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Export of Commercial Films

7595. SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the earnings over the past three

years from exports of commercial films; and

(b) the foreign exchange spent on the import of commercial films over the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) and (b). Value of Export and Import of (No. i) Feature Films, (No ii) Advertising shorts, documentaries, news reels etc. are as under:

Value: Rs. Lakhs

Year	Exports		Imports	
	Feature Films	Advertising short etc.	Feature Films	Advertising short etc.
1986-87	654	9	67	52
1987-88	660	6	93	35
1988-89	821	2	121	10

Note: Export/Import date are available upto March, '88 only.

Source: Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India Vol. (I) Exports and Vol. (II) Imports.

Percentage of Population Covered by Doordarshan, A.P.

7596. SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) percentage of the population that has been estimated to be currently covered by Doordarshan, districtwise in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the location of all the transmitters in the State and their power;

(c) the locations and power of all proposed transmitters in the State; and

(d) the average cost of installation of an LPT of 1KW?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) A statement giving the required details is annexed.

(b) Three high power (10KW) TV transmitters one each at Hyderabad, Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam; twenty six low power (100 W) transmitters one each at Adilabad, Adoni, Amalapuram, Anantapur, Bhadrachalam, Cuddapah, Kakinada, Karimnagar, Khammam, Kurnool, Mehboob-Nagar, Nel-

lore, Ongole, Nizamabad, Prodattur, Rajamundry, Ramagundam, Srikakulam, Tirupati, Warangal, Nalgonda, Kothagudam, Bheemadolu, Chittoor, Nandyal and Guntakal; and two (10W) Transposers one each at Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada are, at present, functioning in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Scheme for the replacement of the low power transmitters functioning at Anantapur and Tirupati by high power (10 KW) TV transmitters are under implementation in Andhra Pradesh, as spill-over schemes of the VII Plan. Establishment of additional TV

transmitters in the State under the VIII Plan depends upon the overall size of Doordarshan's plan allocation to be made by the Planning Commission.

(d) Whereas the capital cost involved in the establishment of a TV transmitter of 1 KW power, at current prices, is estimated at Rs. 466 lakhs, the average capital cost involved in the establishment of a low power (100W) TV transmitter operating in VHF band and that operating in UHF band is of the order of Rs. 79.50 lakhs and Rs. 89.00 lakhs respectively.

STATEMENT

District-wise Population Coverage in Andhra Pradesh by Doordarshan Network

<i>District</i>	<i>Estimated percentage Population covered</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
Srikakulam	48
Vizianagaram	95
Visakhapatnam	99
East Godavari	78
West Godavari	99
Krishna	99
Guntur	98
Prakasam	27
Nellore	46
Chittoor	66
Cuddapah	34
Anantapur	31

<i>District</i>	<i>Estimated percentage Population covered</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
Kurnool	29
Mehboobnagar	56
Rangareddi	99
Hyderabad	99
Medak	99
Nizamabad	61
Adilabad	28
Karimnagar	38
Warangal	45
Khammam	57
Nalgonda	99

Extension to Mahabharat

7597. DR. VENKATESH KABDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the producer of Mahabharat for its extension;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The pro-

ducer of the serial 'Mahabharat' made a request to the Government for extending the serial by two to three episodes to provide for a proper finale to the serial. After having found the proposal fully justified, the Government has agreed to extend the serial by two episodes.

[*Translation*]

Central Sales Tax Pending Realisation in Delhi

7598. SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: