

agricultural purposes in order to encourage agricultural production is under consideration of Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHMA DUTT): (a) and (b). Government have formulated a scheme to supply diesel at special prices comparable to international prices for captive power generation to production units which export at least 25% of their production, to help competitive export production.

(c) to (e). No, Sir. The factors considered in the scheme referred to in the reply to parts (a) & (b) above are not relevant in the context of the agricultural production.

Telephone Connections in Almora, Uttar Pradesh

896. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to increase the existing capacity of telephone exchange in Almora, Uttar Pradesh during 1988-89;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, the time by which telephone connections will be provided to the persons who are in the waiting list there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A proposal to expand the capacity of

the existing exchange is under consideration. The waiting list will be cleared when the equipment is received and commissioned.

[*English*]

Setting up of Wind Power Station in Karnataka

897. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka State Industrial Investment and Development Corporation (KSIDC) propose to set up a wind power station in the State;

(b) whether Union Government have agreed to contribute Rupees sixty five lakh for the said project;

(c) whether the site has since been identified for the purpose; and

(d) to what extent the energy shortage in the Karnataka will be met?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c). The Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources (DNES) has taken up a 550 KW wind-farm power project in association with Karnataka State Industrial Investment and Development Corporation (KSIDC) in Brahmagiri Hills at Talcauvery, Karnataka. Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources have provided Rs. 60.50 lakhs for the project.

(d) The wind farm is expected to supply nearly a million units of electricity per annum to the State grid.

[*Translation*]

Load Shedding in Delhi

898. SHRI NARSINH MAKWANA.
SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times load shedding was resorted to in Delhi during the last two months and the reasons therefor;

(b) the areas where load shedding was resorted to and the timings/period of load shedding there;

(c) whether any criteria have been laid down for load shedding and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether residential and industrial areas have been distinguished in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Regional Service through Satellite Linkage to Orissa

899. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the regional service for States has been introduced by providing satellite linkage between the studio centres in the capital and the transmitters operating in the respective State; and

(b) if so, the details of facilities which are going to be extended to Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN- TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) The primary (regional) TV service has so far been intro-

duced via satellite in the States of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh.

(b) It is envisaged to introduce the primary (regional) TV service in Orissa by use of space segment facility on INSAT-1C when it is fully operationalized and on availability of requisite uplink facility being provided by the Department of Telecommunications.

Selection of Feature Films for Doordarshan

900. SHRI K.S. RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of feature films/serials selected by Doordarshan for telecast during the next six months;

(b) whether it is proposed to telecast some good Hindi feature films of Producers Director-Late Shri Raj Kapoor viz. Barsat, Awara, Sangam etc.; and

(c) the date from which T.V. serial on Mahabharat is proposed to be telecast?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN- TARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Normally a quarterly schedule for telecast of films is tentatively prepared by Doordarshan. A list of films scheduled for telecast during the coming months is given in the Statement-I below. Details of serials selected for telecast in the National network during the next six months are given in the Statement-II below.

(b) As and when any offer of films of late Shri Raj Kapoor is received by Doordarshan, it will be considered for telecast as per the prescribed procedure.

(c) No date has yet been fixed.