

(d) the names of such newspersons selected during each of the last three years and in the current year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The standing of the journalist concerned and his previous experience as a correspondent of a reputed newspaper.

(d) Representatives of official media agencies only have been accompanying the President of India on his tours abroad. List of Newspersons, other than those representing any newspaper, who accompanied Prime Minister on foreign tours during this period is given in the attached Statement.

### STATEMENT

*List of newspersons other than those representing any newspaper who accompanied Prime Minister on foreign tours during the last three years and the current year*

JAPAN & VIETNAM (14-16 April, 1988)

1. Pranab Mukerji — Photo-journalist

SYRIA, GERMANY, USA & HUNGARY (4-12 June, 1988)

1. Shri Rajiv Desai — Freelancer

CHINA (19-23 December, 1988)

1. Shri Ranjan Gupta—Freelance Columnist, New Delhi.

FRANCE, USSR AND PAKISTAN (12 to 17 July, 1989)

1. Shri Rajiv Desai — Freelancer

YUGOSLAVIA (3-7 September, 1989)

1. Shri Ranjan Gupta — Freelance Journalist

NAMIBIA (19-22 March, 1990)

1. Shri Prem Shankar Jha — Commerce

2. Shri Hari Sharan Chabra— Commerce

MOSCOW (23-26 July 1990)

1. Shri Inder Malhotra — Columnist

[Translation]

**Installation of T.V. Disc at Alirajpur**

1117. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a policy has been formulated for the speedy expansion of telecom and Doordarshan facilities in tribal areas so as to create awareness among people there and to educate them; and

(b) if so, the time by which a T.V. disc will be installed at Alirajpur in Jhabua District of Madhya Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Within the constraints of financial resources, it has been the Government's constant endeavour to accord due priority to the expansion of telecom. and Doordarshan facilities in tribal areas of the country.

(b) Whereas a low power (100W) TV transmitter is already functioning at Jhabua, establishment of such facility at Alirajpur depends upon the availability of resources for the purpose.

[English]

**TV Transmission facilities to villages of Chhota Nagpur and Santhal Parganas**

1118. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide TV transmission