

[English]

Broadcast of Sports News in Regional Languages

44. SHRI C. P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the sports news is broadcast only in Hindi and English;
- (b) whether there is demand for broadcasting sports news in all the regional languages;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir. All India Radio, Delhi broadcasts Sports News Bulletins in Hindi and English daily, for a duration of five minutes each.

(b) to (d) All news bulletines in all language cover news of sports events depending upon their importance and listeners interest. This practice has been found to be adequate.

Renewal of NRI Passports

45. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have directed its missions abroad to have passports of Non-Resident Indians (NRI) renewed by the original passport issuing authority;

(b) whether the Government are aware that this policy has put the NRIs into lot of hardships; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MIN-

ISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHED): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

[Translation]

Facility of Incoming Calls on PCOs in Delhi

46. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA SHRI TARACHAND KHANDLWAL: SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH: SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHRY: SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: PROF. PREM DHUMAL: SHRI G. DEVARAYA NAIK: SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:

will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to do away the facility of incoming calls on PCOs and Pay Phones in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to restore this facility; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d). Orders have recently been issued to restore incoming call facility in all Public Telephones (both local & STD).

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Public Telephone Booths

47. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: PROF. K. V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: