

feature films already aims at importing better quality films.

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Expansion of Doordarshan Facilities in U.P.

716. SHRI BALESHWAR YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Uttar Pradesh has recently requested Union Government for expansion of Doordarshan facilities in the State;

(b) if so, whether Government have chalked out any programme in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) A few requests have recently been received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for establishment of TV transmitters at selected places.

(b) and (c). Expansion of TV service in the State essentially depends upon the availability of adequate resources under the future plans for TV expansion in the country.

Export of Roses

717. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries to which roses are exported and the value of roses and other flowers exported during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether some special efforts are

proposed to be made to promote the export of roses; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) Exports of roses and other flowers including dry flowers during the last three years have been as under:—

<i>year</i>	<i>Value (Rs./Lakhs)</i>
1986-87	64.72
1987-88	12.83 (Prov.)
1988-89	434.10 (Prov.)

(Source : APEDA, New Delhi)

The main destinations are USA, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

(b) and (c). Some of the efforts envisaged for promoting the export of roses and other floriculture items include creation of infrastructure facilities such as cooling facilities, specialised transport, Green Houses etc.

[*English*]

Telecast of Poor Quality Hindi Films by Doordarshan

718. SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur):
SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:

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

(a) the number of complaints received by Doordarshan regarding telecasting of poor quality Hindi Films, vulgar film songs and serials in the last three months;

(b) the action taken thereon; and

(c) whether Government propose to improve the quality of films and programmes over Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c). Viewers do write to Doordarshan regularly commenting on the quality of programmes—some are critical and others appreciative. Quality is a matter of varying perception of the viewers. However, it is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to improve the quality of all the programmes. It is also to be taken into consideration that Doordarshan's choice of films is limited to the type of films offered to it for telecast. With a view to improve the quality of all the programmes, the Government has, recently, set up a review Committee which is presently reviewing all the programmes already approved for telecast on the national network.

Views of AIR and Doordarshan Engineers on Autonomy

719. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Radio and Doordarshan Engineers' Association have lodged a protest against autonomy to AIR and Doordarshan; and

(b) if so the reasons therefore and Government's reaction in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b). All India Radio and Doordarshan Engineers' Association have submitted their views on the Prasar Bharati Bill to the Government. They have made various suggestions such as that there should

be multiple Corporations for Programme and News for All India Radio and Doordarshan and that the hardware should remain under the control of the Government. Views and suggestions given by the Association will be considered, alongwith other suggestions received from different quarters.

Coffee Prices

720. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of coffee in the International market has improved since last year;

(b) the stock of coffee as on 31st December, 1989;

(c) whether representations have been received to lift all levies on coffee; and

(d) if so, Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) The international prices of coffee have fallen sharply from July, 1989 after the suspension of export quotas by the International Coffee Organisation. However, during the last few weeks the international prices of coffee have shown some improvement.

(b) As at the end of December, 1989 there was an opening stock of about 45,000 tonnes of coffee.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. However, to make return to the growers more remunerative the Minimum Release Price (MRP) of coffee has been increased with effect from 8th March, 1990.