

serial on the life of the famous Martyr Kushal Konwer by Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what is the present position of the project; and

(c) whether any directors has been selected for the serial?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No offer to produce a serial on the life of Martyr Kushal Konwer has been received for telecast on the National Network.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Telecast of the news of invitation to Shri Swaran Singh to Head the 'Ayodhya Visiting Team'

3190. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 940 given in Rajya Sabha on 6th May, 1992 and state:

(a) the number of times and dates on which news about the invitation to Shri Swaran Singh to head the team to Ayodhya was broadcast/telecast through the electronic media of the country;

(b) the reasons for such broadcast/telecast; and

(c) whether any responsibility was fixed in this matter and if not the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The said item was broadcast/telecast in various news bulletins of AIR/Doordarshan on 6-4-1992.

(b) The item was considered newsworthy.

(c) Since there was no factual inaccuracy in the news item, the question of fixing responsibility does not arise.

Broadcast of Thirukkural and Tamil Language classes

3191. SHRI TINDVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to broadcast 'Thirukkural' in all India Programme;

(b) whether Government propose to broadcast "Tamil" Language classes to create an understanding of Tamil culture and language; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to start it; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All India Radio Station broadcast lessons in different languages keeping in view the interest of listeners of the area. At present, All India Radio Stations at Patna, Jagdalpur and Rampur broadcast lessons in Tamil.

दूरदर्शन पर कार्यक्रम के लिए समय का आवंटन

3192. श्री अनतराम जायसवाल : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 अप्रैल, 1991 से 31 मार्च, 1992 तक दूरदर्शन नई दिल्ली द्वारा कार्यक्रमों के प्रसारण के लिए कुल कितने घण्टे आवंटित किये गये थे ;

(ख) उनमें से कितने घण्टे अंग्रेजी कार्यक्रमों के लिए आवंटित किये गये ;

(ग) उनमें से कितने घण्टे प्रत्येक भारतीय भाषा के कार्यक्रमों में प्रसारित किये गये ; और

(घ) विदेशी भाषाओं और हिन्दी की फिल्मों को छोड़कर प्रादेशिक भाषाओं को

फिल्मों का प्रसारण करते समय उन फिल्मों में नीचे की ओर अंग्रेजी के ही वाक्य दिये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) दूरदर्शन केन्द्र, दिल्ली से, 1 अप्रैल, 1991 से 31 मार्च, 1992 की अवधि के दौरान प्रसारित कार्यक्रमों के समय का ब्योरा इस प्रकार है :—

चैनल—I 3451 घंटे 23 मिनट

चैनल—II 1071 घंटे 07 मिनट

(ख) और (ग) किसी भाषा विशेष में कार्यक्रम प्रसारित किए जाने के लिए कोई विशिष्ट समय निर्धारित नहीं किया गया है।

(घ) इस मामले में दूरदर्शन की कोई भूमिका नहीं होती क्योंकि उप-शीर्षकों की भाषा का निर्णय फिल्म के निर्माता द्वारा लिया जाता है।

Termination of agreements and negotiations for Transponders

3193. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA;
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAN-
RAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to terminate the lease agreements for transponders with foreign collaboration and to drop others under negotiations, such as with ASIASAT in view of the expected availability of transponders with the successful launching of INSAT-2A; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECH-

NOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The Question of having lease arrangements with foreign satellite systems is under a continuous examination and a decision on this will be taken in the light of the availability of transponder capacity in the INSAT-1 and 2 systems.

Setting up of Low Land and High Power T.V. Transmitters in Uttar Pradesh

3194. SHRI SYED SIBTAY RAZI:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Low power T.V. transmitters have been set up in some towns of U.P.;

(b) if so, their locations, district wise, as on 31st July, 1992;

(c) whether Government propose to set up more Low as well as High Power T.V. Transmitters in U.P. during the current and the next financial years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA
VYAS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. List of locations where low power (LPT)/very low power Transmitters (VLPTV)/Transposers are presently functioning in the State of