(e) whether Government are considering to any steps in this regard; and

(f) if not, the main reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OP STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGHDEO): (a) and (b) Government is aware that a number of Indian companies are advertising on Star TV. It does not, however, have any information. about the financial standing of this company. As per advice given to RBI, release of foreign exchange for advertisement on foreign satellite channels is not to be made to non-exporters or those with negligible export earnings.

(c) Government does not have any information in this regard.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

विकापन और हुश्य प्रचार निवेशासय को सभापन किया जाना / उसका विलय किया जाना

1029. भी मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ भीम अफजल: क्या सूचना छीर प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की क्रुया करेंगे कि:

- (क) क्या सरकार को नई दिस्ली ते प्रकासित दिनांक 6 जुलाई, 1994 के "दि हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स" में प्रकासित इस भाशय के समाचार की जानकारी है कि जिसमें यह कहा गया है कि विकापन और दृश्य प्रचार निदेशालय (डी.ए.बी.पी.) को समाप्त किया जा रहा है या इसका विलय करने का प्रस्ताव है;
- (ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्योरा क्या है स्त्रीर इसके क्या कारण हैं ; स्रोर
- (ग) क्या इससे समाचार पत्न प्रभावित नहीं होंगे?

सूचना और प्रसारच मंत्रालय के राज्य कंडी (थी के. थी. सिंह देव) : (क) से (व) ऐसी एक रिपोर्ट सरकार के नोटिस में बाई है। तथापि, विसापन और दृश्य प्रचार निदेसालय को सवाप्त किये आने या इसका विसय करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के पास नहीं है।

Staff Strength of AIR/DO Kendtra at Dibrngarh

1030. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the present sanctioned strength of staff and the actual positioned strength at the Dibrugarh Doordarshan Kendra (DDK) as well as the Dibragah station of All India Radio (AIR), designation-wise details;
- (b) the details of amounts spent by Government on the DDK and AIR respectively during last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that due to lack of infrastructual facilities, manpower and resources, the DDK is virtually crippled and the activities of its programme Production Centre (PFC) are at a very low ebb; if *to*, what remedial steps Government propose in this regard;
- (d) the details of programmes produced at the said PPC since its inception alongwith the respective dates of so produced programmes;
- (e) whether Government propose to increose the telecast time for the programmes produced by DDK in its own by augmenting the programme production facilities and including its own regional news; if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) what specific steps Government propose to take to cater to the needs of substantially large Hindi speaking papulation in Upper Assam as regards TV programmes presently depending on Zee TV and other foreign networks?

nutes from 1st June, 1994. No fur. ther increase is planned at present. Likewise there are at present no plans to start a regional news bul. letin from this Kendra.

THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO); (a) and (b) Details are annexed as Statement-I to Statement-IV (See below)

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- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.
- (e) The telecast time for program, mes produced by this Kendra was increased from 30 minutes to 45
- (f) Adequate numboer of program, mes are already being telecast on area through an appropriate dish DD-1 and DD-2 (available in this area through an appropriate dish antenna) to cater, interalia to the needs of the Hindi speaking population residing in, Upper Assam.

Statement I Vacancy Position at AIR, Dibrugarh

S. No.	Designation of Post				Post Post Sanctioned	Filled
1	2.			·	3	4
1-1	Supdt, Eng./Director Eng./Res. Eng.		,		1	1
2	Station Director (OG)/Deputy Direct	or			1	0
3	Station Engineer/DD (E)/A.R.E.				1 .	1
4	Assistant Station Director .			,	2	1
2 2 5 :	A.S.E./A.D. (E)/Res. Officer .				1	1
6	Assistant Engineer				4	3
7	Programme Executive				9	6
8	Farm Radio Officer				I	1
9	Producer				3	1
10	Science Officer				1	0
11	Correspondent (B Group) .				1	0
12	Assistant News Editor				3	1
13	Hindi Officer				1	0
14	Senior Engineering Assistant .				5 ·	4
15	Engineering Assistant				12	6
16	Senior Technician				3	3
17	Transmission Executive			4.1	4	-1 g 2

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	2					-		3	4
8	Production Assistant .							4	
9	Assistant Editor							22	12
10	Farm Radio Reporter						•	1	
2£	Accountant							1	1
22	Hindi Translator .						-	t	1
23	Senior Store Keeper .			,				1	1
24	Technician							4	4
25	Diesel Technician .							1	:
26	Diesel Engine Driver .				٠			2	2
27	Instrumentalist .							15	;
28	Science Reporter .			,				1	1
29	Junior Announcer .				-	٠		7	
30	Librarian (Junior) .							1	
31	Stenographer Grade-UI.							3	
32	Clerk Grade (I) .				٠			8	
33	Clerk Grade (II) .			,				9	
34	Motor Driver .							7	
35	Telephone Attendant .							2	
36	Hindi Language Typist.				-			1	
37	Music Composer .							3	,
38	Manager							ι	
39	Helper							2	
40	Daftry							1	
41	Peon				-			8	
42	Security Guard .							7	
43	Farash							1	
44	Safaiwala							2	
45	Studio Attendant .							t	
46	Studio Guard .	-						2	
47	Wash Boy					,		1	
48	Halwai	. ,						1	
49	Bearer							1	÷
50	Farash cum Safaiwala			_				1	- 4

Statement Staff Position at Doordarshan Kendra, Dibrugarh

S. No.	Name of Post							Sanctioned Post	In Positio
i	2						 	3	4
Ē.	Programme Staff:								
1	Director							1	
2	Executive Producer							1	
3	Assistant Station Direct	ctor			٠			4	
4	Programme Executive/	Prod	исег	Grad	e-II			7	
5	Transmission Executive	,						4	
6	Property Assistant							2	
n.	Eng: eering Staff:								
İ	Stai on Engineer	-						2	
2	Assistant Station Engin	leer						3	
3	Assistant Engineer							8	
4	Senior Engineering Ass	istao	t					13	
5	Engineering Assistant							24	
6	Senior Technician							7	
7	Technician .	•						9	
8	Mast Technician		-					1	
II.	News Staff:								
1	News Editor .							1	
2	Assistant News Editor		•					ı	
3	TV News Reporter		•	٠	•	+	•	1	
v.	Erstwhite Staff Artist (ateg	ories	•					
1	Scenic Designer					•		1	
2	Production Assistant							12	
3	Floor Manager							3	
4	Film Editor							3	
5	Floor Assistant							8	
6	Tailor							1	
7	Painter							2	
8	Carpenter							2	

1	2								3	4
9	Cameraman Grade-I								3	
10	Cameraman Grade-II								14	ŝ
11	Graphic Supervisor								1	
12	Make-up Artist	٠		٠					1	
13	Graphic Artist .							•	2	2
14	Make-up Assistant	٠						•	2	2
V.	Administrative Staff:									
1	Senior Administrative	OM	180						1	t
2	Administrative Officer					4		-	1	ŧ
3	NC/Accountant								2	2
4	Clerk Grade-I								7	7
5	Store Keeper .		,	٠				•	2	2
6	Clerk Grade-II .								17	12
7	Telephone Attendant			•	•		•		2	•
8	Librarian								J	.,
9	Driver	٠		٠					8	6
10	Gestetner Operator				-	,			1	1
11	Reception Officer								2	
12	Security Guard		-		•				8	
13	Daftry							-	1	1
14	Sweeper/Farash								•	
15	Library Attendant							,	1	1
16	Page/Messanger								4	

Statement-III Expanditure incurred by Government on AIR, Dibrugarh during test five years

Year	٠,	Rev. Non-Plan (excluding NLF)	NLF	Płan	Plan (software)	Total
1989-90		73,72,400	11,11,300	12,61,700		97,45,400
1990-91		90,35,400	9,72,600	.,	* *	1,00,06,000
1991-92		1,05,25,500	11,28,300	••		1,16,53,800
1992-93		1,18,76,600	11,83,800		9,906	1,30,70,800
1993-94	•	1,21,00,300	17, 79,40 0		32,600	1,39,12,300

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Expenditure incurred by Governm	nt on DDK,	Dibrugarh during	the last	five years.
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Year	11									Plan (PPC) ''' Non-Plan (HPT		
									_		The same that the same	
	1989-90								٠		thought a solution	
	1990-91	•	-								15.37	
	1991-92							٠,	٠.		14.85 , 15.10	
											35.20 15.15	
1	1993-94							• .		171.1	63.04 19.41	

Information regarding 1993-94 is tentative as Appropriation Accounts for 1993-94 is yet to be finalised.

Conference of Experts in the Power Sector

- *'' 1031. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA;. Will the Minister of POWER -be pleased to state:
- (a) whether a conference of experts in power sector from SEBs, NTPC and NHPC was held at New Delhi recently;
 - (b) if so, the details of the dis. cussions held and the outcome there. of
- ... (c) -whether the measures to bridge the gap in power availability "" and demand position during Eighth Plan period were also discussed; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE .IN THE, MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) "' to (d) A Conference on "The Deve-lopment and Financing of Private Power Proieets in India'—"India Power 94" was held at New Delhi on May 23-25. 1994 which was orga. finised by Belgundi Group in associa-, tion with AIC Conferences Australia and was Cosponsored by the Ministry of Power. The Conference was atteched by prospective promo-,, ters from various countries, officials

of State Electricity Boards arid State Power and Finance Departments besides officials from the concerned Departments of the Government of India. The development of Private Sector power projects would go a long way to mitigate the power shortage in the country.

Reduction in Arrears of .SEBs towards NTPC

- 1032. SHRI KRISHNAKUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state S .
- (a) whether the NTPC has recently chalked out a strategy to reduce its outstandings from the SEBs;
- (b) if so, the details of the strategy NTPC propose to adopt;
- (c) whether the World Bank have extended loan to the NTPC;
- (d) if so, the terms and reference of the loan agreement; and
- (e) what other steps NTPC propose to take ID redece outstandings from SEBs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY, OF POWER tSHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) . (a) and (b)