SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH: It might not have come to the knowledge of the Deputy Minister but it might have come to the knowledge of the Prime Minister or the Minister of State. I would like to know whether it has come to the knowledge of the Government or not.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: When we say we are not aware of something we do not take into account what we might have heard. The news has to be authenticated. That is why sometimes we have to say "we are not aware of it". But that does not mean we have not heard of it. What we mean is only that the news is not authoritative (Interruption).

SHRI SWELL: Sir, the Deputy Minister in answer to a question stated very clearly that the Nagas who were killed in this particular encounter on the other side of the Burmese border were all from Nagaland, I like to know whether he has verified these figures and whether the Burmese Government has supplied this Government with the names and identities of these Naga hostiles who were killed so that he can make a categorical statement that they were all from Nagaland?

SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH: It is difficult to give all the details. What I meant was that all those underground Nagas who were trying to cross over to Burma belonged to India. Most of them came from Nagaland, and some from other neighbouring regions but they were all from India.

SHRI SWELL: You have changed your answer.

धाकाशवाणी से भारतीय भावाधों में प्रसारण

*212. श्री रामावतार शर्मा : श्री शिवकुमार शास्त्री : डा० सूर्यप्रकाश पुरी : श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :

Oral Answers

क्या **सूचना झौर प्रज्ञारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

- (क) स्राकाणवाणी के प्रसारणों में सुधार लाने के लिये क्या उपाय करने का विचार किया गया है;
- (ख) क्या सरकार ने भारतीय भाषात्रों में विशेषकर हिन्दी में प्रसारण के ारे में कोई निश्चित नोति .नाई है; ग्रीर
- (ग) यदि हां, तो उस की मुख्य-मुख्य वातें क्या है ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHI); (a) to (c). **Bes**ides improvements in broadcasts being a continuous process, it is proposed to change the position of the Programme Advisory Committees both at the Centre and at the regional levels by associating State Governments and Opposition at the State level and Opposition representative at the Central level. Arrangements are also contemplated to collect reactions of listeners by putting up Citizens' Forums and Students' Forums all over the country. Clubs of agriculturists in rural areas are also contemplated. Expert panels are proposed to be set up to give the Stations professional advice.

Wherever there are two channels, it is proposed to utilise one channel exclusively for regional programme. So far as Hindi is concerned, it is proposed to revive the programme of Hindi lessons which was suspended in 1965 on account of Pakistani aggression. Disparity between English and Hindi is proposed to be removed in respect of payment of fees and relay on all-India hook-up.

श्री रामावतार क्या : मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूंगा कि यह भ्रावण्यक क्यों नहीं माना गया है कि हिन्दी का स्वरूप सुरक्षित कर के उस का प्रशेग बढ़ाया जावे?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): Sir, from 1st August, 1968 we are also increasing the programme in Hindi so far as talks and symposiums are concerned.

श्री रामावतार शर्माः क्या मंत्री महोदय बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि स्टेडों से फिल्मी गानों के सुनने की माँग आ रही है तो वहाँ पर आप हिन्दी में प्रमारण सूचना भी क्यों नहीं देते हैं ?

दूसरे, जैसा कि अभी स्टेट मिलिस्टर महोदय ने बताया कि दूसरे देश जितने भी हैं, वह अपनी भाषा का प्रचार अपने कार्यक्रमों द्वारा करते हैं तो अपने यहां हिन्दी सिखाने के लिए कार्यक्रम आप कब चलायेंगे?

SHRI K. K. SHAH: Up to 1965 Hindi lessons were broadcast from all stations. Then they were stopped. We have again started Hindi lessons at present from Trivandrum, Vijayawada and Imphal. From the rest of the stations also we are going to start these lessons.

श्री शिवकुमार शास्त्री: हिन्दी वार्ता प्रसारित करने पर जो पारिश्रमिक मिलता है क्या अग्रेजी में वार्ता प्रसारित्त करने पर उस से अधिक पारिश्रमिक मिलता है ? यदि यह सत्य है तो उस में यह भेदभाव क्यों है ?

SHRI K. K. SHAH: As I have mentioned in the reply, if there are any disparities, they will be removed; in fact, instructions have been issued. For the national programme, whether it is in English or in Hindi, payment will be on the same basis, but in each language, whether it is Hindi, English or the regional language, there are bound to be A, B and C grades. These three grades will apply to all languages, whether it is Hindi or English.

डा॰ सूर्यप्रकाश पुरीः ग्रध्यक्ष महोदय, ग्रंग्रेजी में समाचार प्रसारित करने वाले व्यवित को 150 रु० प्रतिमास विशेष भत्ता तथा मुक्त टेलीफोन दिया जाता है जब कि यह मुविधा न तो हिन्दी समाचार पढ़ने वाले किसी व्यक्ति को ग्रीर न ही क्षेत्रीय भाषा के समाचार पढ़ने वाले किसी व्यक्ति को बी जाती है। वया में मंत्री महोदय से जान सकता हूं कि इस सम्बन्ध में वे कोई विशेष प्रबन्ध भविष्य में करने वाले हैं?

SHRI K. K. SHAH: As I have said, it is not possible for me to go into details. It is such a vast question, but all disparities, as I have said, will be removed.

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्रीः केन्द्रीय सूचना मंत्री क्या इस बात को बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उन के पास इस बात की भी कोई जानाकारी है कि सेन्ट्रल हिन्दी एडवाइजरी कमेटी श्रीर उन के मंत्रालय की हिन्दी एडवाइजरी कमेटी ने समय समय पर श्रनेकों परामर्श दिये हैं जिन परामर्शों को उन्होंने स्वीकार भी किया है, मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि उन में से कितने परामर्श श्रव तक कार्यान्वित किये जा चुके हैं, यदि नहीं किये गये हैं तो कब से किये जायेंगे ?

श्री के० के० शाह: कमेटी में हम अपनी रिपोर्ट देते हैं तथा प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री जी उस कमेटी के सदस्य हैं। अभी चन्द दिन पहले ये सारी रिपोर्ट हमने कमेटी को दी थी, हम ने यह भी कहा था कि जहाँ पर हम नहीं कर पाय हैं, वहाँ जल्दी ही उन को कर देंगे।

डा॰ गोविन्द दास : में मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूं कि इस समय श्राकाणवाणी का कितना प्रतिशत समय श्रंग्रेजी के प्रासरण में जाता है तथा कितना भारतीय भाषाश्रों के प्रसारण में जाता है? वया इस बात का प्रयत्न किया जा रहा है कि श्रनुपात के श्रनुसार भारतीय भाषा हिन्दी को ग्रंग्रेजी की ग्रंपेक्षा ग्रधिक समय दिया जाय ?

SHRI K. K. SHAH: I can quote some of the figures: I have got all the details. In the case of Delhi the figures are Hindi—71,61 per cent; Urdu-7.64 per cent; English—13.29 per cent; Punjabi-6.11 per cent; Garhwali-1.3 per cent and Sanskrit-0.3 per cent. In the case Lucknow

MR. SPEAKER: You can place it on the Table if you feel like that.

SHRI K. K. SHAH: I can give it for all regional stations.

SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM: There are 14 regional languages in the country (Interruption).

SOME HON. MEMBERS: 15.

SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM: May I know if equal importance is given to those languages for their improvement and there are broadcasts in all these languages so far as important matters, announcements and news are concerned?

SHRI K. K. SHAH: So far as regional languages are concerned, I have said that wherever there are two channels, one channel is completely reserved for the regional station and so far as the second channel is concerned other minorities are accommodated.

SHRI ANANTRAO PATIL: The standard of broadcasts of AIR going down day by day. The scripts prepared for newscasts vary language to language. Step-motherly treatment is given to the scripts prepared for Hindi, Marahhi, Gujarati and other Indian language casts. Take, for example, the broadcast "Today Parliament": you might have heard English it. The script prepared in varies from the script prepared Some of the script-writers have got apathy for Hindi-not only for Hindi but for nationalism, patriotism and socialism also. They interested in tomtomming some ministers. May I know from the Minister whether he is prepared to go through some of the scripts prepared the current month of July?

SHRI K. K. SHAH: I do not agree with the remarks passed by my hon. going friend, that the standard is down. I can also assure him that I go through the scripts, not before they are broadcast but after they are broadcast. I can say with confidence that 90 per cent of the friends, who have complaints, have been satisfied. I do not know if he has ever brought any complaint to my notice, but if there is any I am prepared to look into it.

SHRI TENNETI VISWANATHAM: The hon. Minister has just said that he has introduced Hindi in Vijyawada station also. May I know the proportion of time as between Telugu, Hindi and English?

SHRI K. K. SHAH: Yes. Telugu-67.3 per cent, Sanskrit-4.5 per cent, Hindi-6.7 per cent, English 21.45 per cent, Tamil-0.3 per cent and gali-0.2 per cent.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: The pattern of A.I.R. broadcasting requires thorough change. This Government is making use of the All India Radio for broadcasting only the names of the Congress people. In 'Today Parliament' broadcast, we can only the names of the Congress Members and the Congress policies being discussed on the floor of the House. Is the Government going to make use of this All India Radio for making propaganda for the Congress Party alone or will the discrimination will set right and the matters improved in view of these allegations that have been levelled?

MR. SPEAKER: These things can be said in a debate. This is a question Hour. If you want any information, you can ask for it.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: My question is relevant. I want to konw whether this Government is making use of the All India Radio for the Congress Party propaganda and, if so, whether this discrimination is going to be stopped or he will investigate into the matter, SHRI K. K. SHAH: I do not agree that there is any discrimination. On the contrary, you will find, all names are mentioned . . .

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: You hear 'Today in Parliament'.

SHRI K. K. SHAH: It may have been a little unfair to the Congress, not to the Opposition.

SHRI P. GOPALAN: May I know whether it is a fact that during the recent strike, the representative of the newspaper employers was allowed to broadcast their views on the strike from the A.I.R. while the same right was denied to the representative of the employees? I want to know why this discrimation is shown towards the working class. Is it the policy of the A.I.R.?

SHRI K. K. SHAH: It has not been brought to my notice. If it would have been brought to my notice, I would have looked into it.

श्री रिव रायः वह ग्राप को जानकारी में ला तो रहे हैं।. .(ब्यवधान). .

SHRI K. K. SHAH: It can never happen with me.

श्री तुलसीवास जांघव : इस समय जो सवाल जवाब हुआ है उस को दृष्टि में रख कर अर्थात् लोक सभा और राज्य सभा की कार्यवाही की जो रिपोर्ट तैयार होती है उस में बोलने वाले किसी आदमी की तो स्पीच भी दी जाती है और किसी आदमी का नाम भी नहीं जोड़ा जाता क्या सरकार कोई ऐसा इन्तजाम की गी कि कोई रेस्पान्सिबल आदमी पहले उस रिपोर्ट को देखे ताकि हर एक बोलने वाले को न्याय मिल सके ?

SHRI K. K. SHAH: A panel of representatives from newspapers has been kept and, turn by turn, those persons come and report, sit in the gallery, and, after sitting in the gallery, both in the Lok Sabha and Raiya Sabha, they prepare the report. It is true that according to the capa-

city of each, you may find one thing more and one thing less.

SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA (Delhi Sadar): Some of them are fellow-travellers. Some of them are pro-communists...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Shalwale.

श्री राम गोपास शासवासे : मैं जानना चाहता हं ि हिन्दी में वार्ता श्रीर समाचार प्रसारित करने वाले कर्मचारियों को जब कार्यक्रम श्रंग्रेज़ी में दिया जाता है श्रीर वे श्रनुवाद करते हुए एक प्रकार की भूलें कर देते हैं इसलिए क्या मूल कार्यक्रम मूल भाषा हिन्दी में नहीं दिया जा सकता है ?

SHRI K. K. SHAH: Now arrangements are being made to have originating programme in Hindi.

Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee

*213. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government are going to appoint a Chairman of the Chiefs of the staff Committee?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): At present their is a Chiefs of Staff Committee, consisting of three Service Chiefs, which is presided over by the Service Chiefs who has served longest on the Committee. No proposal to appoint a separate whole time Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee is under the consideration of Government.

SHRI JYO'TIRMOY BASU: Irregular and superfluous promotions and postings are adding to the Budget and dissatisfaction to the comparatively junior officers of the defence forces. The Defence Minister is aware of this fact. In that context, may I ask whether any suggestion at any time was received from any foreign country to re-organize the top set-up of our defence services on the lines of United States' defence services, and if so, when?

SHRI SWARAN SINGH: I have not received any suggestion from the