

**Function organised by N.F.D.C.
after perview of the Film
" -andhi**

2452. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently after a review of the film on Mahatma Gandhi produced by Shri Attenborough in collaboration with the National Film Development Corporation scotch was freely served at Hotel Taj in Bombay thus in a way defiling Mahatamaji's philosophy and life; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for organising a function of this type by N.F.D.C. ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) No function was organised by National Film Development Corporation at Hotel Taj in Bombay for preview of the film 'Gandhi'. M/s. Columbia Pictures International Corporation who have been entrusted with the Distribution of films did organise a premiere for promoting the marketing of the film.

**Television net-work connecting
Marathwada Region**

2553. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) by when the seven Districts of Marathwada region will be connected by television net-work; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the letter for installation of television centre at Nanded (Maharashtra) has been already forwarded to him; if so, what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Due to constraint on resources, it has not been possible to include any proposal for setting up TV Centres in Marathwada region, in the VIth Plan.

(b) Yes, Sir. It has not been found possible to set up a TV Centre at Nanded due to constraint on resources and non-availability of Microwave linkage at present.

**All India Radio Stations at
Parbhani and Aurangabad**

2454. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the reasons for not making the All India Radio at Parbhani and Aurangabad as fullfledged radio stations ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): AIR Aurangabad is already a fullfledged Station. The Station at Parbhani is an auxiliary to the Aurangabad Station and these two stations provide extended medium-wave coverage to the Marathwada region.

Due to constraint on financial resources and relative priorities, there is no proposal at present, to make AIR Parbhani as a fullfledged Station.

Children Films

2455. SHRI ROBIN KAKATI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to make children films during 1982-83 and the allocation of funds for the same; and