

of India Limited) were also requested to undertake a quick study of the operational performance of the Cellular Service Industry. A final decision in the matter will be taken after consideration of all aspects of the matter.

#### **Telecast of Poor Quality Films on Doordarshan**

5752. SHRI PRABHUNATH SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether poor quality films are being telecast/shown on DD-1 and DD-2 on Saturdays and Sundays:

(b) if so, whether the Government have a policy towards selection of good and new films for telecast on these two channels;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Matters relating to telecast of films on Doordarshan are entirely within the purview of Prasar Bharati and are not decided upon by the Government

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

#### **Proposal for Major Port in Orissa**

5753. SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal by the Government of Orissa to have a major port at the mouth of the Dharma River in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including estimated cost and the manner in which it is going to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir. However, Orissa Government have entered into an agreement with M/s. International Seaport, Singapore for development of Dharma Port, which is in the category of a minor port, on BOOT basis.

(b) M/s. International Seaport, Singapore is to undertake feasibility study and it is, therefore, too early to indicate estimated cost and other details in respect of the project. Moreover, minor ports fall under the jurisdiction

of respective States and thus the matter relates to Government of Orissa.

#### **Violation of Rules**

5754. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a society named Asian Health and Environment Allied Data Base (AHEAD) is registered and functioning at National Institute of Science Communications (NISCOM), a constituent establishment of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research;

(b) if so, the bye-laws and founder members of the said society;

(c) whether prior Government approval has been given for running of this society at NISCOM premises; and

(d) if not, the action taken/proposed to be taken against the Director of NISCOM and others for violating the Government rules?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Asian Health and Allied Data (AHEAD) is a consortium of nine organisations of which eight are Governmental and one is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO). These organisations belong to seven Asian countries viz. Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Bangladesh, India, Malaysia, and Mongolia. AHEAD is registered under the Indian Societies 'Registration Act'. The consortium seeks to bring out and market Asian Health and other related information in modern electronic format based on inputs received from participating members. National Institute of Science Communications (NISCOM) contributes two database to AHEAD i.e. Wealth of India and Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Abstracts. The AHEAD is supported by funds from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Canada and NISCOM as lead organisation member has committed to provide infrastructural and a limited technical manpower support.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Does not arise.