

of the Art Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) technology for construction of large diameter long tunnels for future hydroelectric projects.

[*Translation*]

Satellite T.V.

1525. SHRI S. M. LAL JAN BASHA:
SHRI PARASRAM
BHARDWAJ :
SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE :
SHRI MANIK RAO HODLYA
GOWIT:
SHRI SURENDRA PAL
PATHAK :
SHRI HARADHAN ROY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cultural heritage of India based on unity in diversity is under peril on account of Satellite T. V. transmission

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce any scheme in order to combat the effect of satellite T.V. transmission;

(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) Apprehensions Voiced in different quarters on this account have to Government's notice .

(b) to (d). While the contents of the programme of foreign television networks do not come within the ambit of the regulations of the Government of India, a number of changes in the programme of Doordarshan's satellite channels have been carried out to provide a wholesome fare of programming that is predominantly Indian including the introduction of a regional language service in ten regional languages, any increase in the number of fiction based programmes etc.

[*English*]

T.V. Studio at Vijayawada

1526. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: (a) whether the land has been acquired for construction of T.V. Studio at Vijayawada ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether machinery also has been ordered for the said T.V. Studio and if so, the details thereof ;

(d) the reasons for the delay in starting construction of T.V. Studio work at Vijayawada ; and

(e) by when the construction work is likely to state ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The site for the proposed TV Studio Centre at Vijayawada has been taken over and orders for the supply of equipment of long delivery schedule, have been placed on the manufacturers and part of it has also been received .

(d) and (e) . The civil works at site is expected to start after the scheme is formally approved by the competent authority .

Upgradation of Post Offices in Kerala

1527. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose for upgradation of Post Offices in Kerala ; and

(b) if so, the details of post offices proposed to be upgraded during 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir .