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Title: Need to make the Madurai Doordarshan Kendra operational without further delay.

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MR. SPEAKER: Let us allow some urgent matters of public importance to be raised in the House now.

Shri P. Mohan.

\*SHRI P. MOHAN (MADURAI): Hon. Speaker Sir, in Madurai city, Doordarshan Kendra's Programme Generation Facility centre has been constructed and even the studio installation work has been completed. Even after a long time the studio is yet to be commissioned there. This is an important facility centre and one and only of its kind for South Tamil Nadu to originate programmes. Though civil work has been completed long back, this Doordarshan Kendra has not been inaugurated. It is learnt that the sanction of posts for programme staff awaits the clearance from the Union Finance Ministry. I urge upon the Information & Broadcasting Minister that he may immediately deploy willing programme staff from other Doordarshan Kendras all over India while waiting for clearance from Finance Minister. There are qualified and eligible Doordarshan programme hands who may be interested in coming to Madurai. Hence this Programme Facility Centre for the Southern Tamil Nadu be commissioned at the earliest. I urge upon the Union Government to sanction posts, allot funds and in the meantime inaugurate the PGF Centre with staff drawn from other Kendras.

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in Tamil. \* Translation of the speech originally delivered