

Sri Sallam project

3877. SHRI G. S. REDDI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has decided to expedite the completion of all phases of the Sri Sallam project;

(b) if so, whether financial allocations for the project have been raised; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER (OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir. A loan assistance of 353 million Saudi Rials (Rs. 9) crores approximately) is being obtained from the Saudi Fund for Development to expedite the completion of all the phases of the Project.

(b) and (c). The Andhra Pradesh Government have recently requested for an additional outlay of Rs. 8 crores for this Project during the current year. No final decision has yet been taken on this request.

Compensation for the land acquired in sub-tehsil Kumarsain and Suni on Kingal-Dhami Road

3878. SHRI BALAK RAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the compensation for the land acquired in sub-Tehsil Kumarsain and Suni on Kingal-Dhami Road, District Simla, has not so far been paid to the villagers by D.G.B.R. authorities; and

(b) if so, the time by which the compensation is likely to be paid?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) Claims for payment of compensation for land acquired in Sub-Tehsil Kumarsain and Suni on Kingal Dhami Road amounting to Rs. 5,73,622 have already

been paid by D.G.B.R. through local civil authorities.

(b) Does not arise.

Detecting cases of corruption

3879. SHRI DRONOM RAJU SATYANARAYANA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the Government's intention to root out corruption in the top levels of the Government and the bureaucracy, the number of such cases detected and action taken from 22nd March, 1977 to 31st October, 1977 and

(b) the break up of cases against political and service class?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): (a) and (b). During the period from 22nd March, 1977 to 31st October, 1977, the CBI registered 19 cases involving, among others, ex-Central Ministers and officers of and above the rank of Joint Secretary. 5 of these cases are against ex-Central Ministers, in one which a senior officer is also involved. The other 14 cases are against senior officers.

Stabbing cases in Delhi

3880. SHRI SHRIDHARRAO NATHOBAJI JAWADE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of stabbing have increased lately in the capital;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the number of cases from the 22nd March, 1977 to the 31st October, 1977 and the figures for the corresponding period during 1976?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL): (a) and (c). A comparative statement giving the number of cases of stabbing in Delhi in the period between 22nd

March and 31st October in each year from 1974 onwards is given below:

1977	1976	1975	1974
353	227	322	411

(b) The main reasons are:—

(i) Release of a large number of bad characters and other criminals who had earlier been detained under MISA during the emergency;

(ii) Stress on free and correct registration of cases;

(iii) Disappearance of fear complex with the restoration of civil liberties and freedom after emergency;

(iv) Increase in population and coming up of resettlement colonies on the periphery of Delhi.

T. V. programmes

3881. DR. V. A. SEYID MUHAMMAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of the use of items from West Germany, United States of America, Japan and France in both magazine programmes and news services by the Delhi and other T.V. centres during the last six months;

(b) the number of items on such programmes used by the T.V. centres during the last six months—monthly break-up; and

(c) whether Government propose to reduce dependence on Western sources for these items?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Information regarding the number and duration of programme items from each of the countries mentioned utilised by Doordarshan net-work during the period May to October, 1977 is given below:—

Name of Country	Number of items used							Total duration	
	May	June	July	August	Sept.	October	Total	Hrs.	Mts.
West Germany	21	30	25	8	21	16	124	46	54
U.S.A.	30	18	28	34	30	20	160	49	58
Japan	6	7	15	5	4	1	38	7	3
France	6	5	5	6	6	1	29	3	38

(c) Foreign items used by Doordarshan comprise news coverages of international events, documentaries etc. purchased by Doordarshan outright or on royalty basis. Films on art, culture, education and Science received from foreign missions in India and materials received from foreign countries under protocols/cultural agreements on reciprocal basis. Selection of the pro-

grammes is done keeping in view their suitability for Doordarshan. The percentage of utilisation of foreign films in terms of transmission hours during the six months mentioned above is only 3.5. The overall percentage for the whole year including these six months does not also exceed 3.5. There is, as such, no proposal to effect any curtailment.