

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJAVYAS):

(a) and (b). Doordarshan invited proposals for serials under the new sponsorship scheme in the following categories:

- (i) Family Serials
- (ii) Comedy serials
- (iii) Serials based on classics/novels
- (iv) Short stories
- (v) Detective serials
- (vi) Socially relevant Environment serials
- (vii) Science fiction
- (viii) Historicals/cultural
- (ix) Quiz programmes
- (x) Childrens 'serials (Cartoon/childrens' serials/animation)
- (xi) Documentaries

None of these proposed serials has so far been selected for telecast.

Telugu External Broadcast Service

5683. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the time allotted for Telugu External Service Programme of All India Radio;

(b) whether the Government propose to enhance the time limit for this purpose;

(c) whether the Government also propose to extend the Telugu External Service on All India Radio to benefit a large number of Telugu people living in United States of America and elsewhere; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRJA VYAS): (a) The time allotted to Telugu in the External Service of All India Radio is half-an-hour every day.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is, at present, no proposal to beam this service to United States of America and to the uncovered parts of the world.

(d) Does not arise.

Project of Maharashtra Pending Clearance

5684. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects of Maharashtra pending with the Planning Commission for its approval; and

(b) the time by which these projects are likely to be given approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The details of Major Irrigation Projects of Maharashtra pending for action in Planning Commission are given below:-