[English]

Agreements with Foreign cable T.V. films Compaines

2730. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Doordarshan has signed agreements with some foreign cable T.V. films companies;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which these agreements would raise the quality of T.V. programmes?

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

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Irrigation Projects

2731. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some irrigation projects of Maharashtra are pending with the Union Government due to inter-State water disputes;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government, to settle the disputes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No irrigation project of Maharashtra is pending with the Union Government due to inter-State water dispute.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

News Bulletins in Punjabi

2732. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: SHRI TARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have recently decided to telecast news bulletins in Punjabi in the Capital;
- (b) if so, the duration of such news bulletins and whether it will be started on both the channels: and
- (c) the time by which these are likely to be started?

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

(b) and (c). Do not arise.