

(b) whether the proposal has been pending since long;

(c) if so, the steps taken to consider the proposal; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM):

(a) to (d) Doordarshan has granted script approval in respect of a serial titled "BUDDHA TRAIL" received under New Sponsorship Scheme, 1990 from M/s. Chitra Utsav, Delhi. The producer has yet to modify the pilot for final decision by Doordarshan.

As regards the serial on Lord Jagannath, one proposal titled "Mohan Jyoti" received from M/s. Biswajit Productions, Bikaner in March, 1996 was carefully considered and rejected in November, 1996 as it was not found suitable for telecast.

Criteria for selection of serials and ceiling on episodes

1143. **SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria for selecting serials and the limit of episodes on Doordarshan;

(b) whether it is a fact that serials like Junoon, Ajnabi, Sansar and Shriman Shrimati have been extended beyond the stipulated limit of episodes; and

(c) if so, the names of serials granted extension during the last two years and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM):

(a) The selection of serials in different categories is made on the basis of their suitability and programme requirement of Doordarshan. As per the guidelines, the Selection Committee while granting approval to T.V. serial specifies the number of episodes which normally does not exceed 13 in case of DD-1 and 26 in case of DD-2. Extension beyond the specified number of episodes is granted by Director General, Doordarshan keeping in view the popularity of the serial, its commercial return, quality of production and the subject requirement, etc.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The names of the T.V. serials granted extension during the last two years on DD-1 and DD-2 are given in the Statement.

Statement

List of Serials granted extension on DD-1 and DD-2

DD-1

1. Sansar
2. Neem Ka Ped
3. Alif Laila
4. Chandrakanta
5. Shanti
6. Junoon
7. Kanoon
8. Reporter
9. Sabka Malik Ek Hai
10. Imtihaan
11. Baap Se Bada Rupaiya
12. Ghutan
13. Women of India
14. Ajnabi

15. Swabhimani
16. Disney Adventures
17. Meri Awaz Suno
18. Good Morning India
19. Karamati
20. Ek Se Badkar Ek
21. Badla
22. Sukh Dukh
23. Tasveer
24. Wheel of Fortune
25. Dastane Hatim Tai
26. Zameen Aasman
27. Meri Pasand
28. P.A. Sahib

DD-2

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| 1. Shriman Shrimati | 35. Batman |
| 2. Imtihaan | 36. Disney club |
| 3. Dard | 37. Deenis the Mennis |
| 4. Alice in Wonderland | 38. Mahabharat |
| 5. Ajnabi | 39. Priya Tendulkar Talk Show |
| 6. Shri Krishna | 40. Lehrein |
| 7. Supterhit Muqabala | 41. Vijay |
| 8. Mirch Masala | 42. Tu Tu Main Main |
| 9. Surf Dhamaka | 43. A Mouthful of Sky |
| 10. Junoon | 44. Disney's Little Murmaid |
| 11. Reporter | 45. Jai Hanuman |
| 12. Hello Henko | 46. Saraab |
| 13. Zameen Aasman | 47. Sahara |
| 14. Sangeet Sitare | 48. Sahil |
| 15. Jaldi Jaldi | 49. Metro Club |
| 16. Kabhi Ye Kabhi Woh | 50. Patjhad |
| 17. Gillette World Sports Special | 51. Darkning Duck |
| 18. A Few Rupees More | 52. Blossom |
| 19. Top Job Show | 53. Raja Aur Rancho |
| 20. Star Show | 54. Health Today |
| 21. Kishmat | 55. Heads & Tails |
| 22. Bhakti Sagar | 56. Zara Dekho To Inka Kamal |
| 23. Show Theme | 57. Flint Stones |
| 24. Valley of the Dolls | 58. Tom & Jerry |
| 25. Rimba's Island | 59. Kingdom Adventure |
| 26. Vansh | 60. Aladdin |
| 27. Marshal | 61. Spiderman |
| 28. Aarzo | 62. Super Book |
| 29. Supernumber Syber Squad | 63. Phantam |
| 30. Gumrah | 64. Boy Meets World |
| 31. Aankhen | 65. He Man & The Master of Universe |
| 32. All the Best | 66. Chip & Dale |
| 33. Virasat | 67. Green Teen Quiz |
| 34. Dhun Dhamaka | 68. Lamhe |

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1144. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI AKHILESH DAS:

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

(a) whether the union cabinet has accorded approval to the proposed broadcasting laws and the constitution of the Broadcasting Authority of India to regulate television and radio services in the country;

(b) if so, by when the Broadcasting Authority Bill is likely to be introduced in Parliament with main features thereof;

(c) whether Government's attention has also been drawn to an article under the heading Media Policy-Censorship through the backdoor published in the Hindustan Times dated the 10th February, 1997, if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether due weightage will be given to quality-programmes, cultural values etc., details thereof?