

membr of tourists visting the cpuntry go to Rajasthan? Sixty one per cent area of Rajasthan is covered by dsert. Despite being a desat area there are excellent places forts and many beautiful places in Rajasthan which attract tourists. The Rajasthan Government hs submitted an eight point proposal for promotion of tourism. Does the government propose to accept all the eight points. Sekhwati circuit is one of them and it is particularly

MR SPEAKER This quston relates to the entire country

SHRI AYUB KHAN Does the Govern-ment propose to accpet all the eight points so that Rajasthan could be turned turned into an area of tourist attraction

MR SPEAKER Do you have any information in this regard?

SHRI MDHAVRAO SCINDIA A separate notice is required to be given for this

[Translation]

Registration of New seerials

* 169 SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM
SHRI RAJESHKUMAR

Will the Minister of INFROMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whetehr the Doordarshan is not registering new serials for the last serveral months,

(b) if so, the reosn therefor,

(c) whethor telecast of al old serials has been completed,

(d) if not, the time by which their telecast will continue and

(e) when registration of new serials is likely to be started ?

[English]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS)

(a) Yes, sir No SSponsored serial are being registered

(b) New registrations were stopped after 31,10 1990 by which time Doordarshan had already received 3544 proposals against their invitation under the new sponsowship scheme

(c) and (d) No Sir The telecast of these serials will continue till December, 1992

(e) There is no proposal at present to start fresh registration of sponsored serials

[Translation]

SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM Mr Speaker, Sir, the impact of foreign serials on Doordarshan has been constantly increasing where as the Government is not giving due importance to the Indian serials. I would like to know from the hon. Minister the reasons therefor?

KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS Mr Speaker, Sir, in this regard, I have just submitted that we are not telecasting much foregin serials. We have been telecasting all the Indian serials. All the serials have been produced indigenously. Films and telefilms are being telecast. I would like to inform the hon. Member that Indian serials are telecast on Doordarshan.

SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM Mr Speaker, Sir, I am not satisfied with the reply given by the hon. Minister. A large number of foreign serials are telecast on TV here. It is not proper. We should give more importance to Indian serials. My second supplementary question is about the criteria followed for approval of the serials. Does 'Krishna' serial come under your criteria? If it is covered under the criteria, when are you going to telecast it?

KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS Mr Speaker, Sir, a hand book, in regard to serials, was prepared during July 1984. It was revised on 1st October, 1990 and new serials were invited at that time. 3,544 proposals have been received. In this regard, the number of Members of the Committee has been reduced from 100 to 64. They have gone through these proposals and 432 proposals have been flashed under a Press Notification issued on 28th February, 1992. Apart from these, some proposals are still under consideration. We require 72-75 serials to telecast upto 1992 and Doordarshan will accept these serials on the basis of merits.

(Interruptions)

MR SPEAKER You may please table the written criteria relating to it. The hon Members will get it.

(Interruptions)

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR Mr speaker, Sir, through You, I would like to know from the government the Number of new serials which have been stopped after telecasting 3-4 episodes, and the number of old serials which have been repeated three-four times. What are the reasons therefore? My second question relating to it, is

MR SPEAKER You may ask one question.

(Interruptions)

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR It is related to it. The number of 3544 serials has been mentioned. Through you I would like to know the number out of 3544 serials which will affect the unity and integrity of the country?

KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS Mr Speaker, Sir, he may please give a separate notice for it.

SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATANAYAK Mr Speaker, Sir, I would like to ask about the number of Oriya films which

have been telecast in a Year. I have been observing for the last two-three years that in Orissa old Oriya films are being telecast on Sundays *(Interruptions)*. Therefore I would like to request that new films should be telecast.

[English]

MR SPEAKER—Disallowed

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Accidents of Indian Airlines Aircraft

*170 **SHRI ARVIND TULSHIRAM KAMBLE**
SHRI G M C BALAYOGI

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) the number of major accidents of Indian Airlines aircraft during 1991

(b) the reasons for these accidents and the number of lives lost therein and

(c) the steps taken to avert such accidents and to ensure the safety of the aircraft and passengers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) to (c) During 1991, there was one accident in which Indian Airlines B-737 aircraft VT-EFL operating flight IC 257 from Calcutta to Imphal crashed near Imphal on 16.8.1991. 63 passengers and 6 crew members lost their lives in the accident. The Court of Inquiry appointed to investigate the accident is yet to submit its report.