

raphers etc., are expected to be accredited to the festival.

(d) Invitations have been extended to all countries with whom India is having diplomatic relations. It is expected that most of the film producing countries will participate in the festival.

(e) The Government of Karnataka will meet expenditure on providing certain infrastructural facilities for organising the festival.

[*Translation*]

Persons Arrested under National Security Act

449. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons arrested under national Security Act and various other Acts during the period from July 1991 to 31 October, 1991; and

(b) the number of former and present Members of Parliament and Legislatures among the persons arrested under the aforesaid Acts, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI. M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[*English*]

Telecast of Sharja Cup of Australia through Satellite

450. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange involved in telecasting the Sharja Cup of Australia through satellite;

(b) the percentage of viewers of this game in the country;

(c) the revenue collected through sponsorships of the matches; and

(d) the revenue collected through various advertisements during the telecast of the matches?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) No foreign exchange was spent by Doordarshan on the coverage of the Sharjah Cup cricket matches.

(b) According to Doordarshan, the viewership of the telecast of these matches varied between 16-40%.

(c) and (d). The net earnings to Doordarshan from the coverage of this tournament amounted to Rs. 52.55 lakhs.

[*Translation*]

Oppression of Weaker Section of Society

451. SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have appointed any Committee to check oppression of weaker sections of society;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has made some recommendations to stop oppression of weaker sections; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when its recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

[English]

**Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges
in Alleppey in Kerala**

452. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION S be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to expand and modernise telephone exchanges in Alleppey district of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) The details areas under:

(i) Out of total 38 telephone exchanges, 4 have already been replaced by Electronic Exchanges of suitable capacity. 4 numbers of small capacity Electronic Exchanges have been planned for expansion during 1991-92.

(ii) 14 Electro-mechanical exchanges have been planned for replacement by Electronic Exchanges of suitable capacity and 2 such exchanges have been planned for expansion during 1991-92.

(iii) One cross-bar exchange of 3000 lines capacity has been planned for installation at Alleppey to replace the existing exchange during 1991-92.

(iv) The remaining 15 Electro-mechanical Exchanges have been proposed for replacement by modern Electronic Exchanges progressively during the 8th Five Year Plan.

Electrified Village of Orissa

453. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified during the Seventh Plan period in the State of Orissa;

(b) the number of villages yet to be electrified; and

(c) the number of villages likely to be electrified during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per available information, during the Seventh Five Year Plan, 6,324 village have been electrified in Orissa.

(b) As on 31.10.1991, 14,864 village remain to be electrified in Orissa.

(c) During the current year, 1000 villages are programmed for electrification in Orissa.

Increase in the Energy Generation

454. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the energy generation this year in comparison to that during the last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;