

Extension of advertising services to other Stations of A. I. R.

3982. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government have considered the desirability of extending the advertising services to other Stations of A. I. R. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : Yes, Sir. Commercial Service will be extended to ten more Vividh Bharati Centres, viz. Jaipur-Jodhpur, Patna-Ranchi, Trivandrum-Calcutta, Bhopal-Indore, Cuttack and Srinagar during the Fourth Plan period.

Number of films Telecast in a year

3983. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of films in Hindi and other regional language shown through Television in one year; and

(b) the break up of the above figure language-wise and whether any disparity exists between the different languages and if so, the steps being taken to remedy the disparities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) and (b). 64 films in Hindi and 21 in regional languages were telecast in 1971. The language-wise break-up of the latter figure is as under :—

Assamese	1
Bengali	4
Bhojpuri	1
Gujarati	1
Kannada	2
Malayalam	2
Marathi	2
Oriya	1
Punjabi	4
Tamil	2
Telugu	1

No disparity exists in the selection of different regional language films. The main considerations in their selection are their quality and availability.

Setting up of Scooter Plant in Patna

3985. SHRI SWARAN SINGH SOKHI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have granted licence to any party for setting up of a scooter manufacturing plant near Patna in Bihar State :

(b) if so, the name of the party; and

(c) whether the plant will be set up with foreign collaboration ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESWAR PRASAD) :

(a) and (b). Maharani Durgeshwari Sahi, B. A., Patna has been granted a letter of intent on the 25th August, 1971 for the setting up of a new industrial undertaking at Patna in the State of Bihar for the manufacture of scooters for a capacity of 24,000 nos. per annum.

(c) No, Sir.

Conversion of Cuddappah and Visakhapatnam Station into full fledged Stations

3986. SHRI K. KODANDA RAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to convert Cuddappah and Visakhapatnam Stations into full-fledged Stations; and

(b) whether Government also propose to start an external bulletin for the benefit of Telugu speaking people in foreign countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) Visakhapatnam is proposed to be converted into a full-fledged Station during the current Plan. The upgrading of Cuddappah by setting up Studio