

Setting up of Radio Station at Berhampur

3028. SHRI A.N. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a radio station at Berhampur (Ganjam) Orissa; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. All India Radio's approved VII Five-Year Plan included a scheme to set up a local radio station at Berhampur in Ganjam district of Orissa with 2 x 3 KW FW Transmitter, Multi-purpose studios, Receiving facilities and staff quarters. This scheme is envisaged to be completed for commissioning by 1990-91.

Setting up of Second TV Transmitter in Aska

3029. SHRI A.N. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up another television transmitter in Aska in view of the fact that the present coverage by Doordarshan in Ganjam district (Orissa) is inadequate; and

(b) if so, the time by which the work on the project is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government at present. However, it is the

endeavour of Doordarshan to extend TV service to uncovered parts as expeditiously as possible but this objective can be achieved only in a phased manner depending upon availability of resources under expansion plans of Doordarshan.

Norms for Broadcasting/Telecasting of Matches

3030. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down any norms for broadcast/telecast of events of sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any representations from time to time for limiting such broadcast/telecast to important matches only; and

(d) if so, Government response thereto and changes, if any, effected in the policy/norms in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). No norms as such have been prescribed by Government. The decision regarding coverage of various sports events is taken by the media keeping in view inter-alia the following:

- i) Popularity of the game.
- ii) Listeners' interest.
- iii) Status of tournaments.
- iv) Technical feasibility.
- v) Other programme commitments.