

श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम: मैं आपको बधाई देना चाहता हूँ कि आज यह रिकार्ड है कि 20 सवाल पूछे गए।

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

### Advertisements of social themes

\*186. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the advertisements, carrying social themes like population control, AIDS awareness, etc. are being telecast only in Hindi even by regional telecasting centres;

(b) if so, why the important messages carrying such advertisements are not shown in the respective regional languages to bring more awareness among the people;

(c) the action taken by Government to telecast such advertisements in the regional languages; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that so far as Doordarshan is concerned, advertisements carrying social themes like population control, AIDS awareness etc. are telecast in Hindi on the National Channel and are telecast in the respective regional languages, from the Regional Kendras of Doordarshan.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

### NEC Amendment Bill, 1998

\*188. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4800 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th May 2002 and state:

(a) whether Government have obtained the views of concerned Ministries regarding NEC Amendment Bill, 1998;

(b) if so, the target set for introducing the Bill; and

(c) if not, the action taken to obtain the views and the time schedule finalized in this regard?