

T.V. PROGRAMME IN DELHI

750. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to extend the duration of the T.V. programme in Delhi and if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : The duration of the Television Programme for the general viewers and for Tele-clubs has been increased from 1 hour to 1½ hours on week days with effect from 15th August, 1966. The programme for Sundays continues to be two hours. The duration of the programmes for Schools remains the same.

पश्चिम जर्मनी के चांसलर की भारत यात्रा

751. श्री रघुनाथ प्रसाद खेतान : क्या वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पश्चिमी जर्मनी के चांसलर डा० अरहार्ड निकट भविष्य में दिल्ली आ रहे हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो डा० अरहार्ड किस तारीख को आ रहे हैं?

t[WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR'S VISIT TO INDIA

751. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the West German Chancellor, Dr. Erhard, is visiting Delhi in the near future; and

(b) if so, what is the date of Dr. Erhard's visit ?]

वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्री (सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह) :

(क) जो हां ।

(ख) इसकी तारीखें अभी तय नहीं हुई हैं लेकिन उम्मीद की जाती है कि यह यात्रा नवम्बर 1966 के दूसरे हफ्ते में होगी ।

t[THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The dates have not yet been finalised, but the visit is expected to be in the second week of November, 1966.]

NEW INDIA-PAKISTAN-CEYLON SOCIETY

752. SHRI P. K. KUMARAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a New India-Pakistan-Ceylon society has been started recently in London;

(b) if so, who are the sponsors of the society; and

(c) what are its aims and objects ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH):

fa) Yes, Sir.

(b) The society has been formed by the amalgamation of the old East India Association and the Royal India, Pakistan and Ceylon Society founded in 1926.

(c) Its object is promotion of knowledge and understanding of the three countries.

THUMBA FOR TRAINING CENTRE ON SOUNDING ROCKETS

753. SHRI M. C. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the United Nations Scientific and Technical Committee has suggested that Thumba could be utilised as a training centre on sounding rockets for all countries interested in space research for peaceful purposes; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b) The United Nations having accorded its sponsorship to the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station, it is open to all interested Member States of the United Nations which may wish to participate in the areas of space research for which facilities have been provided in the Station. A recommendation has been made by the United Nations

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