

- (3) KAMALA KONWARI (on folktale and folklore)
31. ADIM MATIR RANG (on folktale and folklore)
32. JALAJOGAN ARU ANAMOI
(on development for water reservation)
(i) water and sanitation
(ii) watershed management key to minimize flood
(iii) curbing water pollution
33. Janagosthiya Badyar Zankar
(Traditional musical instrument of North-East Tribes)
34. Sangskritik Parjaton-Unnyan aru sambhawana (on dev. of tourism)
35. PRAKRITIS PARISIMAT (Within the folds of nature)

Takeover of UNI and Univarta by a media company

3188. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation led by Shri Kuldeep Nayyar visited the Prime Minister to discuss takeover/control of UNI and Univarta by a media company;

(b) whether the delegation were given assurances that the matter would be looked into and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting was asked to submit a status report in this regard;

(c) if so, the assurances given to the delegation;

(d) the steps being taken on the assurances; and

(e) whether the status report to be prepared by the Ministry has been submitted and if so, the details thereof and if not, the current status of the same?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (e) PMO has informed that on 8.11.2006 Shri Kuldeep Nayyar, with a delegation, met the Prime Minister. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is not aware of the details of discussions held. However, a background note in this connection was sent by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on 11.11.2006. No further follow-up action has been desired from this Ministry.

Permitting FM Channels to Air News and current affairs

3189. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the FM Channels presently operating are finding it difficult to attain revenue generation as projected;

(b) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has recommended that FM radio channels should be permitted to broadcast news and current affairs to serve listeners at grassroot level; and

(c) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) The Policy for expansion of FM radio broadcasting through private agencies