

March and 31st October in each year from 1974 onwards is given below:

1977	1976	1975	1974
353	227	322	411

(b) The main reasons are:—

(i) Release of a large number of bad characters and other criminals who had earlier been detained under MISA during the emergency;

(ii) Stress on free and correct registration of cases;

(iii) Disappearance of fear complex with the restoration of civil liberties and freedom after emergency;

(iv) Increase in population and coming up of resettlement colonies on the periphery of Delhi.

T. V. programmes

3881. DR. V. A. SEYID MUHAMMAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of the use of items from West Germany, United States of America, Japan and France in both magazine programmes and news services by the Delhi and other T.V. centres during the last six months;

(b) the number of items on such programmes used by the T.V. centres during the last six months—monthly break-up; and

(c) whether Government propose to reduce dependence on Western sources for these items?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Information regarding the number and duration of programme items from each of the countries mentioned utilised by Doordarshan net-work during the period May to October, 1977 is given below:—

Name of Country	Number of items used							Total duration	
	May	June	July	August	Sept.	October	Total	Hrs.	Mts.
West Germany	21	30	25	8	21	16	124	46	54
U.S.A.	30	18	28	34	30	20	160	49	58
Japan	6	7	15	5	4	1	38	7	3
France	6	5	5	6	6	1	29	3	38

(c) Foreign items used by Doordarshan comprise news coverages of international events, documentaries etc. purchased by Doordarshan outright or on royalty basis, films on art, culture, education and Science received from foreign missions in India and materials received from foreign countries under protocols/cultural agreements on reciprocal basis. Selection of the pro-

grammes is done keeping in view their suitability for Doordarshan. The percentage of utilisation of foreign films in terms of transmission hours during the six months mentioned above is only 3.5. The overall percentage for the whole year including these six months does not also exceed 3.5. There is, as such, no proposal to effect any curtailment.