

were released to these publications.

Furnishing the names of the 4529 newspapers, which were given Government advertisements and the other details sought in the case of each of those papers would constitute a very voluminous reply. Hence two lists containing the names and other details of all those newspapers have been made available to the Parliament House Library.

Regional language programmes on DD

7568. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the time allotted for regional language programmes on Delhi Doordarshan Kendra;

(b) whether "Thirukkural" the scripture of Tamils would be telecast through Tamil Programmes in Hindi speaking States;

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether this kind of relay will promote national integration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No specific time has been allotted for programme to be telecast in a particular language.

(b) to (d) Though, at present there is no proposal to telecast scriptures of 'Thirukkural' in Hindi, Doordarshan will continue to telecast programmes promoting national integration.

Vulgar lyrics in films

7569. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had called a meeting in New Delhi recently to dis-

cuss the effect of vulgar and bawdy lyrics in the films; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) A meeting was held on 11.5.94 to discuss film censorship and other related matters;

(b) Steps have been taken to ensure that uncertified songs are not shown on the small screen. The Indian High Commission in Hongkong has been approached to impress on the Hongkong authorities to advise STAR TV to desist from telecasting towards India, songs and clips from Hindi films that have not been certified by the Censor Board. Instructions have also been issued to the Central Board of Film Certification to ensure that guidelines especially relating to sex and violence are strictly adhered to, so that certified films do not attract charges of obscenity and excessive violence. Efforts will also be made to increase the representation of women upto 50 per cent while reconstituting the Board and its advisory panels.

As regards Television, Doordarshan programmes are exempted from censorship. However, Doordarshan has decided not to accept any film-based material for telecast unless it bears a certificate from the Central Board of Film Certification. In addition, the preview procedure for programmes to be telecast on Doordarshan-II and Doordarshan-I have been tightened. In non-film based programmes, scenes which offend public decency or those not produced in conformity with the broadcast code are deleted before telecast.

Press coverage of PM's visit to USA

7570. SHRI MAJJI TULASIDAS:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM-
CHANDRA JICHKAR:

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

(a) what are the names of newspapers media agencies and electronic media and their representatives which accompanied as Press Party of the Prime Minister during his recent visit to USA.

(b) whether the press party had to face any problems in covering various events of the Prime Minister's visit; and

(c) what steps are being taken to give a better coverage to such visit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The details regarding the names of newspapers, etc. are given in the statement annexed. (See below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) On all foreign visits of the Prime Minister, adequate arrangements are made to ensure proper media coverage. Similar arrangements will continue to be made for future visits.

Statement

Names of Newspapers, Media agencies and electronic Media and their representatives which accompanied the Prime Minister during his recent visit to USA.

Names of Newspapers

1. PTI
2. UNI
3. ANI
4. ANI
5. IANS
6. INFA
7. IPA
8. BITV
9. Economic Times
10. Hindu
11. Hindustan Times
12. Times of India
13. Statesman
14. Hindustan
15. Jansata
16. India Today (Eng.)
17. Sunday Observer
18. Sunday Mid-Day
19. Swatantra Bharat
20. Nai Dunia
21. Deccan Chronicle
22. Siasat
23. Udayam
24. Prabhat
25. Jai Hind, Ahmedabad

Representatives

- Harihar Sarup
- T. V. Satyanarayanan
- Subhash Chopra
- Ravi Lekhi
- Tarun Basu
- Ms. Poonam Kaushish
- O. P. Sabharwal
- Vivian Fernandes
- Swaminathan SA Aiyar
- N. Ravi
- Ms. Kalyani Shankar
- DR. Manoj Joshi
- Raju Santhanam
- Satyavir Tyagi
- Hari Shankar Vyas
- Dilip Bobb
- Rajiv Shukla
- Arvind V. Kulkarni
- Ghanshyam Pankaj
- Shahid Siddiqui
- S. Viswam
- Zahid Ali Khan
- Potturi Venkateshwer
- Ashish Kothari
- Yashwant N. Shah

26. Deccan Herald
27. Malayala Manorama
28. Navbharat (Hindi)
29. Sakal
30. Nagpur Patrika
31. Inquilab (Urdu)
32. Chitralkha
33. Prajatantra (Oriya)
34. The Tribune
35. Punjab Kesari
36. Dainik Navjyoti (Jaipur)
37. Dinamalar
38. Aaj (Hindi)
39. Anand Bazar Patrika
40. Meghalaya Guardian
41. Siyasat Jadeed (Urdu)
42. Dainik Ganadoot (Tripura)
43. Dainik Jagaran, Kanpur
44. Gujarat Samachar
45. TV Asia
46. Freelance
47. Freelance

Official Media

48. PIB
49. All India Radio
50. All India Radio
51. Doordarshan
52. Doordarshan
53. Doordarshan
54. Photo Division
55. Photo Division
56. Films Division
57. Films Division

Nitish Chakravarty
Sachidanand Murthy
P. K. Maheshwari
Vijay V. Kuwalekar
Ms. Kamini Bobde
Ms. Malavika Sanghvi
Bharat K. Kapadia
Bhartruhari Mahtab
Hari Jaisingh
Ashwini Kumar Minna
D B Choudhary
R. Sathiamurthi
Satya Prakash Asim
Suman Chattopadhyaya
G L Aggarwala
Aijaz Ilami
Sushil Choudhry
Narendra Mohan
Nirman S Shan
Rohit Vyas
Pream Shankar Jha
S Venkat Narain

Representative

S. P. Taneja
M. Rama Rao
K. S. Bawa
Muthu Kumar
Chiranjilal
Kamlesh Kumar
Michael Shylla
Sanjiv Mishra
S. R. Naidu
N. Prasad.