

Proposal to amend Film Censor guidelines

195. SHRI ARJUN SETHI:

SHRI P. M. SAYEED:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend film censorship guidelines to check senseless violence and purposeless sex in the films; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the move of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). Government are re-examining all issues connected with film censorship. Government will take a suitable decision after this examination is complete.

National Broadcast Channel

196. SHRI K. KUNHAMBU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the engineers of the AIR prepared a plan to provide a national broadcast channel for round the clock using long waves in the place of short and medium waves;

(b) whether the plan has been conclusively rejected by Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes Sir. AIR has prepared a plan to establish a dedicated national programme channel.

AIR had also proposed that a frequency allocation might be sought in the long wave band for broadcasting service at the World Administrative Radio Conference convened by the International Telecommunication Union in September—December, 1979; AIR had felt that the long wave band could be used advantageously for the proposed national programme channel.

(b) and (c). The proposal to create a dedicated national programme channel is under the consideration of the Government. However, the use of the long wave band for this channel is now excluded because the World Administrative Radio Conference, 1979 has made no allocation to broadcasting service in this band for Regions II and III (the American continent, Asia and the Pacific countries). Earlier, the Government had decided not to make any proposal to the World Administrative Radio Conference for such an allocation on the basis of the recommendation made by an inter-departmental expert group which concluded that the operation of the broadcasting service in this band would necessitate displacement of other radio communication services operating in the band and consequently a very large financial penalty.

देश में सिंचित जल

197. श्री मोक्षा भाई : क्या सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि देश में कुल कितना क्षेत्र नदी नहर परियोजनाओं द्वारा सिंचित और कितना क्षेत्र वर्षा के पानी पर आश्रित है ?

सिंचाई मंत्री (श्री केदार पाण्डेय) : देश में बृहद, मध्यम और लघु नदी/नहर परियोजनाओं से 1979-80 के अन्त तक कुल 30.9 मिलियन हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र के सिंचित होने की संभावना है। भूतल जल संसाधनों से 22.0 मिलियन हेक्टेयर अतिरिक्त क्षेत्र के सिंचित होने की संभावना है।

देश का कुल कृषि-योग्य क्षेत्र लगभग 140 मिलियन हेक्टेयर है। इस प्रकार, वर्षा के जल पर निर्भर क्षेत्र 87 मिलियन हेक्टेयर है।