

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(d) Does not arise.

(c) the place identified for this purpose?

[*Translation*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. International Federation of Eye Bank and Tissue Bank International of USA have proposed to held in upgrading facilities in eye bank in L.V. Prasad Institute, Hyderabad, Venu Eye Institute, New Delhi, West Lions Eye Hospital, Bangalore and Dholka Eye Bank Ahmedabad in addition to setting up a Laboratory at L.V. Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad for the manufacture of MK (Mc Carey Kaufman) Medium required for preservation of conneas.

T.V. Programmes

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

(a) whether the Government have made efforts to block the Star and Zee T.V. programmes;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether some changes are proposed in Doordarshan to enable it to have tie up with foreign T.V. organisation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Ground Water

812. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made being made by the Union Government to ensure the continuous availability of ground water in the country;

(b) the details of scarcity zones and semi-scarcity zones with regard to the availability of ground water, State-wise;

(c) whether as per the study conducted by his Ministry all the blocks in the country except Gujarat and Maharashtra have been covered under the 'dark' and 'grey' categories;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the policy adopted/likely to be adopted by the Union Government in the near future for the exploration of ground water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Ground Water resource gets replenished every year from natural precipitation, seepage etc. However, for the localised pockets in various States/Union Territories, where the Ground Water level has declined because of heavy withdraw-