

Mangalore and Brahmavar Broadcasting Stations

*216. SHRI P. R. SHENOY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the broadcasting stations in Mangalore and Brahmavar in coastal Karnataka are complete;

(b) if so, the date by which the stations will start functioning and the languages in which the broadcast will be made; and

(c) the salient features of the two stations?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Arrangements are under way to commission the station shortly. The broadcasts will be mainly in Kannada, Tulu and Konkani will also be included in the programmes.

(c) The Mangalore/Udipi complex consists of studios and a low power medium wave transmitter at Mangalore and a 20 kw mw transmitter at Brahmavar near Udipi. The two centres will be interlinked by high quality telecommunication circuits. The transmitter located at Brahmavar will provide coverage to the entire coastal areas of South Kanara district and will also cover part of North Kanara district. The low power transmitter at Mangalore will provide a city grade service within Mangalore town.

Payment of Suppliers' Bills by Ordnance Factories

*217. SHRI M. C. DAGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for prompt payment of suppliers' bills by the Ordnance factories

making direct and local purchases; and

(b) the steps taken to boost output of Ordnance factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VITHAL GADGIL): (a) As per procedure in vogue, 95 per cent—98 per cent payments are made to the suppliers on presentation of proof of inspection and despatch. The balance payment is made on receipt of stores in the factory in good condition. Delays in the balance payments sometime occur when the stores on receipt in the factory are found to be requiring rectification or replacement.

(b) Production targets of the Ordnance Factories are fixed on the basis of the requirements of the Services. A close watch is being maintained on the production achievements vis-a-vis the targets of important items which are reviewed on a monthly basis at the highest level in the Ministry and prompt action is taken to clear the bottlenecks, if any.

Incentive schemes are in force for optimisation of the production. The existing plant and equipment is also being modernised in a phased manner.

Guidelines for Censoring Films

*218. SHRI B. S. BHAURA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines have been given for censoring films; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). All films are required to