

Telephone connections in J&K State during Sixth Plan

1306¹. SHRI GULAM MOHI-UD-DIN SHAWL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target set for new telephone connections in the State of Jammu and Kashmir during the Sixth Five Year Plan period;

(b) what is the achievement district-wise in that State in this regard at present; and

(c) what is the number of applications for telephone connections still pending with the Telephone Department for that State and what efforts are being made by Government to meet these demands?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) A target of installing 8000 new telephone lines in J&K State is proposed for the 6th Plan.

(b) About 3000 connections have already been given. District-wise distribution upto 31-3-1983, for the sixth plan is given in Annexure.

(c) 4,660 applicants as on 1-5-83 are pending for telephone connections. The capacity of the existing exchanges would be expanded where necessary, subject to timely availability of the equipment cables and other stores. A 3000-line containerised electronic exchange is also proposed for Srinagar during the Sixth Plan.

Statement

Name of the District	Achievement upto 31-3-83
1	2
1. Anantnag	165
2. Badgam	67
3. Baramulla	138

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4. Kargil	28
5. Leh	58
6. Kupwara	34
7. Pulwama	103
8. Srinagar	1141
9. Jammu	692
10. Doda	23
11. Kathua	126
12. Poonch	46
13. Rajouri	198
14. Udhampur	124
TOTAL	2926

Criticism of National programme on TV

1307. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether in view of widespread criticism against National Programme of T. V. from various forums, Government propose to stop the programme altogether, and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): The Government have received suggestions for improvement from Chief Ministers of some States and others. All the suggestions made will be taken into account for making National Programme more acceptable.

Television rights of Film "Gandhi"

1308. SHRI VISHVAJIT PRITHVIJIT SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Television rights for

the film 'Gandhi' for the U. S. A. and Canada have been sold for over a million dollars to a firm called Embassy Communications International;

(b) if so, what is the exact amount at which the rights have been sold; and

(c) what is the amount accruing to the Government of India out of this sale?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) The National Film Development Corporation alongwith its partners has accepted a proposal from the Embassy Pictures for outright sale of Television rights in perpetuity in USA/Canada for 20 million U.S. Dollars plus one half of gross receipts received by the Embassy Pictures in excess of 30 million U.S. dollars. The National Film Development Corporation expects to receive about one third of net realisation from this deal.

Time allotted for Marathi programmes

1309. SHRI SHRIDHAR WASUDEO DHABE:

DR. BHAI MAHAVTR:

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

(a) how much time is allotted for programmes in Marathi language in the All India Radio Stations and TV Centres, if any, in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra States per day or in a week;

(b) what is the percentage of such programme in the whole weekly time-table;

(c) what other language programmes are broadcast in the above mentioned States:

(d) whether Government have received any representation in regard to allotment of more time for the programmes in Marathi languages and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) to (c)

ALL INDIA RADIO

Bulk of programmes from AIR Stations are broadcast in the main language of the region concerned. For example, it will be Marathi for the Stations situated in Maharashtra and, Telugu for the Stations situated in Andhra Pradesh and so on. There is no fixed percentage for such programmes. A statement showing the names of other languages in which programmes are broadcast from the Stations situated in the states mentioned in the question is annexed at Annexure I.

DOORDARSHAN

Telecast of Marathi language programmes are being made only by TV Centres at Bombay and Nagpur in the State of Maharashtra. While there is no fixed time allotted, the duration for which such telecasts are made would amount to about 900 minutes per week from Bombay and 325 minutes per week from Nagpur.

The percentage would work out to 66 per cent approximately so far as TV centre at Bombay is concerned. Nagpur is not an originating centre. The names of the other languages in which telecasts are originated are given in the Statement at Annexure II.