

**BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):**  
(a) to (c). There is no proposal, at present, to telecast Sanskrit News Bulletin on Doordarshan on account of paucity of transmission time and resources.

#### **TV Studio at Vijaywada**

2094. **SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction of TV studio at Vijaywada in Andhra Pradesh is likely to commence;

(b) the estimated cost and the time required for its completion; and

(c) the details of the features of the TV studio?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):  
(a) to (c). A TV studio Centre comprising of one studio alongwith associated technical areas equipped with professional grade colour equipments envisaged to be set up at Vijaywada. Site for the proposed studio centre has been taken over and orders for the supply of equipment involving long delivery schedule have also been placed on the manufacturers. The normal lead time involved in completion of projects of this nature is about 4 years after formal approval of the project by the Government.

[*Translation*]

#### **Microwave Linkage from Nagpur-Bombay-Delhi Doordarshan**

2095. **SHRI TEJSINGH RAO BHONSLE:** Will the Minister of INFORMA-

TION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to telecast news of Vidarbha from Bombay-Delhi Doordarshan Kendras by setting up microwave link between Nagpur and Bombay-Delhi Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):  
(a) to (c). The news pertaining to Vidarbha region and the programmes produced by Doordarshan Kendra, Nagpur are already being telecast, as a part of the regional TV service, from Doordarshan Kendra, Bombay which are relayed by all the TV transmitters in the State via satellite mode of linkage. Besides, important news of national significance pertaining to Vidarbha region is also included in the national news bulletins.

There is no proposal at present to link Doordarshan Kendra, Nagpur to Doordarshan Kendras either at Delhi or Bombay via microwave linkage.

[*English*]

#### **Telegram, Saving Bank and P.C.O. Facilities in Post Offices of West Bengal**

2096. **SHRI SUKHENDU KHAN:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices located in the villages of West Bengal where P.C.O.,