

(d) The cost of the flats has been already finalised.

Telecast of Malayalam Programme

6221. SHRI K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any complaint from Kerala people that Malayalam programmes are rarely telecast ;

(b) whether there is any proposal to telecast Malayalam programmes once in a week ; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) to (c) : The "National Programme" and nationally networked programmes put out by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi are relayed by all the transmitters in the network. Other programmes of Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi are relayed by all the relay transmitters linked to Delhi via INSAT-1B or microwave links. Suggestions are received from time to time from different linguistic groups of viewers for more items in their respective languages, including Malayalam, in the programmes put out by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi. Attempts are made to accommodate these requests within the constraints of transmission time, production facilities at the Kendra, etc., and programmes in regional languages are telecast by the Kendra on a rotational basis to give as equitable a representation to various languages as possible. Interim programme production facilities have been commissioned at Doordarshan Kendra, Trivandrum for telecast of Malayalam programme within the coverage zone of that Kendra.

[Translation]

Supply of TV Sets and Direct Telephone Connections to News Editors

6222. SHRI KESHAORAO PARDHI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :-

(a) whether T.V. sets and direct telephone connections have been provided in the rooms of English News Editors and Producers to view the news bulletins being telecast by Doordarshan ;

(b) if so, whether similar arrangements exist in the rooms of Hindi News Editors and Producers ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which these arrangements likely to be made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) : Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi has a common news room for English and Hindi news bulletins. The existing facilities of T.V. sets for monitoring and direct telephone connections are available to News Editors and Producers of bulletins in both languages.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Allotment of 66 Houses under S.F.S. in Saket

6223. SHRI HAFIZ MOHD. SIDDIQ : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3149 on 13 August, 1984 regarding allotment of 66 Houses under SFS in Saket and state :

(a) whether the draw for specific lots was held on 31.12.84 and those two houses were also included in the draw ;