

(a) whether a draft of new commerce policy is under consideration of Government; and

(b) the time by which it is likely to be formulated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI AR-ANGIL SHREEDHARAN) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise

Coverage of Districts of U.P. by Door-darshan

8311. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased state

(a) whether all the districts in Uttar Pradesh are covered by the Television transmission facility.

(b) if not, the districts which are yet to be covered; and

(c) the time by which these districts are likely to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA). (a) to (c). All the districts (1981 Census) in Uttar Pradesh are, at present, covered by TV service wholly or partially. On commissioning of the high power (10 KW) transmitter at Bareilly low power (100 W) transmitter at Hardwar, very low power (10W) transmitter at Munsiri and transposers at Mussoorie and Churk scheduled during the current financial year (1990-91), TV service is expected to improve further in some districts of Uttar Pradesh

[English]

TV Centres in Himachal Pradesh

8312. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased state:

(a) the number of T.V. centres and T.V. relay stations located in Himachal Pradesh at present;

(b) whether any more T.V. centres and T.V. relay stations have been sanctioned for the State.

(c) if so, the details thereof,

(d) whether Government propose to set up a T V tower at Khara Pathar in Simla district; and

(e) the time by which these are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA). (a) One high power (10 KW), six low power (100 W), 5 very low power (2x10W) TV transmitters and a TV transposer are, at present functioning in Himachal Pradesh

(b) to (e). A TV Studio Centre with a high power (1KW) transmitter at Shimla and a TV transposer at Rajgarh are under implementation in Himachal Pradesh, as spill-over schemes of the Seventh Plan. While the latter project is envisaged to be commissioned into service during the current financial year itself, the installation of the Studio Centre along with the high power TV transmitter at Shimla is expected to be complete during 1992-93. Besides, Doordarshan's Annual Plan for 1990-91 also provides for establishment of a number of additional TV transmitters, the locations of which depends

upon the inter-se priority for extension of TV service in uncovered parts of the country.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of T.V. Relay Centres at Bharonch and Kewadia Colony in Gujarat

8313. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased state:

(a) whether television relay centres have been set up at Bharonch and Kewadia Colony in Gujarat;

(b) whether the entire Bharonch district has not been benefited from this centre due to its low capacity; and

(c) if so, the steps propose to be taken by Government to increase the capacity of this centre?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c). Whereas three low power (100 W) TV transmitters are functioning at present, one each at Bharuch, Kewadia Colony and Dediapada, in Bharuch District, the high power (10 KW) TV transmitter at Ahemabad also provides service to some parts of this district. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to provide TV service to the remaining uncovered parts of the district as expeditiously as possible, depending upon the availability of funds for this purpose.

[*English*]

T.V. Serial "Sword of Tipu Sultan"

8314. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:
SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE
PATIL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased state:

(a) the recommendations of K.R. Malkani on the Television Serial "Sword of Tipu Sultan";

(b) whether these recommendations have been accepted by Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the serial would be telecast by Doordarshan?

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

STATEMENT

Shri K.R. Malkani has been of the view that there is nothing objectionable either in the historical novel "The Sword of Tipu Sultan" on which the serial is based or in the eight episodes made available to him for preview. He has, in fact, felt that the way the life of Tipu Sultan has been depicted—for example, young Tipu attributing his marksmanship to the practice of Yoga—it can only promote national integration. He has, however, suggested the following modifications:

- Each episode of the serial be appropriately prefaced to indicate that the serial is based on the novel "The Sword of Tipu