

Import of Fire Protection Equipment.

8220. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rules pertaining to imports of fire protection doors and other related equipment have been liberalised;

(c) whether these imports have substantially risen during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SHREEDHARAN): (a) There is no change in the Import Policy for import of fire protection doors and other related equipment.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Transmission of Marathi Programmes from Ahmedabad

8221. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand from Marathi speaking population of Ahmedabad and Baroda for transmission of Marathi programmes from Ahmedabad; and

(b) whether Government propose to telecast Bombay T.V. Marath programmes from Ahmedabad?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) A suggestion to this effect

has been received from the Hon'ble Member himself.

(b) No, Sir. The Regional TV Service in each State is aimed to be introduced in the language most widely spoken in the State concerned and emanating from the Door-darshan Kendra located within the State.

[Translation]

Setting up of Akashvani and Door-darshan Kendra in Gaya, Bihar

8222. SHRI ISHWAR CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up Akashvani Kendra and Doordarshan Kendra in Gaya, Bihar;

(b) whether Government have received any representations in this regard;

(c) whether Government had assured that at the time of formulating next Plan, priority would be given to the establishment of Gaya Akashvani Kendra and Doordarshan Kendra; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) The approved Seventh Plan of All India Radio does not include any proposal to set up a Radio Station at Gaya, Bihar.

As regards T.V. service, a low power TV transmitter is already functioning at Gaya. There is no approved scheme, at present, to set up programme production facility at Gaya.

(b) Yes, Sir.