Plan to set up more Yatri Niwas by ITDC

7434. SHRI DILIP SINGHJU DEO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any plan has been formulated by Government or the India Tourism Development Corporation to set up more Yatri Niwases in all the major tourist centres of the country to meet the needs of both the domestic and foreign travellers:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS-TRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (c). The Central Department of Tourism has a policy to provide financial assistance to the State Governments for construction of Yatri Niwases at places of tourist interest, on the basis of specific proposals submitted by them. The State Government has to provide a suitable piece of development land, water and power supply, drainage and sewage facilities, staff quarters as well as furnishings etc. The Central financial assistance is for the construction of main building.

Broadcast/Telecast in Telugu from AIR/ Doordarshan

7435. SHRI BASAVAPUNNAIAH SINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMA-TION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telugu Broadcasts/ Telecasts and group discussions from All India Radio Stations and T.V. Centres during the last three years;

- (b) the duration of time fixed for these proadcasts/telecasts and group discussions:
- (c) whether Government propose to increase the time of Telugu broadcasts/telecasts and group discussion by All India Radio stations and T.V. Centres; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). Doordarshan has telecast as many as 947 programmes in Telugu during the last three years. The duration of these programmes varies from 10 to 30 minutes per programme. Group discussions are of 25 minutes duration.

In-so-far as All India Radio is concerned. all the Stations located in Andhra Pradesh broadcast programmes mainly in Telugu which is the main language of the State. Besides, All India Radio Stations at Madras. Bangalore, Port Blair and Bhadravati also put out programmes in Telugu. As there is a large number of All India Radio stations long transmission hours, the information regarding number and duration of various programmes broadcast from these stations has not been compiled and kept centrally.

- (c) No. Sir: and
- (d) Does not arise.

Tax Evasion Cases

7436. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of tax evasion cases detected during the last three years; and
- (b) the details of top ten tax evading companies and top ten individuals?