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RAJYA SABHA

Rath Yatra (Car Festival) of Lord Jagannath from Puri, Orissa on its National Network as well as Regional Language Satellite Service (RLSS) of Orissa every year. This year also, Doordarshan will telecast live the Car festival of Lord Jagannath from Puri, as was done in previous years.

TV Tower in H.P.

5252. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the guidelines for establishment of TV tower in hilly and rural areas;
- (b) how many TV towers are functioning in Himachal Pradesh;
- (c) whether Government have any proposal to establish a TV tower in Thali village in Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):

(a) The criteria followed by Doordarshan for establishment of TV transmitters in hilly and rural areas include various factors such as extent of resultant coverage, availability of resources and availability of infrastructural facilities.

(b) Forty Three TV transmitters are at present functioning in Himachal Pradesh.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Recovery of dues by Doordarshan

5253. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of private companies and individuals have ; pay crores of rupees to Doordarshan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Doordarshan have taken any steps during the past few months to recover such dues;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;