

exists. Regional Electricity Board exists in each region for coordinated operation of power system within the respective region. In order to ensure optimum utilisation of available power, the setting up of a National Grid which is in evolutionary process is being vigorously pursued. It envisages strengthening and improvement of Regional Power Grids and their progressive integration through the setting up of inter-state and inter-regional transmission lines which cut across state and regional boundaries.

**Programmes from Doordarshan  
Kendras in A.P.**

648. DR. K.V.R. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programmes telecast by the Doordarshan Kendras in Andhra Pradesh are not upto the mark; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Talks with European Union**

649. SHRI Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he held any talks with the European Union recently;

(b) if so, the broad details of the talks held and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the extent of usefulness of the outcome to the country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) The seventh Round of Indo-European Union Troika Talk at Ministerial level were held in Brussels on 8 February 1994.

(b) The main issues addressed in the talks were progress towards European Union, European security issues, the situation in South Asia and relations between India and the European Union. The EU Troika conveyed that the European Union attaches importance to India as a political dialogue partner and underlined the need to extend this dialogue at various levels in keeping with the Indo-European Union Joint Political Statement of 20 December, 1993.

(c) The talks resulted in greater appreciation on the part of the European Union of India's perceptions and concerns, including those related to terrorism and Indo-Pak issues, and are expected to lead to an intensification of Indo-European Union cooperation in political, economic, technological and cultural fields.

[Translation]

**Sick Industries in Bihar**

650. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the three fruit processing industries at Madhubani,