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Telecast/Broadcast of Cricket Match  
of Leeds (England)

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Budgetary Deficit

2767. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:  
SHRI MANDHATA SINGH:  
SHRI BALGOPAL MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first one day international cricket match at Leeds (England) between India and England was not telecast/broadcast direct on Indian T.V. network/AIR; and other test matches were not telecast; and

(b) if so, the reasons for depriving the Indian viewers/listeners of the opportunity to have a direct view or a running commentary of the matches?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir; and

(b) With a view to exercise utmost economy in the government expenditure in the face of severe constraints on foreign exchange reserves of the country, Doordarshan did not consider it feasible to telecast the matches live because of the huge costs involved. This would have, because of telecast timings, also interfered with the telecast or normal programmes in the context of single-channel situation of Doordarshan.

However, All India Radio relayed, at a comparatively small expenditure, the BBC commentary on all the matches played under the fixture so far except on the first one day International played on August 18, 1990.

2768. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the main additional items of expenditure of Central Government that have cropped up during the past few months since the budgeted deficit of Rs. 7,200 crore was projected; and

(b) the details of the additional expenditure likely to be incurred on each account separately and the total likely deficit during the current year after taking into account the aforesaid new or added items of expenditure?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) First batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants 1990-91, presented in Lok Sabha on 16-8-1990 indicates the details of additional items of expenditure. As these items of expenditure are either matched by additional receipts or by corresponding savings, these additional expenditure proposals will have no impact on budgetary deficit as projected in budget estimates of 1990-91.

270 *Doordarshan*  
Shelving of Programmes made by Independent Producers

2769. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of programmes produced by some documentary film makers for Doordarshan have been shelved; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) It has not been possible to telecast some of the programmes assigned to outside producers on considerations of present programme requirement of Doordarshan.