

1983, with special reference to Gujarati language;

(e) if not, the reasons thereof;

(f) whether Government propose to allot more time to all regional languages with a view to strengthening cultural unity and emotional integration; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) to (g). During 1984, Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi telecast two Gujarati feature films. The Kendra also telecast Gujarati programmes in various formats for a total duration of 156 minutes. Within the available resources for programme production and the limitation of telecast time, Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi attempts to put out as many programmes in various regional languages (including Gujarati) as possible. As compared to 1983, Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi telecast more programmes in regional languages during 1984. These include three feature films in regional languages (one of which is telecast on the national network) and one regional language play per month. To provide equitable representation within the available telecast time, programmes in regional languages are put on a rotational basis. Implementation of schemes for providing additional programme production facilities in different parts of the country and dissemination of TV programmes in the regional language of a State by all transmitters in that State would, however, depend on the availability of resources in future. Percentage wise statistics of programmes in various languages are not maintained.

Functioning of Asansol T. V. Relay Transmitter

921. SHRI SUDHIR ROY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the malfunctioning of the Asansol T. V. Relay Transmitter;

(b) whether Government have received any complaint in this regard;

(c) if so, the action taken thereon;

(d) if no action has been taken, the reasons thereof; and

(e) action now proposed to be taken to improve the functioning of the said T.V. relay transmitter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b). Reports of frequent failures of power supply to the TV transmitter, Asansol and consequent interruptions of telecasts were received.

(c) to (e). A stand-by diesel generator has been provided to the TV Centre. Main power supply from an alternate source has also been sought.

Disposal of Flats Constructed in Asiad Village

922. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of flats in Asiad Village in New Delhi;

(b) the monthly expenditure incurred on the maintenance of the Asiad Village;

(c) whether there is a proposal to dispose of the flats constructed in Asiad Village;

(d) if so, how these flats are likely to be disposed of; and

(e) when action will be taken and the reasons for the delay in their disposal ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) : (a) 853.

(b) Rs. 2.10 lakhs.

(c) to (e). Some (190) flats have already been disposed of to the Public Sector Undertakings and a small number (28) to the Indian Nationals residing abroad. Remaining flats are under process of disposal.

The flats are being disposed off gradually depending upon the progress of negotiations/offers of concerned parties and agencies.