

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Doordarshan has commissioned a serial of 13 episodes entitled 'Adarsh' produced by Wing Commander A.S. Bedi.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Doordarshan has also telecast following programmes in this connection:

Sl. No.	Programme	Date of Telecast
1.	Message on Territorial Army	9.10.94
2.	Message by Chief of Territorial Army	8.10.95
3.	Territorial Army	9.10.96
4.	Special programme on Defence Services (Civil Defence and Home Guards in Service of the Nation)	21.6.97

[Translation]

Improvement in Reservation System

3576. KUMARI UMA BHARATI :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI :
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ :
SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set-up a five member Committee to examine the issues of improving the working of reservation system and other arrangements relating to the summer rush;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the committee has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the main recommendations of the committee and the extent to which the present system is likely to be amended;

(e) whether it has been found that no railway tickets are being issued by the Railways even after one month gap; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Committee has been set-up to examine the issues regarding improving the working of the reservation system and other arrangements relating to summer rush on Indian Railways. A statement showing the details of the composition and terms of reference is attached.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The report is under examination by Railway Board.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Statement

Composition

- (i) Additional Member (C&IS), Railway Board — Chairman
- (ii) Executive Director, Passenger Amenities, Railway Board.
- (iii) Executive Director, Vigilance (T), Railway Board
- (iv) Chief Commercial Manager (G), Northern Railway
- (v) Chief Vigilance Officer (T), Northern Railway.
- (vi) Executive Director (Coaching), Railway Board.

Terms of Reference

- (i) To conduct a random study of reservations made for trains in Delhi Area for journeys during the month of May and June (up to 10th), 1997 to detect irregularities, if any, regarding cornering of berths and suggest corrective action.
- (ii) To review arrangements for checking activities of unauthorised travel agents, viz. touts, in Delhi Area and suggest steps that need to be taken to make the drive against touts etc. more effective.
- (iii) To examine passengers amenities provided in various reservation offices in Delhi Area and suggest improvement in amenities for persons waiting to purchase tickets.
- (iv) To examine whether present arrangements of running special trains and attaching additional coaches to meet peak demand during summer vacations are satisfactory and suggest improvements, if any.
- (v) To examine other measures that may be taken to alleviate difficulties faced by passengers during the rush period such as extension of reservation working hours, extension of advance reservation period, extent of waiting list that should be accepted, management of queue etc.

[English]

Transfer of Cinema from I & B to Culture

3577. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that cinema is under the Ministry of Culture in most parts of the world;

(b) whether there is a demand by some popular film producers to shift cinema to the Ministry of Culture; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?