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TELECAST OF SPORTS EVENTS

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

- (a) the policy of the Government about the direct telecast of sports events by the Doordarshan;
- (b) the time-slots allotted by the Doordarshan for the direct telecast of each sport event during the last one year till date;
- (c) the reasons for not telecasting direct the European Cup and the American football matches; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to telecast the football matches on Doordarshan in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) Doordarshan telecasts live those sports events of national/international level for which telecast rights are available to Doordarshan.

(b) During the last one year, Doordarshan has telecast live 88 events in the following sports:

Cricket, Football, Snooker, Wrestling, Athletic , Kabaddi, Aquatic, Table Tennis, Hockey, Tennis, Badminton, Abilympics, Commonwealth Games, National Sports League, Marathon, Volleyball, Ice Skating, Boxing, Polo, Beach Kabaddi, Boat Race.

(c) Rights of these events were not available to Doordarshan.

(d) Doordarshan is telecasting the football matches/ tournaments organised by All India Football Federation where the rights to telecast the events are available to Doordarshan.