

(a) the criteria and priorities for telecast of religious and social Hindi feature films and T.V. serials;

(b) the names of the religious and social Hindi feature films and T.V. serials proposed to be telecast during 1992–93;

(c) whether the Government propose to telecast serials and feature films pertaining to Both religion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) As a policy, Doordarshan does not telecast programmes which have a bearing only on religious theme. At the same time it is the endeavour of Doordarshan to telecast programmes including Hindi Feature Films and Serials on established tradition & heritage, socio-cultural themes with universal values and to uphold secularism, religious tolerance and communal harmony.

(b) The actual telecast of feature films and serials is dependent upon Doordarshan's programme requirements from time to time. No advance schedule of programmes is drawn up for the entire year.

(c) and (d). Serials and feature films based on principals of Both religion, if offered, for telecast will be considered by Doordarshan depending on their programme requirement.

[English]

L.P.T. Transmission Centre at Nirmal Mandal in Andhra Pradesh

8061. SHR A. INDRAKARAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Low Power T.V. Transmission Centre has been sanctioned for Nirmal Mandal in Adilabad district, Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when the project will be completed and the estimated provision made in this financial year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) and (b). A low power transmitter is envisaged to be set up at Nirmal Mandal in Adilabad district of Andhra Pradesh under Doordarshan's Annual Plan, 1992–93. The lead time involved in installation of such transmitters is about 1 1/2 years after the formal approval of the scheme. Doordarshan's Budget Estimates for the year 1992–93, inter alia, include a provision of Rs. 120 lakhs for new low power transmitters in the country.

Stamps on Dr. Ambedkar

8062. SHRI ROSHAN LAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation for issue of a commemorative stamp on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on the eve of Constitution Day i.e. 26 November, 1992 as a mark of respect to him as Father of Constitution; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.