

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

(f) if not, the main reasons therefor?

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

विज्ञापन और दृश्य प्रचार निदेशालय को समाप्त किया जाना/उसका विलय किया जाना

1029. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ भीम अफजल: क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को नई दिल्ली से प्रकाशित दिनांक 6 जुलाई, 1994 के "दि हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स" में प्रकाशित इस आशय के समाचार की जानकारी है कि जिसमें यह कहा गया है कि विज्ञापन और दृश्य प्रचार निदेशालय (डी.ए.वी.पी.) को समाप्त किया जा रहा है या इसका विलय करने का प्रस्ताव है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या इससे समाचार पत्र प्रभावित नहीं होंगे?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. पी. सिंह देव): (क) से (ग) ऐसी एक रिपोर्ट सरकार के

नोटिस में आई है। तथापि, विज्ञापन और दृश्य प्रचार निदेशालय को समाप्त किये जाने या इसका विलय करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के पास नहीं है।

Staff Strength of AIR/DD Kendra at Dibrugarh

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 Dibrugarh 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 infrastructural facilities, manpower and resources, the DDK is virtually crippled and the activities of its programme Production Centre (PPC) are at a very low ebb; if so, 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 increase 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 population in Upper Assam as regards TV programmes presently depending on Zee TV and other foreign networks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF 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)

(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 mi-

utes from 1st June, 1994. No further increase is planned at present. Likewise there are at present no plans to start a regional news bulletin from this Kendra.

(f) Adequate number 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, inter-alia 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 Sanctioned | Post Filled |
|--------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | Supdt. Eng./Director Eng./Res. Eng. | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | Station Director (OG)/Deputy Director | 1 | 0 |
| 3 | Station Engineer/DD (E)/A.R.E. | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | Assistant Station Director | 2 | 1 |
| 5 | A.S.E./A.D. (E)/Res. Officer | 1 | 1 |
| 6 | Assistant Engineer | 4 | 3 |
| 7 | Programme Executive | 9 | 6 |
| 8 | Farin Radio Officer | 1 | 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 | 2 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----|---------------------------------|----|----|
| 18 | Production Assistant | 4 | 2 |
| 19 | Assistant Editor | 22 | 12 |
| 20 | Farm Radio Reporter | 1 | |
| 21 | Accountant | 1 | 1 |
| 22 | Hindi Translator | 1 | 1 |
| 23 | Senior Store Keeper | 1 | 1 |
| 24 | Technician | 4 | 4 |
| 25 | Diesel Technician | 1 | 1 |
| 26 | Diesel Engine Driver | 2 | 2 |
| 27 | Instrumentalist | 15 | 8 |
| 28 | Science Reporter | 1 | 0 |
| 29 | Junior Announcer | 7 | 7 |
| 30 | Librarian (Junior) | 1 | 1 |
| 31 | Stenographer Grade-III. | 3 | 3 |
| 32 | Clerk Grade (I) | 8 | 8 |
| 33 | Clerk Grade (II) | 9 | 8 |
| 34 | Motor Driver | 7 | 6 |
| 35 | Telephone Attendant | 2 | 2 |
| 36 | Hindi Language Typist. | 1 | 1 |
| 37 | Music Composer | 3 | 2 |
| 38 | Manager | 1 | 1 |
| 39 | Helper | 2 | 2 |
| 40 | Daftry | 1 | 1 |
| 41 | Peon | 8 | 8 |
| 42 | Security Guard | 7 | 6 |
| 43 | Farash | 1 | 1 |
| 44 | Safaiwala | 2 | 2 |
| 45 | Studio Attendant | 1 | 1 |
| 46 | Studio Guard | 2 | 2 |
| 47 | Wash Boy | 1 | 1 |
| 48 | Halwai | 1 | 1 |
| 49 | Bearer | 1 | 1 |
| 50 | Farash cum Safaiwala | 1 | 1 |

Statement**Staff Position at Doordarshan Kendra, Dibrugarh**

| S. No. | Name of Post | Sanctioned Post | In Position |
|---|---|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I. Programme Staff : | | | |
| 1 | Director | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | Executive Producer | 1 | .. |
| 3 | Assistant Station Director | 4 | 2 |
| 4 | Programme Executive/Producer Grade-II | 7 | 1 |
| 5 | Transmission Executive | 4 | 4 |
| 6 | Property Assistant | 2 | 2 |
| II. Engineering Staff : | | | |
| 1 | Station Engineer | 2 | 1 |
| 2 | Assistant Station Engineer | 3 | 2 |
| 3 | Assistant Engineer | 8 | 4 |
| 4 | Senior Engineering Assistant | 13 | 12 |
| 5 | Engineering Assistant | 24 | 7 |
| 6 | Senior Technician | 7 | 5 |
| 7 | Technician | 9 | 6 |
| 8 | Mast Technician | 1 | 1 |
| III. News Staff : | | | |
| 1 | News Editor | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | Assistant News Editor | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | TV News Reporter | 1 | .. |
| I V. Erstwhile Staff Artist Categories : | | | |
| 1 | Scenic Designer | 1 | .. |
| 2 | Production Assistant | 12 | 12 |
| 3 | Floor Manager | 3 | 3 |
| 4 | Film Editor | 3 | 3 |
| 5 | Floor Assistant | 8 | 8 |
| 6 | Tailor | 1 | 1 |
| 7 | Painter | 2 | 2 |
| 8 | Carpenter | 2 | 2 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----------------------------------|---|----|----|
| 9 | Cameraman Grade-I | 3 | .. |
| 10 | Cameraman Grade-II | 14 | 5 |
| 11 | Graphic Supervisor | 1 | .. |
| 12 | Make-up Artist | 1 | .. |
| 13 | Graphic Artist | 2 | 2 |
| 14 | Make-up Assistant | 2 | 2 |
| V. Administrative Staff : | | | |
| 1 | Senior Administrative Officer | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | Administrative Officer | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | NC/Accountant | 2 | 2 |
| 4 | Clerk Grade-I | 7 | 7 |
| 5 | Store Keeper | 2 | 2 |
| 6 | Clerk Grade-II | 17 | 12 |
| 7 | Telephone Attendant | 2 | .. |
| 8 | Librarian | 1 | .. |
| 9 | Driver | 8 | 8 |
| 10 | Gestetner Operator | 1 | 1 |
| 11 | Reception Officer | 2 | .. |
| 12 | Security Guard | 8 | 8 |
| 13 | Daftary | 1 | 1 |
| 14 | Sweeper/Parash | 8 | 8 |
| 15 | Library Attendant | 1 | 1 |
| 16 | Peon/Messenger | 4 | .. |

Statement-III*Expenditure incurred by Government on AIR, Dibrugarh during last five years*

| Year | Rev. Non-Plan (excluding NLF) | NLF | Plan | 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 | .. | .. | 1,00,08,000 |
| 1991-92 | 1,05,25,500 | 11,28,300 | .. | .. | 1,16,53,800 |
| 1992-93 | 1,18,76,600 | 11,83,800 | .. | 9,900 | 1,30,70,300 |
| 1993-94 | 1,21,00,300 | 17,79,400 | .. | 32,600 | 1,39,12,300 |

Statement-IV

Expenditure incurred by Government on DDK, Dibrugarh during the last five years.

(in lakhs of Rs.)

| Year | Plan (PPC) | Non-Plan (HPT) |
|---------|------------|----------------|
| 1989-90 | | |
| 1990-91 | | 15.37 |
| 1991-92 | 14.85 | 15.10 |
| 1992-93 | 35.20 | 15.15 |
| 1993-94 | 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 discussions held and the outcome thereof;

(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 Development and Financing of Private Power Projects in India'—'India Power 94' was held at New Delhi on May 23-25, 1994 which was organised by Belgundi Group in association with AIC Conferences, Australia and was Co-sponsored by the Ministry of Power. The Conference was attended by prospective promoters from various countries, officials

of State Electricity Boards and 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 KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(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 to reduce outstandings from SEBs?

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