

(iii) In order to improve the coverage further, a scheme for installation of a high power (100 KW MW) transmitter has been included in approved 6th Plan 1978-83.

(b) and (c). During the period February 9 to 26, 1979, All India Radio received 17 despatches (other than the news pertaining to the coverage of the visit of the Prime Minister), from their correspondent in Port Blair out of which 10 items were used in various news bulletins broadcast. It may be mentioned here that out of hundred of news despatches received from all over the country daily, a selection has to be made on the basis of news worthiness and relative importance of each item of news before inclusion in the national news bulletin broadcast from Delhi.

Increase in cost of Fertiliser Plant at Talcher

5811. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of the coal based fertilizers plant at Talcher has increased manifold; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) The original estimated cost of the Talcher Fertilizer project was Rs. 70.49 crores whereas the revised approved cost is Rs. 104.76 crores.

(b) The main reasons for the escalation in cost are as under:—

(i) Change in scope and extra provision for effluent treatment and pollution control, coal handling etc.

(ii) Modifications in the plant and provision of fourth gasifier.

(iii) Change in parity of foreign exchange.

(iv) Price escalation.

(v) Increase in financing cost and departmental charges due to the delay in the implementation of the project arising out of:

(a) Delay in finalisation of civil designs.

(b) Delay in civil construction by the contractor.

(c) Delays in the supplies and commissioning of equipments.

(vi) Increase in custom duty and Ocean freight.

Showing of old Hindi Films on Delhi T.V.

5812. SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the reason that mostly old Hindi Films are shown on Delhi Television against which many complaints are received;

(b) whether he is considering a proposal to show at Delhi and other T.V. Centres maximum Hindi and other language films based on children and education to children during the International Child Year; and

(c) whether Government propose to procure foreign English Films on children and arrange to show them on television?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Doordarshan makes every effort to obtain new features films for telecast, but Producers are generally reluctant to offer such films as they feel that this would adversely affect their earnings from the commercial circuit. Normally, films made available to Doordarshan are three to seven years old.

(b) and (c). Efforts are being made to procure and telecast suitable films