

'Festivals of India' held in U.K., France, USA, Sweden and USSR;

(b) whether the actual expenditure exceeded the original budget estimates; and

(c) if so, to what extent and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The expenditure incurred on each of these Festivals is as under:--

		(Rs. in Crores)
i)	Festivals of India in U.K.	Rs. 1.77
ii)	Festivals of India in USA and France (as on 31.3.1986)	Rs. 10.75
iii)	Indian Manifestation in Sweden	Rs. 0.66
iv)	Festival of India in USSR (approx.)	Rs. 9.50

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Waterways Development Projects Pending Clearance**

7748. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:  
CHAUDHARY RAM PARKASH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several projects relating to the development of waterways are pending with the Union Government for clearance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). Twelve Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the development of various waterways have been included in the 7th Plan. Out of these, seven have already been sanctioned. However, five Centrally Sponsored Schemes i.e. improvement of Buckingham Canal, improvement of Commamur Canal, improvement of Eluru Canal, improvement of Kakinada Canal in Andhra Pradesh and hydrographic surveys of feeder routes of the river Ganga in U.P. have yet to be sanctioned, for which a comprehensive scheme

in respect of four schemes of canal system in Andhra and detailed clarifications on feeder routes on Ganga in U.P. are awaited from the respective State Governments.

[Translation]

#### **Effect of Family Planning Advertisements on Children**

7749. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an advertisement being telecast on Doordarshan after 9.00 P.M. regarding family planning has an adverse effect on children; and

(b) if so, the action being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to stop the telecast of such type of advertisements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) As part of National Campaign on Television, a spot on various aspects of Family Welfare. Like raising the age of marriage, status of women, immunisation, spacing and family planning is being telecast every day by rotation at around 9.00 p.m.

Children in our modern society are ex-

posed to various messages that could be considered awkward for their age, including family planning information from various sources besides mass media. Audience Research Surveys in some of the rural and urban areas do not indicate any adverse effect on children. A Doordarshan, Audience Research Survey carried out in the last week of November, 1987 indicated that almost half the respondents (145 out of 300) suggested telecast of these spots just before the News to increase the reach.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

### Wasteland Development in Maharashtra

7750. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL:  
SHRIMATI USHA CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the wasteland identified by the Na-

tional Wastelands Development Board in Maharashtra State for reclamation during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the progress made in the reclamation of wasteland in Maharashtra during the last three years; and

(c) the total allocation made and expenditure incurred during that period in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The identification of wasteland for reclamation by afforestation is done by the State Government. The National Wastelands Development Board has extended Central assistance to the afforestation programmes of the State under the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(b) and (c). The physical and financial progress of wasteland reclamation through afforestation in Maharashtra State during the last three years is given as under:

Year	Physical Achievement (in hectares)	Financial Achievement (Rs. in lakhs)
1985-86	1,08,250	2,896.82
1986-87	1,19,085	4,032.69
1987-88	1,51,823 (upto Feb '88)	3,663.55 (outlay)

### Privatisation of Delhi Transport Corporation

7751. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH:  
SHRI BALWANT SINGH  
RAMOOWALIA:  
SHRI RAM DHAN:  
SHRIMATI GEETA  
MUKHERJEE:  
SHRIMATI USHA  
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to privatise the Delhi Transport Corporation;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the scheme;

(c) by when the scheme is likely to be given shape; and

(d) whether the scheme will take care to absorb fully the Delhi Transport Corporation workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MIN-