

(c) if so, whether Government propose to have a different set of advertising facilities for TV according to the time allotted for each programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Such a system is already in operation.

SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Madam, only when Doordarshan gets good revenue, it can improve its programmes and news coverage. The entry of foreign TV and Cable TV is taking away a good portion of TV advertisements and revenue. This will continue unless Doordarshan and All India Radio review their present policies. Madam, there are many products which are banned on Doordarshan which are being advertised on international cable network television. My question is : Will Doordarshan review its policies in this matter and try to increase its revenue ?

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : The Member is very right, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

# WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS MALFUNCTIONING OF STD SYSTEM IN RAJASTHAN

\*266. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that S.T.D. system installed in Rajasthan is not working properly;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that calls from Delhi and other places of the

country do not materialise for months together; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons thereof and what remedial steps are proposed to be taken to redress the grievances of the people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (d) The STD system in Rajasthan is generally working satisfactorily at the present stage of expansion in STD services.

(c) Calls from Delhi and other cities to some stations in Rajasthan are not materialising.

(d) Incoming STD calls from Delhi and cities outside Rajasthan to some sections in Rajasthan are not materialising due to the fact that STD service is provided on trial basis and the STD codes have not been wired in Trunk Automatic Exchanges (TAXs) outside Rajasthan. It is due to the fact that the required tests are yet to be completed. The steps taken to redress the grievances are as given below :

(i) The required tests are being conducted progressively and the new STD Codes are wired in TAXs outside Rajasthan after the successful completion of these tests;

(ii) Two more TAXs at Kotah and Udaipur are being opened in Rajasthan during 1993-94;

(iii) Capacity of existing TAXs is proposed to be increased in 1994-95, besides opening TAXs at Ajmer, Pali; and Eikaner.

(iv) The overhead lines used for providing STD facility at present are planned to be replaced by reliable media like, Cable, Radio during 1994-95 progressively.

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