

Ban on Recruitment of Class III and IV Employees in Telecommunications Department in Gujarat

5871. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a ban on the recruitment of Class-III and Class-IV employees of Telecommunications Department in Gujarat;

(b) if so, since when the ban has been imposed and the reasons for the imposition of such a ban;

(c) when the said ban is likely to be lifted;

(d) whether there is any accumulation of work in various circles due to this ban; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and when it will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir. The ban is applicable for the whole country including Gujarat.

(b) The ban has been imposed from 27.2.1987 to enable appointment of staff recruited earlier, but not yet appointed.

(c) As and when the action for appointment of staff already selected is completed.

(d) No, Please

(e) Not applicable in view of reply against (d) above.

New TV Serial

5872. SHRI P.M.SAYEED: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any other TV serial made on the line of 'Ramayan' for telecast; and

(b) if so, the title of the TV serial?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L.BHAGAT) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Doordarshan has given concept approval to the serial 'Mahabharat'

Formation of Chalchitra Akademi

5873. SHRI P.M.SAYEED: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the recommendation made by the Working Group on National Film Policy regarding formation of "Chalchitra Akademi"

(b) if so, the objectives of the proposed Chalchitra Akademi;

(c) whether the National Film Development corporation has been consulted in this regard and if so, the result thereof; and

(d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L.BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir. However, the Government is of the view that there would be no special advantages in having a new set-up like Chalchitra Academy because the functions envisaged for such a Academy are already being performed by the Film Festival Directorate, the National Film Archive of India, The children's Film Society and the National Film Development Corporation.