

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** Is it not a fact that the telephones of Members irrespective of their party affiliations are tapped if they happen to be interested in mass movements concerning the workers, farmers, teachers and others?

**An hon. Member:** Also professors.

**Shri Satya Narayan Sinha:** This tapping is not restricted to any party or group.

**श्री सरजू पाण्डेय :** अभी माननीय मंत्री जो ने बताया कि कभी-कभी अगर गृह मंत्रालय के अफसर किसी मामले में सुनना चाहें तो उसके लिए कानून में व्यवस्था है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जब से श्रीमान जो ने इस मंत्रालय का भार संभाला तब से ऐसे किन्ने आदमियों के टेलीफोन सुनने के लिए कहा गया ? और अगर किसी के लिए कहा गया तो वे लोग कौन हैं ?

**श्री सत्य नारायण सिंह :** मेरे पास वह सूची नहीं है, और होती भी तो भी मैं नहीं बतलाता।

#### Explanation of Language Policy on A.I.R.

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\*835. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**  
**Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs have asked the All India Radio to explain Government's policy on the use of English as an associate official language to the people;

(b) whether it is a fact that the publicity media of the Union and State Governments have failed to explain to the people the provisions of the Official Language Act;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the All India Radio in the matter and the results achieved thereby?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The various media units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting have taken suitable action to inform the public of the correct position in this regard.

(d) The fact that Hindi was to be adopted as the official language of the Union from 26th January, 1965 was adequately covered in All India Radio's broadcasts from time to time. The Home Minister's special talk on the Republic Day explaining the significance of this step was broadcast and relayed by all Stations of All India Radio. Language versions of the talk were also put out by Stations in different regions, particularly those in non-Hindi areas.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know if the All India Radio, due to its inherited tradition, has been relaying talks by others also, besides the Home Minister, and, if so, who were those persons whose talks were broadcast on the subject connected with the Official Languages Act?

**Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman:** The earliest broadcast was by the Home Minister and thereafter, a few days later, there was the broadcast by the Prime Minister.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** I wanted to know whether talks by others also were relayed.

**Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman:** No other talk.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know if the Government has any plan to make known their policy with regard to the language through the mass media such as films, broadcasts and other things in the near future, because it happens to be a very ticklish subject, and, if so, can the Government give us the outlines of that plan?

**Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman:** I have a very long list with me. Excepting the films, we have put across, through

every other media, the language policy to the people. The Press Information Bureau, on various occasions, have put out feature articles in papers in non-Hindi areas. There was also the Zonal Council meeting of the Chief Ministers and even then the details were given. The Publications Division has included the late Prime Minister's speech in a special volume. Then, with regard to the language question, various publications have been issued—it is a fairly long list—and the Directorate of Advertising and Audo-Visual Publicity had also put out a booklet entitled "National Integration" and there are also various other pamphlets.

**Mr. Speaker:** The statement might then be laid on the Table.

**Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman:** Yes.

**Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:** In view of the fact that some of the states of south India were opposed to the idea of switchover to Hindi, what special measures were taken to change the views of the people of South India after the enactment of the Official Languages Act?

**Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman:** The Directorate of Field Publicity had at various stages publicised the formula. The broadcast of the Prime Minister was brought to the notice of the people; the three-language formula was also explained, particularly to those areas.

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** In view of the fact that features, plays and special talks on such subjects are more effective than big speeches, have any such talks been broadcast on this particular subject?

**Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman:** So far as broadcasts are concerned, there have not been many such occasions on account of the subject being a delicate and a ticklish one. But various pamphlets and booklets in various languages have been distributed.

श्री अ० प्र० शर्मा : प्रान्तों में कहीं-कहीं पर अभी भी यह लोगों के दिमाग

में मिस्प्रान्डरस्टेंडिंग चल रही है कि जो उन की निजल लैंग्वेज है उस के बदले में हिन्दी होगी न कि इंगलिश के बदले में, तो इस दुविधा को दूर करने के लिए सरकार की तरफ से योजना बना कर उस का खंडन किये जाने का इंतजाम किया जा रहा है ?

**Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman:** Constantly the various media are dealing with this question. It is not as if they have gone to sleep. They are making every endeavour in this direction.

**Shri Sivamurthi Swamy:** Was any programme broadcast at the time emphasising the place of the regional languages in India and the policy of Government thereto?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi):** When we publicised the Prime Minister's statement, we got into touch not only with the block development officers and field publicity organisations but colleges, universities, the Bharat Sevak Samaj, chambers of commerce, Lok Karya Khetras, teachers' associations, high schools and such other organisations explaining the policy.

**Shri Hem Barua:** Shrimati Indira Gandhi was the first Cabinet Minister to go to the south during the disturbances, on which we congratulate her. But in that context, may I know whether Government or the AIR took the pain of explaining the language policy to the people, at the same time explaining our Prime Minister's broadcast of 11th February, 1965, assuring the nation that Shri Nehru's assurances *vis-a-vis* English would be respected? Did she instruct her department to do that?

**Shrimati Indira Gandhi:** This was done, as the Deputy Minister has been trying to tell the House.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Trying to, but in vain!

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** In regard to regional languages, why are broadcasts not made trying to evaluate

or getting people from the states to tell the people how far this policy is being implemented, and what steps the Central Government are taking to help regional languages come into their own?

**Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman:** There have been quite a few broadcasts in the non-Hindi areas of translations of the Prime Minister's speech. There have been a few occasions when they have again been relayed. This is so far as broadcasts are concerned.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** I am not interested in the Prime Minister's speech; I was referring to talks by people in the states to the people.

**श्री सरजू पाण्डेय :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि ऐसे-गैर हिन्दी भाषी क्षेत्रों में, जहाँ आल इंडिया रेडियो में इस बात की व्यवस्था है कि वहाँ की स्थानीय भाषा में और हिन्दी में भी ब्राडकास्ट किया जाये तो ऐसा होता है या नहीं ?

**श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी :** माननीय सदस्य किसी विशेष प्रदेश के बारे में पूछ रहे हैं या सारे अहिन्दी प्रदेशों के बारे में पूछ रहे हैं ?

**श्री सरजू पाण्डेय :** सारे अहिन्दी भाषी प्रदेशों के बारे में मैं जानना चाहता हूँ ।

**श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी :** हिन्दी में खबरें होती हैं। मेरे ख्याल से विविध भारती के कार्यक्रम भी हिन्दी में होते हैं लेकिन और कार्यक्रम नहीं होते हैं ।

**श्री सरजू पाण्डेय :** जो गैर हिन्दी भाषी क्षेत्र हैं वहाँ पर उनकी रीजनल लैंग्वेज अर्थात् क्षेत्रीय भाषा और हिन्दी में क्या ब्रोडकास्ट साथ-साथ होते हैं ?

**श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी :** साथ-साथ तो नहीं होते हैं ।

**श्री यशपाल सिंह :** वह कौन सी योग्यता है जिसके कि आधार पर आल इंडिया रेडियो से भाषा नीति के बारे में

ब्रोडकास्ट किया जायेगा क्योंकि अभी परसों 10 तारीख को हाउस की छुट्टी थी लेकिन आल इंडिया रेडियो से यह ऐलान हो रहा था कि 10 तारीख को पुनर्वास मंत्रालय के अनुदानों पर बहस जारी रहेगी, इस योग्यता को देखते हुए क्या यह आशा की जा सकती है कि यह भाषा नीति उस आल इंडिया रेडियो से स्पष्ट हो सकेगी ?

**श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी :** मुझे यह चीज मालूम नहीं थी लेकिन अगर ऐसा हुआ है तो उस के लिए माफ़ी मांगती हूँ ।

**U.S. Assistance for Fighter Aircraft**

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**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
\*836. { **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:**  
          { **Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:**

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 383 on the 7th December, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the examination of the report of the United States Air Force experts regarding the U.S. assistance in supply and/or manufacture of high performance fighter aircraft for the Indian Air Force has since been completed; and

(b) if so, the broad details thereof and the action being taken in the matter?

**The Minister of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas):** (a) and (b). As explained in reply to Starred Question No. 383 answered in the House on 7th December, 1964, the U.S. Team of experts did not deal with the supply of high performance fighter aircraft or with the manufacture of any new high performance fighter aircraft for the Indian Air Force. Their report only dealt with the production facilities for HF-24 aircraft and the assistance required for its further development. The report has been examined and requests have been made for the supply of capital and other equipment for increasing the rate of