

prices during the last quarter of the financial years it would be difficult to form an accurate estimate.

(d) and (e) It would not be in the national interest to disclose details about buffer stock.

#### A.I.R. services in foreign languages

43. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the duration of various A.I.R. services in foreign languages;

(b) the names of countries/regions to which beamed;

(c) the local time in those countries at the time when broadcasts are received;

(d) the estimated daily audience, service-wise;

(e) the average monthly number of letters received from listeners abroad, service-wise, for the last two years;

(f) the number of programme folders supplied free by the A.I.R. to the listeners abroad; and

(g) whether the supply is through the Indian missions or directly to individual listeners?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING (MISS KUMUD-BEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (b) The total duration of All India Radio services in foreign languages is 30 hours and 40 minutes. The daily duration of the 17 External Services (including English) and the names of countries/regions to which the foreign language services are directed are given in Statement I.

(c) The local time in the target countries is shown in the Statement. [See Appendix CXVI, Annexure, No. 7].

(d) It is not possible to estimate the number of daily audiences for these services.

(e) The average monthly number of letters received from listeners in these countries, service-wise, for the last two years (1978 and 1979) are given in Statement-II.

(f) A total of 12,023 folders in ten foreign languages (Pushtu, Swahili, Tibetan, French, Indonesian, Arabic, Burmese, Persian, Nepali and Chinese) are being supplied to the listeners in those countries.

(g) The supply is made direct to the listeners as well as through Indian Missions abroad. A total number of 9,915 folders was supplied to the listeners directly and 2,108 folders through the Indian Missions.

#### Statement-I

##### A.I.R. Services in foreign languages

Name of Service	Daily duration	Countries to which directed
1. Arabic . . . . .	2½ hours	Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq and U.A. Emirates.
2. Baluchi . . . . .	½ hour	Pakistan
3. Burmese . . . . .	1½ hours	Burma
4. Chinese (Cantonese/Kyoyou)	2 hours	China
5. Dari . . . . .	1¾ hours	Afghanistan

Name of service	Daily duration	Countries to which directed
6. French . . . . .	3/4 hour	Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Guinea, Senegal, Ghana, Mali, Chad, Togoland, Nigeria, Ivory Coast and Zambia.
7. French . . . . .	1/4 hour	Burma, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.
8. Indonesian . . . . .	1 hour	Indonesia
9. Nepali . . . . .	1 hr. and 55 mts.	Nepal and Bhutan.
10. Persian . . . . .	2 hours	Iran.
11. Pushtu . . . . .	2 hours	Afghanistan
12. Russian . . . . .	1 hour	Russia.
13. Sinhala . . . . .	1/2 hour	Sri Lanka
14. Swahili . . . . .	1 hour	Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Zambia, Uganda and Zaire.
15. Thai . . . . .	1/2 hour	Thailand
16. Tibetan . . . . .	1/3/4 hours	Sikkim, Bhutan and Tibet
17. General Overseas Services in English.	9 3/4 hours:	
	(i) 2 1/2 hours	Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, China and Korea.
	(ii) 1 hour	Japan, China, Korea, Australia and New Zealand,
	(iii) 1 1/2 hours	Burma, Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.
	(iv) 4 3/4 hours	U. K., Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Uganda, Tanzania, Tunisia, Morocco Mauritania, Ghana, Mali, Chad, Togoland, Nigeria, Zambia, Australia and New Zealand.

**Statement-II**

*The number of letters received from listeners in foreign countries*

Service	Average Monthly letters during 1979	Average monthly letters during 1978
General Overseas Services (in English)	268	279
French	Nil	Nil
Russian	48	93
Baluchi	139	11
Nepali	3352	1873
Tibetan	295	371
Burmese	1195	1426
Sinhala	32	24
Chinese	2	1
Indonesian	340	255
Thai	25	3
Arabic	387	384
Persian	268	390
Pushtu	3005	4273
Dari	416	502
Swahili	136	114

**Foreign films**

44. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign films certified as U & A during 1979;

(b) how many of them were feature films and their break-up according to country-of-origin;

(c) the number of Indian feature films released in those countries during 1979; and

(d) the foreign exchange outlay on import of foreign films during 1979?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (MISS KUMUD-BEN M. JOSHI): (a) The Board of Film Censors granted 1360 'U' certificates and 72 'A' certificates to foreign films during 1979.

(b) 97 feature films were granted 'U' certificates and 56 feature films were granted 'A' certificates as shown below:—

Country of origin	No. of foreign feature films granted Certificates	
	U	A
U.S.A.	38	40
U.K.	3	5
U.S.S.R.	29	4
Japan	2	..
Italy	5	3
Canada	3	..
Hungary	3	..
France	2	3
Yugoslavia	1	..
China	2	..
Bulgaria	1	..
Poland	2	..
Sri Lanka	1	..
Czechoslovakia.	4	..
West Germany	1	1
G.D.R.	1	..
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>56</b>

(c) The information relating to the number of Indian feature films released in those countries is not available as export of feature films is mostly made on territorial basis and such territorial circuits generally comprise more than one country.