

Depiction of violence in TV serials

4629. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage of violence depicted in the TV serials in India is more than any other country as has been stated in the news item titled "Most TV serials have violence" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated April 2, 1994;

(b) if so, the steps taken to check the violence, vulgarity, nudity and obscenity in the TV serials and films;

(c) the number of complaints received by the Government in this regard during the last three years; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir. The survey does not refer to Doordarshan programmes alone.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Complaints/suggestions of this nature are received regularly since the reaction of the viewers is not always the same and remedial action is taken as and when found necessary. No centralised record of such complaints/suggestions is maintained.

Digital network in rural areas of Madhya Pradesh

4630. SHRI PARASRAM BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to cover some districts of Madhya Pradesh under "Rural Integrated Digital Network Programme"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the district identified therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir, presently there is no such proposal.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

[Translation]

Telecast of Hindi Films on Doordarshan

4631. SHRI JANGBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Hindi films telecast on doordarshan during 1993;

(b) the number of adult films and children films separately out of them;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated to telecast only good quality films during the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) During 1993, Doordarshan telecast 202 Hindi feature films on its National Network/Delhi and other linked transmissions.