site, and availability of other infrastructural facilities. The transmitter would be commissioned soon thereafter depending upon availability of requisite staff for its operation and maintenance.

Written Answers

Uplinking facility at Imphal Station

2108. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether AIR has not got uplinking facility which may link State and National chennel at Imphal station;
- (b) whether this uplinking facility could be provided before the National Games to be held at Imphal; and
- (c) whether Government are aware that the present transmitter cannot take AIR programmes to the hill areas of the State and by when the single channel AIR station will be converted into the second channel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) No, Sir. Uplinking facility at Imphal would only be ready by the end of the current financial year.
- (c) Day time radio coverage by area and population is 99%. Therefore, coverage can be taken as 100 without taking into consideration the special requirement of certain situations. In 9th plan, there is a proposal for setting up a 10 KW FM Transmitter with stereo facilities at Imphal.

T.V. Serials on Kashmir

2109. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of T.V. serials on kashmir that have been sanctioned and made during the last three years;
- (b) the amount given/spent by Central Government on these serials; and
- (c) the names of persons who were assigned the work of making these serials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAK NAQVI): (a) The details are as under:

1995-96	_	68
1996-97	_	66
1997-98		Nil

(b) The deails are as under:

Year	Amount spent
1995-96	Rs. 8,06,11,511.00
1996-97	Rs. 6,87,72,500.00
1997-98	Nil

(c) The details are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

1995-96

- 1. Mrs. Ruqaya
- Mohd. Maqbool Bhat
- 3. Hanief Mohammad
- 4. Tariq Ahmad
- 5. Satar Ahmed Ahahid
- Parvaiz Masoodi 6.
- 7. Bilal Ahmed Mir
- 8. Altaf Hussain Marazi
- 9. Mushtaq Ali Ahmed
- 10. Ms. Saidul Salees
- П. Asif Ahmad
- 12. Muneer Fayaz
- Mir Farhad 13.
- 14. Mrs. Ruqaya
- Zameer Ashai 15.
- 16. Ashraf Shawl
- 17. Qayoom Raja
- 18. B.L. Koul
- 19. Ms. Jagjivan Kour
- 20. Mustaq A. Bala
- 21. S.A. Rashid
- 22. Tahir Muztar
- 23. Idrees Khan
- 24. Abdul Rashid
- 25. Arun Kaul
- 26. Onkar Aima