

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3992
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2009
DOCUMENTARY ON RIVER- VALLEY DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals received by the Government/Doordarshan for making documentaries on the various rivers of the country during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the action taken thereon;
- (b) the status of the proposals and the number of proposal which are still pending alongwith the period of their pendency; and
- (c) the time by which such proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. JATUA)

(a) to (c) : The Films Division, Mumbai has informed that under the Plan Scheme namely, "Production of Documentary Films" during the year 2009-10, it received proposals for production of six documentary films on Rivers in response to tenders issued on all India basis as per Annexure. The Production Committee constituted for the purpose had short listed the same and the final approval for production is under process in this Ministry. No proposal as such was, however, received by the Films Division during the last three years.

Prasar Bharati has also informed that a proposal titled "Narmada" was submitted by M/s. Bharat Bharati in May 2009 under commissioned category. However, due to budgetary constraints, no proposal is being processed by Prasar Bharati under commissioned category for the last two years.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3992 FOR 15.12.2009.

The list of proposals for Production of Documentary Films received by Films Division under the Plan Scheme 2008-09.

1. INDUS WATER TREATY
2. A RIVER'S STORY OF HOPE AND DESPAIR
3. RESONANCE OF A ROVER
4. AND THUS FLOWS THE RIVER BRAHMAPUTRA
5. ECHO OF BRAHMAPUTRA
6. ISLANDS OF THE RED RIVER.