

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.

(c) and (d). Some measures have been proposed for expansion of Radio/T.V. service at Gaya (Bihar) under the Eighth Plan, but their implementation depends upon the overall size of the Plan allocation of the two media to be made by the Planning commission.

[English]

Number of Employees in Chittor T. V. Relay Station

8223. SHRI M. G. REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees in the Chittor T. V Relay stations:

(b) whether the quality of Doordarshan programmes from this relay station has gone down;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve the quality of the programmes in this relay station?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) The total number of employees working in the Chittor TV relay

Station, at present, is six.

(b) to (d). The quality of relayed programmes from this Relay Station suffered during February-March, 1990 due to fault in the sub-assembly of the TVRO system. The fault has been attended to and the service is reported to be satisfactory with effect from April, 1990.

News Bulletins Broadcast in Different Indian Languages from Delhi

8224. SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the wave lengths, metre bands and timings of the news bulletins broadcast in different Indian languages from Delhi; and

(b) the wave lengths and metre bands of the external services broadcast in Indian languages from Delhi and directed towards South East Asia and Africa?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) The details of the timings of news bulletins originated from Delhi along with the present frequencies and wave lengths are given below in Statement I.

(b) The information is given below in Statement II.