

**New Entertainment items  
on Delhi T. V.**

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

(a) whether any efforts have been made by his Ministry to make Delhi T. V. less boring; and

(b) if so, what are the new entertainment items likely to be introduced ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI) : (a) Efforts are being continuously made to introduce more interesting programmes and to improve the overall quality of TV presentations.

(b) Doorshan Kendra, Delhi has recently introduced the following entertainment-oriented programmes to cater to the interest of viewers:—

(i) *Triveni* : A fortnightly Musical Variety Show involving the participation of young talents for example, singers, dancers etc.

(ii) *Skit* : A fortnightly Hindi Skit on some of the current social/economic issues in the society.

(iii) *Manoranjan* : A fortnightly film-based programme.

SHRI D.M. PUTTE GOWDA : May I know whether it is a fact that there are no proper trained and talented persons in Delhi T.V. who can synchronise entertainment with development of educative and cultural programmes ; if so, whether Government is thinking of absorbing such personnel to give a better performance ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : This is our effort to improve the programme on T.V. We are aware that improvement is always necessary and there is always room for improvement. With this objective in mind, we have introduced a system of having tele-clubs. There are already 15 clubs in Delhi. We have seen encouraging response from the television viewers. I would request the hon. Members here also—if they take interest in viewing T.V.—to suggest us what improvement we can bring about. We will definitely take all these things into consideration to improve the programme.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : जिन के पास नहीं है, वे कैसे देखेंगे ?

श्री बसंत साठे : वे ले लें ।

SHRI D.M. PUTTE GOWDA : When will the multi channel T.V. be commissioned so that one can view a programme which he likes from any centre of India.

SHRI VASANT SATHE : We are considering this question of additional channel ; and that is under the consideration of the Government. When that takes place, I think, the viewers will get much larger T.V. coverage.

SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-GRAHI : I want to know from the hon. Minister about the talent and entertainment here in this House. How is he going to utilise it ?

SHRI VASANT SATHE : I am aware that there is a great talent among the Members of Parliament also provided they come forward and offer their services. According to their talents we will definitely utilize those talents.