

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Eventhough no language-wise time

allocation is made, the duration of programme in Punjabi and other languages broadcast/telecast in Punjab is given below:—

	Punjabi programmes (in hours)	Programmes in other language per week
(i) Doordarshan Kendra, Jalandhar	17 hours	2 hours 49 minutes
(ii) DD-12 Satellite channel Service	24 hours 30 minutes	—
(iii) All India Radio, Jalandhar	50 hours 7 minutes	4 hours 15 minutes
(iv) All India Radio, Jalandhar (FM Channel Service)	63 hours	—
(v) All India Radio, Bhatinda	43 hours 45 minutes	—
(vi) All India Radio, Patiala	42 hours	—

#### Telugu News Bulletin

[Translation]

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

(a) whether some requests have been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for starting a second Telugu News Bulletin from Hyderabad Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the State Government has also requested to upgrade 50 KW regional shortwave transmitter to 200 KW in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any delay in completion of work on a 5 KW relay transmitter at Nandyal and 10 KW transmitter in Kurnool due to cost escalation; and

(f) if so, the steps taken/proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Doordarshan has received requests from Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Minister for Information and Public Relations, Government of Andhra Pradesh. It is presently extremely difficult to accede to their requests in view of the resource constraints, shortage of manpower and pressure on transmission time.

(c) & (d) No, Sir. However, the upgradation of existing 50 KW MW transmitter to 200 KW MW transmitter is under implementation.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Work on both projects is running as per schedule.

#### Schools for Mentally Retarded Children

379. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have opened primary, middle and high schools for imparting education to the mentally retarded children;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps being taken to open such schools in Bihar and other parts of the country;

(e) whether the Union Government have provided financial assistance to the State Governments to open such schools; and

(f) if so, the assistance provided during each of the last three years and the current year so far, State/Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Film Industry

380. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up a joint committee to deliberate any official move of Legislative nature affecting the film industry and several other issues concerning the film industry;

(b) if so, details alongwith the terms and conditions of this Committee; and

(c) the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) Government have decided to have