

(c) the details of steps proposed to improve the coverage, quality and popularity of Doordarshan programmes in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Prasar Bharati has informed that the programmes produced/telecast by DD National and other Channels have good content and are not only meant for entertainment, but also contribute towards educating and informing the public at large, and also serve the mandate of the public service broadcaster. DD Metro Channel was closed down in November, 2003.

(c) Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan sources its content through various modes: In-house Production, Commissioning, Sponsorship, Revenue Sharing Modes and Advertisement Funded Programme. Doordarshan also collaborates with private channels, in a limited way, in sourcing some high quality software and by simulcast on favourable terms.

Prasar Bharati Board has approved higher payment slab which enables Doordarshan National to procure top quality shows and programmes. Prasar Bharati has informed that these rates are more or less in line with the prevailing rate slabs paid by private satellite channels for their top quality sitcoms/serials.

#### **Guidelines for media coverage of terror related operation**

1433. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had formulated certain guidelines for media coverage of terror related operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these guidelines are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) to (c) The Ministry has received a proposal from the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding bringing out amendments in the extant laws to prohibit live media coverage of counter terrorism operations by security forces. The proposal is under the consideration of the Ministry.

#### **Impact of publicity measures by government in print media**

1434. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: