

population in the districts having lesser coverage at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) With the implementation of VII Plan schemes for expansion of TV service in Uttar Pradesh, all the 56 districts in the State are expected to be covered by TV service either wholly or partially. While TV service is then expected to be available to about 92% of the total population of the State, it is not possible at this stage to indicate the exact percentage of the population likely to be covered in each district of the State.

(b) Establishment of one high power (10 KW) TV transmitter, 8 low power (100W) TV transmitters and 7 very low power (2×10 W) TV transmitters at various places in Uttar Pradesh is included in the VII Plan of Doordarshan. These transmitters are expected to provide increased TV service to those districts where the coverage is less at present. Further expansion of TV service can be carried out only in phases, depending on the availability of resources.

[English]

#### Recognised union in Salem Steel Plant

3936. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any recognised union in the Salem Steel Plant;

(b) if so, whether the recognition of the union has been challenged; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to assess the strength of the Union to determine its representative character ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : Yes, Sir. The Salem Steel National Employees' Union (INTUC) is the recognised Union in the Salem Steel Plant.

(b) The Steel Plant Employees' Union (CITU) has claimed majority membership

among the workmen of Salem Steel Plant and has demanded recognition from the management.

(c) The criteria for giving recognition to trade unions is laid down in the Code of Discipline in Industry framed by the Indian Labour Conference in its 16th session held in May 1958. The recognition of any trade union is done through verification of membership by the Labour Department of the appropriate Government. In the case of Salem Steel Plant the appropriate Government is the Government of Tamil Nadu.

[Translation]

#### Programmes telecast from Delhi Doordarshan

3937. SHRI NARESH CHANDRA CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the average time given to telecast of English language programmes and programmes telecast in Hindi and other Indian languages; and

(b) if the time for telecasting programme in English is more than the time given for Hindi and other Indian languages, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) The average time of telecast of English language programmes and programmes telecast in Hindi and other Indian languages is given as under :—

January-December, 1985

Language	Percentage
English	34
Hindi	51
Urdu	2
Other Indian languages	3
Dance & Instrumental Music	6
Miscellaneous	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

**Steel Consumer Council**

**3938. SHRI V. TULSIRAM :  
SHRIMATI JAYANTI  
PATNAIK :**

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to constitute a steel consumers council in the country;

(b) if so, the proposed functions of the council together with the representation thereon;

(c) the extent to which this council will have a control over the rising prices of steel and its proper distribution; and

(d) whether some offices of this council will be located in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b) A Steel Consumers Council has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Steel and Mines and consisting of representatives of the Government, producers and consumers of iron and steel, and related industries. The Council is to assist and advise the Central Government on matters relating to supply, availability, quality and the market trends of iron and steel.

(c) It is not its function to exercise any control over prices or distribution of steel.

(d) No, Sir. No offices of the Steel Consumers Council are proposed to be set up anywhere.

**Export and consumption of fishes**

**3939. PROF. K.V. THOMAS :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of fish caught in our country every year;

(b) the quantum of fish and other sea foods exported from India;

(c) the internal consumption of fish and other sea foods;

(d) the steps taken or contemplated for promotion of fish cultivation; and

(e) what are the modern methods adopted for fishing in the outer sea ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) The total Fish Production in the country and export of marine products from India during the last five years are :—

Year	Fish Production (In lakh tonnes)	Export of Marine Products (In tonnes)
1980	24.42	74542
1981	24.44	75375
1982	23.67	75136
1983	25.06	86169
1984	28.59 (Provisional)	89912

(c) The remaining fish and sea food produce are mainly utilised for human consumption. A marginal quantity is converted into fish meal.

(d) Some of the major steps being taken for promotion of fish cultivation are :—

(i) Prawn farming in coastal waters.

(ii) Development of brackish water fish farms and hatcheries for fish and prawn culture.

(iii) Introduction of Scientific fish culture in tanks, ponds etc. by