

Title: Need to arrange for live telecast of all the World Cup Football Matches, 2002 through national network.

SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH (ULUBERIA): The count down of the World Cup Football started. But, we still do not know whether the lakhs of Indian viewers, especially in the rural area will be able to view the games. Sir, the people all over the country play this game. They wait for four years to see this wonder game in the World Cup.

Some private TV channels will show the games, which will be available in the urban areas where cable TV is available and the vast rural area is not covered by cable connections. It will be depressing for those crores of people in the countryside who will be deprived of viewing such a great event.

As Doordarshan covers almost the entire country, it is the only source to the rural viewers. The people are very eager to know about it. Under the circumstances, I would urge upon the Government to arrange for live telecast of all the matches of World Cup Football 2002 through National Network and announce the same immediately.