

cations Division;

- (vi) Any other related matter that may be referred to the Committee by the Government for advice.

Joint Economic Commission with Belgium

5835. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Belgium have agreed to set up a Joint Economic Commission;

(b) if so, the period for which this agreement has been concluded, and

(c) the details of items proposed to be imported and exported under the said agreement?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) This is a continuing agreement which can be terminated upon request by either party.

(c) Details of such items have not been stated in the Agreement

I.T.D.C. Plan to Develop and Promote Tourism in Karnataka

5836. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Tourism Development Corporation has chalked out an ambitious plan to develop and promote tourism in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the main features of the plan;

(c) whether the Government of Karnataka has agreed to provide sites for the hotels in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to (a) above.

(c) Presently ITDC has no proposal to set up a new hotel in the State of Karnataka.

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to (c) above.

T.V. Coverage in Hassan District in Karnataka

5837. SHRI H.C. SRIKANTIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the areas in Hassan District in Karnataka are covered by Hassan TV relay station,

(b) if not, the action taken or proposed to be taken to cover all the areas in Hassan District?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). The low power (100 W) TV transmitter functioning at Hassan (Karnataka) provides TV service to about 29% area of the district including fringe areas where satisfactory reception can be obtained by the use of elevated antennae and/or boosters etc. The areawise coverage of Hassan district is expected to increase to about 44% consequent upon commissioning of the high power (10 KW) TV transmitter under implementation at Shimoga. Exten-

sion of TV service to the remaining uncovered areas of the district would depend upon the availability of adequate resources for this purpose in the future plans of TV expansion.

Tamil and English Dailies Published from Tamil Nadu

5838. SHRI E.S.M. PAKEER MOHAMMED: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Tamil and English dailies published from Tamil Nadu alongwith their registered office address;

(b) the total circulation of the Tamil and English dailies from Tamil Nadu;

(c) the total amount of newsprint allocated to them and the value thereof;

(d) whether the dailies are not getting sufficient quota of newsprint; and

(e) whether Government propose to formulate any policy decision to revise the sanction of newsprint quota supplies and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) The requisite information is given the attached statement.

(b) The total circulation of Tamil and English dailies published from Tamil Nadu was 15,29,000 copies as on 31.12.1988. (English dailies 4,22,000 copies and Tamil dailies 11,07,000 copies)

(c) A total quantity of 43,403.00 MTs in both imported and indigenus variety of newsprint, has been allocated to the English and Tamil dailies that applied for newsprint during 1989-90. Based on the average price of imported and indigenus newsprint applicable for all the four quarters of 1989-90, the total value of the said quantity of newsprint works out approximately to Rs. 51.20 crores.

(d) The allocation of newsprint is made to the newspapers as per the annual entitlement worked out strictly in accordance with the newsprint allocation policy which is need-based.

(e) The newsprint allocation policy for the licensing year 1990-91 is under formulation.