

- (iii) Customs duty on iron ore pellets has been recently reduced from 10% to 5%.

[English]

Impact of Cable T.V.

6715. SHRI ANANTRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is urgent need to take suitable measures to check the undesirable impact of Cable T.V. on the society;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to curb the proliferation of unauthorised video parlours and circulation of pirated or interpolated video cassettes; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Public exhibition of films (including video cassettes) is covered by the Cinematograph Act, 1952. The responsibility for enforcement of the penal provisions of this Act rests with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, who have been requested time and again to strictly enforce the provisions of the Act.

Doordarshan facilities in Sundargarh District of Orissa

6716. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people residing in Lephripara and Hemgir Block of Sundargarh district of Orissa are still denied of Doordarshan facilities;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to install a low power T.V. transmitter at Hemgir during the current financial year; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Whereas, there is no scheme for setting up of TV Transmitter either at Hemgir or at Lephripara blocks in Sundargarh district of Orissa, the places are expected to receive TV service on augmentation of the power of the existing High Power (1 KW) Transmitter at Sambalpur to 10 KW, subject to terrain conditions.

[Translation]

Damages to National Highways in Gujarat

6717. SHRI DILEEP BHAI SANGHANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the National Highways in Gujarat;