

country which have been linked with microwave;

(b) whether some other countries have been linked with microwave with India;

(c) if so, names of those countries with which microwave link has been available from India; and

(d) the details of the programme of Government to provide microwave link inside the outside the country in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) The names of the places in the country which have been linked with microwave are given in Annexure-I laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-6426/83]

(c) Microwave link is available from India to Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

(d) The names of the schemes planned to provide microwave link inside the country in the near future are given in Annexure—II laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No LT—6426/83]

An Indo-Bhutan microwave link under bilateral arrangement connecting Hashimara in India to Thimpu in Bhutan is under installation and is likely to be commissioned in the near future.

Oriya film songs and dance in Regional Chitrahhaar Programme of Delhi Doordarshan

8003. **SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the purpose of the presentation of Regional Chitrahhaar Programme on Delhi Doordarshan;

(b) names of the regional languages in which programmes have been exhibited in Delhi T.V. since the introduction of such 'Regional Chitrahhaar Programme;

(c) the names of the Regional languages and number of programmes given in those languages on Delhi TV under the above programme;

(d) whether Oriya film programmes have not been given due importance in the Regional Chitrahhaar programme;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(f) the efforts proposed to be made to give due place to all the regional languages in the Regional Chitrahhaar Programme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The viewership of Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi consists of people from various linguistic regions of India. The regional Chitrahhaar programme of Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi is meant for entertainment of viewers while also giving them an idea of the cultural variety of various regions.

(b) and (c) Detailed account of all the languages in which song and dance sequences have been telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi in the regional Chitrahhaar programme since its inception is not available. However, sequences from films in the following languages are telecast :-

- (1) Assamese
- (2) Bhojpuri
- (3) Bengali
- (4) Gujarati
- (5) Kannada
- (6) Marathi

- (7) Malyalam
 (8) Oriya
 (9) Punjabi
 (10) Tamil

(11) Telugu

(12) Kashmiri

The break-up for the years 1981 and 1982 is as follows :-

Sl. No.	Language	Year '81	Year '82
1.	Assamese	Nil	4
2.	Bhojpuri	16	16
3.	Bengali	47	54
4.	Gujarati	15	10
5.	Kannada	Nil	8
6.	Marathi	28	14
7.	Malayalam	50	61
8.	Oriya	Nil	1
9.	Punjabi	53	44
10.	Sindhi	2	3
11.	Tamil	49	66
12.	Telugu	46	47
13.	Kashmiri	1	Nil

(d) and (e) The number of feature films produced in Oriya language is less compared to some other regional languages. Paucity of films in Oriya language is the main reason for the comparatively less number of sequences from Oriya films telecast in the regional Chitrahhar programmes of Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi.

(f) Inclusion of film song sequence in a particular language in the regional Chitrahhar programme is subject to the availability of films produced in that language. Doordarshan is evolving a system of obtaining film song sequences in regional language from different linguistic zones.

Improvement in Telephone System of Metropolitan Cities

8004. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :
 Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government have a proposal to take some specific measures for the improvement of the existing system of telephones in the metropolitan cities of the country;

(b) if so, what are the measures proposed to be taken for the improvement of telephones in the metropolitan cities; and

(c) the programme proposed to be undertaken during the Sixth Plan in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
 MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
 (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir. Measures have already been taken to improve the telephone systems in the Metropolitan cities.

(b) The following measures have been