Increase In Audio Piracy In Metropolitan Cities

3106. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there had been an increase in the audio piracy in some Metropolitan cities:
- (b) whether anti-piracy raids have been launched in those cities;
- (c) if so, the number of illegal piracy cases registered after the Copyright Amendment Act has been enforced; and
 - (d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL):
(a) No instance of any piracy of Radio broadcasts has come to the notice of the Government.

(b), (c) and (d). Does not arise.

Scheme to increase Edible Oil Production

3107. SHRI C. P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of foreign exchange India spends on importing edible oils;
- (b) whether in view of bumper crop of cotton this year, India will save some foreign exchange;
- (c) whether there is any scheme to increase edible oil production in the country; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal to allow the use of solvent extracted mustard and groundnut oil for vanaspati industry?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) & (b). During the financial year 1983 84, 14.09 lakh MTs. of edible oils were orted by the State Trading Corporation at a total value of Rs. 846 crores. The import of edible oil during this year will depend upon the actual availability

of indigenous oils, the likely demand for the edible oils the availability of foreign exchange and other related factors.

- (c) To attain the self-sufficiency in vegetable oils, the following measures have been taken:
 - (1) Intensive programme for development of oilseeds in oilseed producing States. The scheme aims at demonstration on farmers' fields, strengthening of seed production and distribution arrangement, expansion of plant protection measures, extension of irrigated areas etc.
 - (2) Launching of special projects on production of groundnut in Saurashtra region of Gujarat and soyabean in Madhya Pradesh.
 - (3) Better incentive to producers through fixation of minimum support prices.
 - (4) Intensification of research efforts for increasing the productivity of oilseeds.
 - (5) Increase in area under non-traditional oilseed crops like soyabean and sunflower and exploitation of oilseeds of tree and forest origin, rice bran etc.
 - (6) Setting up of necessary processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with the production programme of oilseeds.
- (d) The use of solvent extracted mustard oil and groundnut oil in manufacture of Vanaspati is engaging attention of the Government.

Cricket Match At Sharjah

3108. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether final cricket match played between India and Australia on 29th March, 1985 at Sharjah was not telecast nor broadcast on the A.I.R. whereas the Pakistan Radio broadcast the same; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not telecasting and broadcasting in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) (a) and (b). Yes Sir As a matter of policy AIR and Doordarshan do not generally provide live coverage of benefit matches. The cricket match in Sharjah was organised for the benefit of well known current and retired test cricketers in which only four countries viz. India, Pakistan, Australia and England had participated. However, the latest scores were conveyed in the news bulletins of AIR.

Further, highlights of the two matches in which India participated viz. India Vs. Pakistan (Semi-Final) and India Vs. Australia (Final) were telecast on 28.3.1985 and 31.3.1985 respectively on the national network.

[Translation]

Soil Erosion In India

3109. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVLLOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) wheter attention of Government has been drawn to the report appeared in the 'Statesman' of 16 January, 1985 to the effect that according to Worldwatch institute maximum soil erosion at the rate of 47,000 crore tons per year takes place in India and due to which 5 lakhs ponds and 485 tanks are likely to be filled with soil shortly;
- (b) if so, the loss likely to be caused to irrigation and production of electricity therefrom; and
- (c) the State-wise target of converting barren land into fertile land for the year 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c). The World-