

8. Case FIR No. 308, dated 5-7-76, u/s 43-DIR P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi.

9. Case FIR No. 65, dated 1-2-78 u/s 124-A, IPC, P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi.

10. Case FIR No. 131, dated 2-2-75, u/s 147|148|353|332|427|452|506-IPC, P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi.

Improvement in Programmes of Amritsar T.V. Centre

1490. CHOWDHRY BALBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people of Pakistan are very much interested in Amritsar T.V. programmes; and

(b) if so, the efforts being made by Government to make Amritsar T.V. programmes more interesting?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Doordarshan Kendra, Amritsar, has been receiving a large number of letters from the Pakistani viewers commenting favourably upon the programmes telecast from there. This is a clear indication of the interest evinced by the Pakistani viewers in those programmes.

(b) The existing programmes are reviewed from time to time and action is taken for improvement, wherever called for. Besides this, it has been decided to make Amritsar a Relay Centre of the Jullundur Doordarshan Kendra when the latter is commissioned. This is expected to diversify the programmes telecast by the Amritsar Centre.

Power Shortage in States

1491. SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power shortage is continuing in different parts of the country,

(b) if so, facts about the power position in regard to different States;

(c) whether load-shedding is still continuing in Calcutta and Delhi; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government for dealing with the power shortage?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Some of the States in the country have been facing power shortages in the past. However, with onset of the monsoons and consequent fall in the load demand, the power position all over the country has improved. Power cuts/restrictions in many of the States have either been completely lifted or have been reduced. The following States/Union Territories do not have any notified power cuts or restriction at present:

1. Himachal Pradesh
2. Haryana
3. Punjab
4. Chandigarh
5. Rajasthan
6. Gujarat
7. Tamil Nadu
8. Kerala
9. Andhra Pradesh
10. Orissa.

Although marginal notified power cuts/peak load restrictions are being continued to be enforced in Delhi, J&K and Uttar Pradesh States, the power supply position is generally satisfactory in these States at present. In Bihar, however, although there are no notified power cuts, load shedding is resorted to depending upon availability of power.

States/Union Territories in which some power shortages are still being experienced include Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, West Bengal, Bihar, Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura.

(c) There is no load shedding in Delhi. Marginal load shedding is resorted to in Calcutta area on some days depending upon the actual availability of power.

(d) Government have taken a number of steps to improve the power