

Status of applications received from Jharkhand is as follows:

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| (i)   | Total no. of applications received: | 07 |
| (ii)  | Referred to concerned Ministries:   | 01 |
| (iii) | Returned/rejected:                  | 06 |

Status of applications received from Gujarat is as follows:

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| (i)   | Total no. of applications received: | 08 |
| (ii)  | Referred to concerned Ministries:   | 03 |
| (iii) | Returned/rejected:                  | 05 |

#### **Conversion of FTII into Digital Media University**

1266. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is planning to convert the present Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) into Digital Media University, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposal has been received by the Ministry in this regard; and

(c) the stand of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

#### **Broadcasting of programmes in regional languages in Uttarakhand**

†1267. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the time slot allotted for broadcasting of programmes in regional languages from the radio stations of Uttarakhand at present, station-wise; and

(b) whether Government would consider to fix a five hour duration for broadcasting from radio stations on daily basis while giving a preference to local languages for the publicity and promotion thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL. RAJYAVARDHAN SINGH RATHORE): (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that AIR Almora and AIR Pauri (Garhwal) in Uttarakhand are two

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.