

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