

**Encouragement to local talents by  
Calcutta Doordarshan Centre**

248. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION 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 BROADCASTING AND IN THE 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 major-

ity 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 अंग्रेजी 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 ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उप मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : अंग्रेजी की "लूसी", "फादर डीयर फार" आदि जैसी हास्य शृंखलाओं को हिन्दी में टेलीकास्ट करने का कोई विशिष्ट प्रस्ताव नहीं है। तथापि, दूरदर्शन हिन्दी और अन्य क्षेत्रीय भाषाओं में ऐसी दूरदर्शन हास्य शृंखलाओं को, जो हमारे सामाजिक आचार-विचार और सांस्कृतिक मूल्यों पर आधारित हों तथा वच्चों की रुचि की भी हों, बनाने का प्रयास कर रहा है।

#### T.V. Centre at Midnapore

253. SHRI MOTILAL HASDA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

When the Midnapore TV relay centre is expected to come into operation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : Midnapore is expected to receive T.V. service from the Low Power (100W) T.V. Transmitter being set up at Kharagpur during the Sixth Plan period.

#### Construction of Auto Exchange Building in Bihar Shariff

254. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar is backward in telecommunication also ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of district headquarters have no automatic exchange ; if so, the names thereof ;

(c) what steps Government are taking to change the manual exchange into automatic one ; and

(d) how long will it take to construct building for the auto exchange at Biharshariff

(Nalanda) and the reasons for undue delay in the said construction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Following headquarters have no automatic exchange.

1. Aurangabad, 2. Begusarai, 3. Bettiah,
4. Bhagalpur, 5. Biharsharif, 6. Dumka,
7. Gaya, 8. Giridih, 9. Hajipur, 10. Gopalganj,
11. Madhubani, 12. Nawadah, 13. Purnea-Gulabghagh,
14. Saharsa, 15. Sitamarhi, 16. Siwan, 17. Madhepura, and 18. Khagaria.

(c) A perspective plan has been drawn up for complete automatisisation of manual exchanges in the country. Due to shortage of indigenously manufactured automatic equipment it is proposed to import some containerised electronic exchanges in addition to augmentation of local production. Priority has been assigned to conversion of manual exchanges in District headquarters. Equipment has already been ordered for automatisisation of Gaya and Bhagalpur in the 6th Plan. The remaining exchanges are proposed to be progressively automatised in the 7th Plan.

(d) The building for auto exchange at Biharsharif is expected to be ready in 1984-85. There is practically no delay in construction of building.

#### Constitution of Working Groups by National Drugs and Pharmaceutical Development Council

255. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Development Council has decided to constitute working groups which would go into the various aspects of the drug industry ;

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference, composition and membership of this group ; and