

tional Film Festivals or have received good reviews in prestigious film journals notified by the Govt.

The question of re-issue charges shall arise only in 1993 or afterwards.

(e) and (f). Yes, Sir, the matter is under consideration of the Government.

[*Translation*]

Pak T.V. Programmes

*358. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:

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

(a) whether Pakistan's T.V. programmes telecast over the communications satellite Asias at cover India and most of the neighbouring countries; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The TV programmes transmitted via foreign Satellites whose footprints cover India can be received by installation of an appropriately designed Dish—Antenna, indigenously available, with a TV receiving set. However, the existing licensing procedure prescribed by the Ministry of Communications does not permit establishment of Dish Antenna for receiving TV programmes from foreign Satellites. Doordarshan has been still, making all out efforts continually to bring about qualitative improvement in its programme format so as to sustain the interest of its viewers, particularly in order to counter telecasts transmitted via foreign Satellites.

[*English*]

Air-conditioned hangars

*359. SHRI KODAKANI GOWDANA SHIVAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURSIM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to park Airbus—320 in air conditioned hangars;

(b) if so, the number of airconditioned hangars built up so far at various airports; and

(c) the details of the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Foreign T.V. Programmes

*360. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

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

(a) whether any estimate has been made of the number of viewers who watch CNN, BBC, Star TV and such other foreign TV networks in India;

(b) whether due to this popularity of foreign TV programmes received through cable network viewership of Doordarshan programmes has declined;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any study in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d). No specific survey has been conducted by Doordarshan to assess the number of viewers watching TV programmes transmitted via foreign satellites whose footprint cover India. However, the Government are aware of the Studies conducted by MRAS-BURKE (Marketing Research and Advisory Service Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi) and ADMAR (Advertising and Marketing Research Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi) whose findings are not representative of the popularity of TV programmes transmitted via foreign satellites. There is no discernible evidence that on account of foreign TV programmes Doordarshan viewership has declined.

Power Plant in Kerala

*361. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some private sector has been entrusted to set up a 120 MW power plant in Northern Kerala.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any progress has been made for launching the project; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Central Water Commission

*362. SHRI MOTILAL SINGH:
SHRI KAMLA MISHRA
MADHUKAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints and suggestions received by the Government for improving the administrative system and efficiency of the Central Water Commission; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Complaints and suggestions received in regard to the functioning of Central Water Commission fall under the seven broad categories of topics.

(i) Regionalisation of Central Water Commission

(ii) Engineering officers engaged on non-engineering works;

(iii) Allegations of corruptions against certain officers of the Central Water Commission;

(iv) Publication of Bhagirath magazine;

(v) Common cadre review for engineering officers;

(vi) Transfer policy of Central Water Commission; and

(vii) Service matters of individual officers i.e. compassionate appointment.