

Title: Appealed to the Minister, Information and Broadcasting to inquire into the matter and take steps against the producer of the news magazine, Aaj Tak for presenting baseless information in the Doordarshan relating to an imaginary incident of child selling in the district of Deogarh, Orissa.

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN (BALASORE): Sir, on the last Thursday, the 3rd August, 2000 at 10.00 pm, *Aaj Tak* telecast a programme in the Doordarshan about Orissa that a couple in the district of Deogarh has sold their child out of sheer poverty. But, Sir, this is a very misleading and baseless information they have telecast in the Doordarshan's metro channel. It is an imaginary information.

Then, another Oriya producer by the name *Sanket* also visited that place. There, they found that the couple had gone to their maternal in-laws with the child, where this child expired out of disease. They disposed of the dead body and came back to their village.

I appeal to the hon. Minister of Information and Broadcasting, through the hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, to inquire into the matter and take appropriate action against the producers of this programme so that it does not give a bad name to Orissa.