

low budget and socially motivated films sought to be produced by Directors and Artistes devoted to clean film making; and

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

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI V. P. SATHE): (a) The following guidelines presently exist for selection of feature films to be shown over Doordarshan:—

(i) Any film or other material shown on T.V. shall conform to directions issued by the Central Government to the Central Board of Film Censors for certifying films;

(ii) Films which are certified as 'A' by the Central Board of Film Censors shall not be telecast;

(iii) Any sequence from the films certified as 'A' shall not also be shown in the 'Chitrahaar' or other such programmes;

(iv) Even 'U' certificate films should be previewed by a duly con-

stituted Committee and their clearance obtained before telecasting the films;

(v) No film which has been suspended from exhibition and is, therefore, deemed to have been 'uncertified' shall be shown on T.V.; and,

(vi) Films telecast from Doordarshan should have social purpose and should be fit for family viewing.

These guidelines are comprehensive enough.

(b) and (c) Government does not directly provide financial assistance for the production of films. The Film Finance Corporation, however, grants loans to the new and upcoming producers/directors who have tried to produce films on social themes. So far as Doordarshan is concerned, it is already utilising the services of outside producers/directors for the production of socially motivated T.V. films to meet its specific programme requirements. A list of the films produced by Doordarshan with the help of outside producers is enclosed.

Statement

Films produced by Doordarshan with the help of outside producers

Theme	Producer
1. New Students	K.A. Abbas (Documentary)
2. Sagar Machiliyan Aur Manusya	Shivendra Singh (Documentary)
3. Trees in Indian Life	Hrishikesh Mukherjee (Documentary)
4. Rural Art and Handicrafts of India (2 parts of 30 minutes duration).	Basu Bhattacharjee (Documentary)
5. People's Mandate	Prem Prakash (Documentary)
6. Andha Vishwas (on untouchability)	Kidar Sharma (T. V. Feature)
7. 'Begar' (on untouchability)	Smt. Sat Pranjyoti (T. V. Feature)
8. 'Door', (projecting evils of drinking and social inequalities)	Bharat Rangachari (T.V Feature)
9. 'Do Dost'	K. A. Abbas (T. V. Feature)

Scrutiny to the audited accounts of the politician by the Election Commission

355. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the suggestions made by Shri N. Palkhiwala and others at the symbiosis Society's Law

College Annual Day Celebrations requiring politicians to keep audited accounts for the scrutiny of the Election Commission; and

(b) if so, what decision, if any, has been taken by Government on this and other suggestions made therein?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIV SHANKAR): (a) Government's attention has been drawn

to a news item published in the Hindustan Times of 25th February, 1980 to the effect that Shri N. Palkhiwala advocated, among other things, change in the Representation of the People Act requiring political parties to keep audited accounts for recognition by the Election Commission, (b) No decision has been taken.

Suggestions made by All India Small and Medium Newspapers Association

356. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the All India Small and Medium Newspapers Association was held in New Delhi in the last week of February this year;

(b) if so, what were the main observations and suggestions made therein; and

(c) what decision have been taken by Government in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI V. P. SATHE): (a) to (c) Government had asked various Press associations/organisations including the All India Small and Medium Newspapers Association to furnish suggestions as to how the terms of reference of the Press Commission may be made more comprehensive. The Standing Committee of the Association held a meeting in New Delhi on 24th and 25th February, 1980, for this purpose and has made suggestions in this respect also covering the different aspects of functioning of the Press. All these suggestions will be given due consideration. These will also be kept in view while formulating the revised terms of reference of the Press Commission.

All India T. V. link to watch programmes from any Station

357. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE-SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide an all India T. V. link by 1981, whereby Television viewers in any part of the country could watch any programme telecast from any T.V. Station;

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

(c) whether necessary provisions therefor have been made in the National plan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI V. P. SATHE): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Member is presumably referring to the proposals regarding the utilisation of the Indian Satellite IN-SAT-I which will have the capability to radiate simultaneously two TV programmes to the entire country. This satellite is expected to become operational in 1981. A plan for the limited utilisation for Television of the ground segment of the satellite estimated to cost Rs. 46.73 crores covering the hardware aspects has been prepared. Details of this scheme are given in the Annexure. The software aspects of the scheme are being evolved keeping in view the development and extension requirements of the rural areas covered by the scheme. The scheme is not yet included in the Sixth Five Year Plan. It may also be mentioned that steps have been taken to link the TV stations Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Lucknow, Calcutta, Jullundur and Sri-nagar by micro-wave links. Of these, the Madras-Bombay link is already available and is being used by Doordarshan whenever required. The other links are likely to become available in phases during the period 1980-82. When these stations get connected, it will be possible for one station to relay the programmes of any other of these stations.