

107. **Projects and Development India Ltd.**
108. **Projects & Equipment Corpn. Ltd.**
109. **Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd.**
110. **Rail India Technical & Economic Services Ltd.**
111. **Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd.**
112. **Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd.**
113. **Rural Electrification Corpn. Ltd.**
114. **Semi-Conductor Complex Ltd.**
115. **Shipping Corpn. of India Ltd.**
116. **Spices Trading Corpn. Ltd.**
117. **Sponge Iron India Ltd.**
118. **State Farms Corpn. of India Ltd.**
119. **State Trading Corpn. of India Ltd.**
120. **Steel Authority of India Ltd.**
121. **Telecommunications Consultants (India) Ltd.**
122. **Trade Fair Authority of India.**
123. **Uranium Corporation of India Ltd.**
124. **Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.**
125. **Water & Power Consultancy Services (India) Ltd.**

**Programme in Tai-Ahom Language
on A.I.R.**

458. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for introducing Programme for Tai-Ahom Language on the All India Radio Dibrugarh for the benefit of the Ahom people; and

(b) if so, by when the programme is likely to be aided by the Centre?

1 -IE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRUA VYAS): (a) No, Sir. The communication needs of the listeners in upper Assam are adequately met by the broadcasts from Dibrugarh station of All India Radio.

(b) Does not arise.

News Telecast for the Deaf

459. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the system of method adopted for telecasting news to the deaf persons on Sundays between 1 PM and 1.30 P. M.;

(b) whether the deaf persons follow the substance of the telecast;

(c) the details of the facilities available in the country for training teachers in the above system and also for teaching the deaf to follow that system; and

(d) whether any studies have been made as to how many deaf persons or schools for the deaf are taking advantages of the Sunday News telecast?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRI J A VIAS): (a) The system adopted consists of spoken English with mixed conventional signs.

(b) No specific complaint has been received about the manner of the presentation of this news bulletin.

(f) The Ali Yavar Jung National Institute, Bombay for the Hearing Handicapped is the apex national level institute providing training and rehabilitative service to the speech and bearing impaired in different parts of the country. The teaching training undertaken is more advanced than the methodology of conventional signs used in Doordarshan news bulletin.

(d) Doordarshan has not conducted any study in this regard.

Introduction of Hindi Channel through Star T.V.

460. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the introduction of Hindi Channel through Star T.V. has posed a threat to the Indian Broadcasting services:

(b) if so, the reaction of Government on such move by a foreign based TV company;

(c) whether Government propose to contemplate any concrete steps to face the challenge of the foreign TV networks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Doordarshan constantly endeavours to bring about a qualitative improvement in its programme content and format so as to sustain the interest of its viewers. •

Leasing out a transponder on foreign satellite

461. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to permit the Doordarshan or any other suitable Indian organization to lease a transponder on a foreign satellite with food prints in neighbouring countries for uplinking the Indian programmes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) Doordarshan has been taking on lease transponders on foreign satellites for quite some-time keeping in view their programme requirements. A few Indian companies have, also, informed the Government that they are negotiating with foreign companies the possibilities of leasing transponders on foreign satellites with a view to telecasting programmes. However, no formal applications have been made to Government in this regard so far.

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462. डा० रस्ताकर पाण्डेय : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केबल टी० वी० तथा डिश एंटीना के संबंध में नियम बनाने के लिये सरकार द्वारा गठित की गई अंतर-विभागीय समिति ने सरकार को अपनी सिफारिशें पेश कर दी हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ध्योरा क्या है; और