

to have been given by the remaining establishments for whom legislation is under consideration.

Television

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
 Shri Naval Prabhakar:
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
 Shri S. C. Samanta:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri R. S. Tiwary:
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
 Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
 Dr. L. M. Singhi:
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
 Shri Bade:
 Shri Hukam Chand Kachhavaia:
 *446. { Dr. P. Srinivasan:
 Shri Paramasivan:
 Shri Mohan Swarup:
 Shri M. R. Krishna:
 Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shri K. N. Tiwary:
 Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
 Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
 Shrimati Malmoona Sultan:
 Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
 Shri Kishen Pattanayak:
 Shri Madhu Limaye:
 Shri Ramakrishna Reddy:
 Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan to introduce television in the country has been worked out in detail;

(b) whether it will be a phased programme, if so, the broad outlines thereof and the total capital outlay involved;

(c) whether a pilot or experimental project is in the offing; and

(d) whether the pernicious influences of television on adolescents and

children, as testified to by experiences in America and Europe, have been carefully considered before launching on television in India?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A draft plan for introduction of television on a nation-wide scale is under consideration. It envisages the setting up of nearly 250 transmitters of high power to provide one television programme per region for the entire country. Such a scheme when in full operation would require a period of approximately twenty years for implementation and would involve a capital outlay of Rs. 80—100 crores.

(c) Television service on a very limited scale has been in operation in Delhi since 1959. Decision to start a full-fledged Television station in New Delhi has been taken and arrangements are being made to start a service, within a short time.

(d) The experiences of foreign countries in the field of television are being kept in mind and our approach to Television if it is decided to implement the Plan will be guided by the basic needs and the larger interests of the viewers in the context of our national policy.

Republic Day Parade

*447. { Shri Kapur Singh:
 Shri Gulshan:
 Shri Narasimha Reddy:
 Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:
 Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
 Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in this year's Republic Day Parade, the Sikh soldiers were excluded from the pageant of the period-soldiers of historical India; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) The uniform of Sikh