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 Telly Serials

2702. SHRIMATI UMA GAJAPATHI RAIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include, Telly serials to be telecast on Doordarshan, within the purview of precensorship by the Central Board of Film Certification; and

(b) if so, the rationale therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA):

(a) and (b) The existing policy of the Government exempts Doordarshan programmes from application of the provisions relating to certification of films as laid down in the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and the rules made thereunder as amended from time to time, subject to the condition that while clearing the programmes for telecast, the Director General or the Directors of the concerned Kendras, as the case may be, shall keep in view the film certification guidelines issued by the Central Govt. to the Central Board of Film Certification.

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NRI Investment for Tourism Promotion in Mizoram

2703. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Mizoram tourism will get some of the investment by NRI for tourism promotion; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI: (a) and (b) NRI's are permitted to invest in 3 to 5 star Hotels in the country. The decision to invest in any part of this country is taken by them on commercial consideration.

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Development of Tourism in Ranakpur and Sardar Samand (Pali) in Rajasthan

2704. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop Ranakpur and Sardar Samand (Pali) into tourist centres in view of the large number of foreign tourists visting world famous Dilwara Jain Temples of Ranakpur and Mount Abu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) and (b) Ranakpur and Mount Abu have been included in one of the three travel circuits identified for promotion in consultation with the State Government. No proposal for Sardar Samand (Pali) has been received from the State Government.

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Restructuring of Bank interest rates

2705. SHRI VASANT SATHE:
SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a revision of bank interest rates is under the consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the steps taken in the matter;

(c) the details of the revision proposed to be made; and

(d) the date from which the new interest rates will come into effect?