

Mr. Speaker: He is arguing. Next question.

Parliamentary Proceedings on A.I.R.

*867. **Shri Inder J. Malhotra:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the total time (Broadcasting hours) allotted for coverage of Parliamentary proceedings over the A.I.R. daily;

(b) the type and form of various radio programmes in which these proceedings are covered; and

(c) what new and additional programmes or features have been introduced for better coverage of Parliamentary proceedings over the A.I.R. during the last two years?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Sham Nath): (a) There is no specific time allotted for coverage of Parliamentary proceedings.

(b) Parliamentary proceedings are covered at present in news bulletins of All India Radio only.

(c) None.

Shri Inder J. Malhotra: Leaving aside the speeches made by the hon. Minister in this House, may I know if any special instructions have been given by the Ministry to the All India Radio to highlight mainly the points made in the Opposition speeches only?

Shri Sham Nath: No, Sir.

Shri Inder J. Malhotra: In view of the fact that Parliamentary proceedings is one of the most important items to be covered by the All India Radio every day, may I know if any proposal is under the consideration of the Government to give better technical training to the correspondents who are supposed to cover the proceedings of Parliament?

Mr. Speaker: It is a suggestion for action.

Shri Sham Nath: The people who cover the proceedings of the House are among our best correspondents in the AIR.

Shri Inder J. Malhotra: I want to know if better technical training is given.

Mr. Speaker: He has made a suggestion and the Minister would consider it.

श्री शिव नारायण : क्या सरकार यह बतलाने की कृपा करेगी कि यह जो ब्राडकास्टिंग होती है उस में डिबेट में बोलने वाले मੈम्बर्स के केवल नाम पढ़ दिये जाते हैं, यदि हाँ, तो कम से कम केवल उनके नाम ही न दिये जायें

अध्यक्ष महोदय : अब आप बहस कर रहे हैं ।

श्री शिव नारायण : सवाल मेरा यह है कि ब्राडकास्ट में डिबेट में जो मੈम्बर्स हिस्सा लेते हैं उनके केवल नाम भर पढ़ दिये जाते हैं

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप की शिकायत है सवाल तो नहीं हुआ ।

श्री शिव नारायण : मैं चाहूंगा कि आयन्दा से सरकार मेहरबानी कर के उन की स्पीच का जिस्ट भी दिलाया करे ।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : पहले शिकायत थी अब सजेशन हो गया ।

Shri Ansar Harvani: Sometime back there used to be a commentary on Parliamentary proceedings by a Parliamentary Commentator of the All India Radio; I want to know the reasons why that has been abolished.

Shri Sham Nath: That programme had to be discontinued because of

the emergency, since it was thought necessary that there should be broadcast of some programme of topical interest at that peak listening time.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Is it not a fact that whereas in important newspapers the space coverage for the Opposition groups in respect of Parliamentary proceedings is fair and adequate, the time coverage of the All India Radio for the Opposition groups is very meagre, compared to the time given for the Government, the ruling party, and if so, is it because the AIR is a Government monopoly, and is there any proposal to demonopolise the AIR?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Answer may be given for the first part.

Shri Sham Nath: The question is not clear, sir.

Mr. Speaker: It is only the first question put by Shri Inder J. Malhotra. He asked is there any directive given by the Government that only Opposition speeches should be broadcast there. Now, it comes from the other side.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Compared to newspapers, the Opposition Members of Parliament get a fair and adequate space coverage in the newspapers, whereas on the All India Radio, the time coverage for them is very meagre compared to the Government, the ruling party. If so, what is the reason. That is what I asked.

Shri Tyagi: It is always on the merits of the speeches.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. In the question, the hon. Member presumes first that the coverage given to the Opposition is inadequate and then asks what the reasons are.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: I asked, "Is it not a fact?" Let him say what the facts are.

Mr. Speaker: Then he must put the question whether it is a fact....

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: That is how I put it. I said: "Is it not a fact" That is how I began.

Shri Tyagi: It depends on the merits of the speeches.

Several Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. One question has been put.

Shri Hem Barua: On a point of order. Shri Tyagi said . . .

Mr. Speaker: We have not yet had the answer to the past question.

Shri Sham Nath: In the limited time available in the news bulletin, the proceedings of the House are covered as fully and fairly as possible.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: On a point of order. My question was precise.

Mr. Speaker: The question was, is it a fact that the time given to the Opposition Members so far as the broadcasts are concerned is much less than that given to the Government.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Meagre, as compared to the time given to the Government, the ruling party. (*Interruption*).

Mr. Speaker: The answer should be "Yes" or "No".

Shri Sham Nath: I said, no, Sir.

Shri Inder J. Malhotra: He says 'no' for both.

Shri Kapur Singh: Mr. Malhotra put a supplementary regarding some directive of the Government. May I know if the Government have given some directive that the publicity to the opposition parties should be suppressed as far as possible?

Mr. Speaker: Is there any directive by the Government that the publicity for the opposition should be suppressed?

Shri Sham Nath: No, Sir.

श्री शिव नारायण : क्या सरकार यह मुनासिब समझती है कि इमरजेंसी पीरियड में पब्लिक रिप्रेजेंटेटिव्स की राय को ब्राडकास्ट न किया जाये ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह तो ओपीनियन की बात है ।

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: In view of the fact that "Today in Parliament" programme was the most popular programme giving a glimpse of what is happening in Parliament to each and every person in every nook and corner of the country, may I know whether the Ministry would again continue it?

Shri Sham Nath: No, Sir; not for the time being in any case.

Shri Joachim Alva: The hon. Minister said that the correspondents of AIR who handle the parliamentary proceedings are the best in the AIR. May I know if he has given them a chance to study how the BBC handles the speeches and proceedings of the British Parliament either by sending them there or by acquiring that knowledge?

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: There it is not a Government monopoly.

Shri Sham Nath: Some of them are sometimes sent to study BBC programmes.

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि समाचारपत्रों में पीछे एक समाचार प्रकाशित हुआ था कि कैबिनेट के एक जिम्मेदार मिनिस्टर श्री टी० टी० कृष्णमाचारी ने पीछे अपना एक वक्तव्य दिया था कि मैं आकाशवाणी से जब समाचार सुनता हूँ तो मिनिस्ट्रों के वक्तव्य ज्यादा मुनाई देते हैं जिससे कि यह प्रतीत होता है कि वे काम कम करते हैं और भाषण अधिक देते हैं तो क्या इससे यह ध्वनि निकलती है कि आकाशवाणी उनके समाचार ज्यादा प्रकाशित करता है, यदि हाँ, तो क्या आकाशवाणी विभाग द्वारा इस सम्बन्ध में कोई निर्णय लया गया है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह तो जवाब आ गया है ।

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क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री ८ नवम्बर, १९६२ के अतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या ३३ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पत्रकारिता की संस्था की स्थापना के जिस प्रश्न पर विचार किया जा रहा था, उसके सम्बन्ध में इस बीच क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री शाम नाथ) : समाचार-पत्रों से सरोकार रखने वालों ने पहले ही दिल्ली में प्रेस इन्स्टीट्यूट आफ इंडिया कायम कर लिया है । इस इन्स्टीट्यूट के मकसद वही हैं जो कि सरकार के जरिए कायम किए जाने वाले इन्स्टीट्यूट के थे । इसलिए यह फैसला किया गया है कि सरकार की तरफ से इस मामले में आगे कुछ न किया जाए ।

[Newspaper interests have already set up the Press Institute of India in Delhi. The aims and objects of this Institute are similar to those of the Institute envisaged by Government. It has, therefore, been decided not to pursue the matter further at the level of Government.]

श्री भक्त दर्शन : प्रेस इंस्टीट्यूट आफ इंडिया नाम की जो संस्था स्थापित की गई है, क्या शासन ने इस को कोई सहायता भी देने का विचार किया है या सहायता दे रही है ?

श्री शाम नाथ : अभी यह तक जो इंटरनेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट आफ जरनलिज्म है उस की तरफ से इस इंस्टीट्यूट को बनाया गया है जिसमें हिन्दुस्तान के जो बड़े बड़े अखबार हैं उन्होंने उस का खर्चा बर्दाश्त करना है ।