Encouragement to local talents by Calcutta Doordarshan Centre

Written Answers

248. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOW-DHARY: Will the Minister of INFOR-MATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

What steps have been taken by the Calcutta Doordarshan Centre to encourage local talents?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND THE **BROADCASTING** AND IN DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta have been taking adequate steps to encourage local talent. They arrange auditions and conduct camera tests at regular intervals to select new and young talented persons for different programmes. They, also, keep close liaison with Universities, colleges and schools to scout talented youngsters. The Officials of Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta also attend various cultural and literary functions of local organizations from time to time for this purpose.

Screening of Regional Languages Films on Delhi TV

249. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) is there any proposal to screen regional feature films twice in a week instead of Hindi which is being screened twice in a week on Delhi TV;
- (b) if so, when and the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MILLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise. As the majo-

rity of viewers covered by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi is Hindi speaking, Hindi feature films are being telecast by the Kendra twice a week.

Andhra Urges Share from Neyveli Power Station

250. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh have been urging the Central Government to supply 100 M.W. Power from Neyveli Power Station on the basis of the formula for sharing of power from Super Thermal Power Stations; and
- (b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir, Government of Andhra Pradesh have been requesting for allocation of some share from Neyveli first power station and allocation of about 1.0 MW from expansion stage of second thermal Power Station.

(b) Allocation of power from 630 MW second thermal power station at Neyveli has been decided and A.P. have a share of 95 MW. Government have also sanctioned expansion of the second thermal power station from 630 MW to 1470 MW. The pattern of allocation of power from this power station has not been decided. The entire power of the first thermal power station is allocated to Tamil Nadu.

अंग्रेजी हास्य-नाटक का दूरदर्शन पर दिखाया जाना

251. श्री एन० ई० होरो : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकार का विचार दूरदर्शन पर अग्रेजी भाषा में दिखाए जा रहे हास्य नाटक "लूसी" और "फादर डीयर फार" को हिन्दी में या बच्चों को अपनी संस्कृति की जानकारी देने के लिए किसी भारतीय हास्य नाटक को दूरदर्शन पर दिखाने का विचार है?