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Written Answers

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9.	Kerala	27.83	13.14	10.80	16.23	38.63	13.88
10.	Madhya Pradesh	171.95	36.04	23.75	17.40	195.71	31.89
11.	Maharashtra	143.94	31.41	39.73	14.45	183.67	25.05
12.	Orissa	111.60	42.89	8.00	20.89	119.61	40.07
13.	Punjab	6.77	4.99	2.82	5.13	9.59	5.03
14.	Rajasthan	69.63	22.03	14.68	16.22	84.61	20.74
15.	Tamil Nadu	121.44	34.38	30.78	17.17	152.23	28.58
16.	Uttar Pradesh	332.41	31.79	56.94	22.90	389.35	30.08
17.	West Bengal	114.37	24.73	28.24	16.44	142.60	22.49
18.	All India	1682.98	28.37	331.08	16.82	2014.06	25.49

- NB: (1) The above estimates are derived by using the poverty line of Rs. 132.0 per capita per month for rural areas and 152.3 per capita per month for urban areas at 1987-88 prices, corresponding to the poverty lines of Rs. 49.1 and Rs. 56.6 respectively for 1973-74.
- (2) The number of persons below poverty line relates to the population as on 1st October. 1987.
- (3) The results are based on National Sample Survey on consumer expenditure of 43rd round (July, 1987 - June, 1988).
- (4) The difference between the aggregate all India private consumption expenditure estimated by the Central Statistical Organisation in their National Accounts Statistics and that derived from the NSSO data has been adjusted prorata among the different States and Union Territories.

## [English]

## Main Objectives of Directorate of Field Publicity

3803, SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Regional Offices and Field Publicity Units working under Directorate of Field Publicity in the country; and
- (b) the details of the activities of field offices undertaken during 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) There are 22 Regional Offices and 258 Field Publicity Units Under the Directorate of Field Publicity.

(b) The requisite details are given below:

1. Number of Film Shows screened 52748

2. Number of Photo Exhibitions organised 33508

3. Number of Song and Drama Programmes presented

7823 4. Number of Oral Communications such

as seminar, symposia, group discussions: 57360 5. Number of Special programmes such as elocution/essay writing/painting/debate competition, farmers meet, youth camp, mahila sammelen, rural sports events, rallies, special classes etc. 4305

## Discontinued Serial Shirdi Ke Sai Baba

3804. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has discontinued the serial based on the life of 'SHIRDI KE SAI BABA'?
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether he has received any representations in this regard; and
  - (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The seventeenth episode of this serial, originally approved for thirteen episodes, could not be telecast as the producer did not deliver the cassette to Doordarshan,

(c) and (d) The producers request for additional episodes was turned down by Doordarshan primarily on account of other approved proposals awaiting telecast.