the television industry in view of present crisis;

(b) if so, the details of the incentives Government propose to give in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (c). To encourage the export of Black & White TV receivers, Government have permitted flexibility in Replenishment (REP) licences issued against export of Black & White TV receivers for import of video tape deck mechanism and Populated/stuffed printed circuit boards. This will enable the exporters to be competitive in international market.

[*Translation*]

Checking of Infiltration

1821. SHRI BALESHWAR YADAV:
SHRI RAJAMOCHAN REDDY:
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR
MALHOTRA:
KUMARI UMA BHARATI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to deploy the army behind the Border Security Force along the international border with Pakistan to check infiltration by militant and smuggline of arms from across the border ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken or contemplated to check the infiltration and smuggling of arms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). Government keep a constant watch on the situation along the Border and take appropriate action from time to time to maintain full defence preparedness.

(c) Border Security Force has been strengthened, more border-outposts have been established and additional observation post-towers have been constructed. BSF has also been equipped with additional vehicles for intensive patrolling and sophisticated equipment; like telescopic binocullars for detection of infiltrators. Wirefencing and flood lighting has been provided in selected sensitive areas of Punjab border.

Industrial growth

1822. SHRI R.N. RAKESH:
DR. CHINTA MOHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pace of industrial development has been declining continuously from the beginning of the current financial year;