

(a) whether there are any guidelines/criteria for selection of the Director-General of Indian Council of Forest Research and Education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to give extension to the present incumbent; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) As per the ICFRE rules, the appointment to the post of Director General of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) should be made by the President of the ICFRE Society (Minister of Environment & Forests) with the concurrence of the Government of India from a panel to be drawn up by the ICFRE Board of Governors from amongst eminent Scientists/Foresters with a minimum of 25 years of service having background in Forestry Research.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Telecast of Kannada and Marathi Programmes on Doordarshan

5772. SHRI ABHAYSINH S. BHONSLE:
SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Marathi & Kannada programmes are being telecast on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether historical events and programmes of Maharashtra & Karnataka are also being telecast;

(d) if so, the hours fixed to relay the Kannada and Marathi programmes on Doordarshan; and

(e) the steps proposed to earmark more time for telecast of Kannada & Marathi programmes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Marathi & Kannada programmes are being

telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Mumbai and Doordarshan Kendra, Bangalore respectively under their regional service programmes. Besides, both the Kendras are also provided with Regional Language Satellite Service (RLSS) channels known as DD-9 (Kannada) and DD-10 (Marathi)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Both Kendras telecast programmes in their regional languages during the hours of regional service/Regional Language Satellite Service.

(e) Very recently, the Kendras have been instructed to mount programmes in their regional service for additional two hours i.e. from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Entrance Test for Diploma in Business Administration

5773. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of management institutes receiving no grants from Union Government in Uttar Pradesh is awarding Post-graduation diploma in Business Administration;

(b) whether their autonomy of entrance test for admission has been regulated by the All India Council for Technical Education;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Union Government propose to withdraw the related order of AICTE?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Number of Institutes offering Post Graduation Diploma in Business Administration in Uttar Pradesh receiving no grant from Union Government is 40 as on March 31, 1998.

(b) to (d) The Government of Uttar Pradesh have issued a Government order for organising a Common Admission Test for admissions to Management Institutions in Uttar Pradesh which has been endorsed by the AICTE.