

prove the quality of telephone service. Special attention is being given to metropolitan towns by installing electronic exchanges and improving cable network.

A.I.R. and T.V. coverage on Shri Rajiv Gandhi, M. P.

1749. SHRI G. C. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how much time and how many words have been given in A.I.R. and Doordarshan coverage for Shri Rajiv Gandhi after he became a Member of Parliament; and

(b) what are the reasons for not giving similar coverage to other Members of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Both in All India Radio and in Doordarshan, programmes exclusively intended for coverage for M. Ps. are "Today in Parliament" and "Issues Before Parliament".

In such programmes, the coverage given to Shri Rajiv Gandhi, after he became a Member of Parliament and till 31-12-1981 was as under:—

	Hrs	Minutes	Seconds
All India Radio	0	01	04
Television	0	00	20

(b) The assumption behind this Question is not correct. Members of Parliament belonging to Opposition Parties had indeed received a significantly higher extent of coverage in the above programmes in the same period. The coverage given was:

	Hrs	Minutes	Second
All India Radio	7	59	32
Television	6	56	00

Exhibition of Indian and foreign films during Filmotav '82

1750. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Indian feature films bought by various foreign countries and the foreign feature films brought by India during the recently held Filmotsav-82 at Calcutta;

(b) whether there is any proposal to screen the foreign films bought by India on television for the benefit of wider audience; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Contracts have been signed by the National Film Development Corporation with four countries for the sale of the following Indian feature films during Filmotsav '82 at Calcutta:

IRAQ:

1. Fifty Fifty
2. Gumsoom
3. Sabhas
4. Immtihan
5. Do Ustaad

JORDON

1. Gumsoom

IRAN

1. Manthan
2. Paras Pathar
3. Aparajito
4. Apur Sansar
5. Ajantrik
6. Mahanagar
7. Nicha Nagar
8. Forty Two
9. Bari Thekey Paliye