

75 per cent of the actual expenditure in 1989-90 or the current year's budget provision whichever is less. Consumption of petrol and diesel in Government vehicles is also to be reduced by 20% over the consumption during the year 1989-90.

[*Translation* ]

**Percentage of Rural Population Covered by Doordarshan Transmission in Uttar Pradesh**

789. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of rural population in Uttar Pradesh which is fully covered by Doordarshan transmission;

(b) whether Government propose to expand the coverage of Doordarshan in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the effective steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c). TV service is, at present, available to about 87.6% population of Uttar Pradesh including 86.8% of the rural population. On the commissioning of a high power (10 KW) TV transmitter at Bareilly; a very low power (2 x 10 W) transmitter at Munsiri and a transposer each at Mussoorie and Churk presently under implementation as spill-over schemes of the VII Plan, TV service is expected to be available to about 92% population of Uttar Pradesh including 91.6% of the rural population. It is the endeavour of the Government to further expand TV service in the State, as expeditiously as possible, depending upon the availability of adequate resources for this purpose.

[*English*]

**Foreign Debt**

790. SHRI RAM BAHADUR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of rise in Government borrowing and the external debt as on date (in foreign exchange);

(b) the percentage of the foreign borrowing which went as servicing of debt and what percentage the export earnings are used to service the debt annually;

(c) the priorities, if any, for reducing Government expenditure stating the areas identified for the purpose and whether Government subsidies are proposed to be reduced; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b). There was an increase of about 16 per cent in Government borrowings (domestic plus external) during 1989-90 over that of 1988-89. The total external debt outstanding as on 31.3.90 is estimated to be US \$ 46751 million equivalent to Rs. 80132 crores at the prevailing exchange rate. The total debt servicing payment (i.e. repayment of principal and payment of interest) is estimated to be 21.6 percent of country's exports and gross invisible earnings.

(c) and (d). All Ministries have been advised to make sustained efforts for reducing burden of administrative expenditure and exercise careful scrutiny of all ongoing programmes and schemes. Steps have also been taken to closely monitor expenditure so as to ensure that it does not exceed the budgetary targets.