

smaller Kendras which were not telecasting agricultural programmes have also started telecast of agricultural programmes in a similar manner. In view of this, a separate channel is not under consideration, at present.

#### **O.B. Vans Purchased by Doordarshan**

1993. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:  
SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

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

(a) the number of O. B. Vans purchased by Doordarshan exclusively for sport coverage;

(b) whether the O. B. Vans were used to cover the cricket matches between India and other nations; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Doordarshan has a total of 17 O. B. vans at present, and these are used for multifarious coverages, including sports events.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Collaboration of Cable Operators with Joint American-Indian Network Satellite T V**

1994. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that the Joint American-Indian Network Satellite Television has decided to join hands with Cable Operators to run a Hindi Movie Channel on a revenue sharing basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Press reports to this effect have come to the notice of Government.

(c) Government has no role in such tie-ups between private parties.

#### **Loss Suffered by AIR/AD**

1995. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINADAN JAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of losses suffered by All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendra during 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 as compared to 1990-91, state-wise;

(b) what are the cumulative losses suffered by the DDK and AIR;

(c) what are the reasons for mounting losses of DDK and AIR;

(d) what measures/steps are being taken by Government to improve the performances of AIR and DDK; and

(e) the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: (a) The commercial revenue earned by All India Radio and Doordarshan during the period in question increased each year as the figures given below indicate:-

Year	(Rs. in crores)	
	AIR	Doordarshan
1990-91 . . . . .	39.30	253.85
1991-92 . . . . .	52.73	300.61
1992-93 . . . . .	58.91	360.23
1993-94 . . . . .	64.35	372.98

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) All Radio and Doordarshan constantly strive to bring about a qualitative